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TO: Susan Adams
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SUBJECT: Discussion of recent enforcement actions in Marin County by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement branch (ICE) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Recommended actions: Endorse letter to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Endorse letters to Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer advising them of our efforts. Provide direction to County departments in response to the situation.

Dear Colleagues,

As you may well be aware, on a number of occasions this past week the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers carried out deportation enforcement actions in Marin communities, including San Rafael and Novato, with unverified reports of actions in Mill Valley, Kentfield and Fairfax. These measures are consistent with the responsibilities of ICE under the Homeland Security Act of 2002. While we recognize the need of the agency to meet its responsibilities under the law, we have serious concerns about the way in which ICE is conducting its activities.

The enforcement activities have created widespread fear throughout the community. Of key concern is the detention of individuals who are not directly related to the warrant enforcement activities, and the disregard of ICE officials for the special needs of children. In addition, there is a significant lack of information about enforcement procedures and virtually no information is being made available to the public or the families of arrested individuals, exacerbating an already tense situation.

In concert with the cities of Novato and San Rafael, our goal is to work towards a more appropriate enforcement strategy which will allow ICE to carry out its duties without undermining core community values and the hard earned but fragile trust that exists between different cultural groups in Marin. As such we have requested this agenda item to provide a forum to publicly acknowledge our deep concerns about the enforcement efforts, and to develop a responsive plan of action to prevent these destructive activities from continuing.

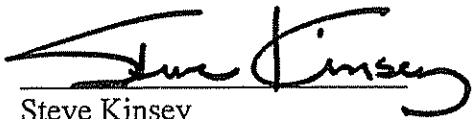
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Towards that end we propose the following actions by the Board:

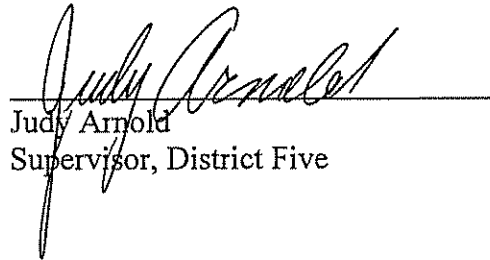
- Listen to the voices of concerned residents,
- Endorse board letter notifying ICE informing them of our actions and concerns,
- Endorse letters to Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Barbara Boxer requesting their efforts to determine a more appropriate set of practices in Marin County and in Marin's cities and towns, and
- Consider supportive efforts that could be under taken by county departments or other county resources to offset the traumatic consequences of the enforcement activities.

We would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to the collaborative efforts of Marin cities such as San Rafael and Novato. Our unity is both more meaningful and more effective.

Sincerely,



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