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February 12, 2019

Dear Lane County Commissioners:

Thank you for all the work you are doing to keep our beautiful Lane County a welcoming and positive place to live for everyone. It has come to my attention that the Lane County Sheriff's office, specifically Lane County Sheriff Trapp, have been working with and using their resources to assist the Federal Government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). Sheriff Trapp is instructing his office to inform ICE when people are to be released from jail and also giving his deputies the power to allow ICE to enter Lane County Jail from a back entrance.

According to both our Oregon State Sanctuary Statute and the Lane County Board Order, this facilitation of immigrant arrests is not lawful. We must cut our ties with ICE and we should not be using our local resources to help ICE.

Immigrants are contributing human beings to our community. Thank you for doing the right thing for our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Koch".

Victoria Koch
1525 W. 12th Avenue
Eugene, OR. 97402

February 11, 2019

1217 W 4th Avenue
Eugene, OR. 97402

Lane County Board of Commissioners
125 E 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR. 97401

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to our community. I appreciate this opportunity to address you about an issue of great import.

I am writing about Sheriff Trapp's purported disregard of the state's sanctuary law and the will of the voters as expressed in the defeat of Ballot Measure 105 this last November.

In addition to the issues others are raising, I have particular concerns related to my work teaching people bystander-upstander intervention skills -- how to safely intervene when witnessing someone being harassed or threatened. The numbers of such incidents are on the rise and many times the targeted people are immigrants or perceived to be immigrants. I cannot in good conscience recommend that interveners call law enforcement if targeted people are uneasy because of the risk that there may be collusion with ICE.

There are times when calling the police is the safest thing to do if violence is imminent or a hate crime committed. We need law enforcement to know about these increasing incidents of hate and intimidation in order to create safety in our community. However, communication becomes highly compromised if we don't have assurance that our laws are being upheld.

I have confidence that you will look into this matter and ensure the safety of all members of our community. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nadia Telsey', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nadia Telsey

Lee Gilmore
360 E. 50th Ave.
Eugene OR 97405

February 12, 2019

Dear Lane County Commissioners:

I am troubled to learn that the Lane County Sheriff's Department has apparently been violating Oregon's "Sanctuary" laws by inappropriately coordinating with ICE. Not only have these laws kept Oregonians safe for decades, Oregon and Lane County voters reaffirmed our commitment to keeping our communities safe by voting down anti immigrant legislation last year. Please listen to our local community leaders and take them action to uphold effective "Sanctuary" Oregon's laws. To do otherwise only further erodes community trust in our local law enforcement, making all of us less safe.

Sincerely,



Lee Gilmore

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February 8, 2019

From:
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To:
Heather Buch
Lane County Commissioner
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Dear Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch,

As a long-time resident of Dexter, Oregon, I am grateful for your work as a newly elected commissioner of Lane County, and that you are representing my district.

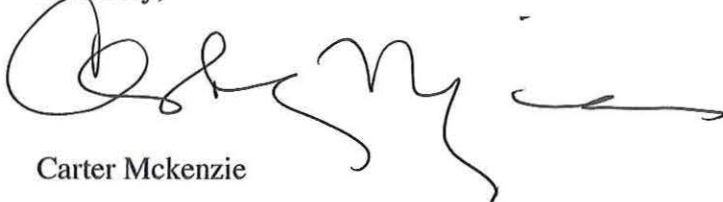
I am writing you today because I am deeply concerned about the cooperation between Lane County Sheriff Trapp and I.C.E., which was recently brought to light.

Sheriff Trapp's instructions to deputies to call I.C.E. on undocumented immigrants being released from jail is in violation of Oregon's 32-year-old Sanctuary Law, as well as the Lane County Commissioners' unanimously supported board order 60.950 (Foreign Citizenship) and Eugene City Council's ordinance protecting immigrants from being criminalized solely on the basis of their undocumented status, which is a matter of federal immigration laws, and NOT a matter pertinent to local law enforcement that meaningfully supports community safety.

The unequivocal defeat of the anti-immigrant Measure 105 during the 2018 midterm elections demonstrates that most citizens of Oregon do not want to cooperate with the cruel deportation policies of the Trump Administration, of which I.C.E. is an arm. Criminalizing people whose only violation is being undocumented all too often impacts communities of color, encourages racial profiling, and undermines overall community confidence in the integrity of law enforcement.

Please hold Sheriff Trapp accountable for his violations of Sanctuary law and demand that he abide by its requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carter Mckenzie', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carter Mckenzie

2-12-2019

Dear County Commissioners,

My husband and I are constituents of Pat Farr's. We personally knocked on 100's of doors in Eugene over many days to help defeat Measure 105. We firmly support our 32-year-old State's Sanctuary Law, as does Lane County which defeated 105 by a 36.84% margin.

- Our Lane County Sheriff's actions are the kind of thing we were fighting against. His practice is a clear violation of Oregon's disentanglement/sanctuary statute, which prohibits local law enforcement from carrying out federal immigration enforcement activities.
- Lane County voters and Oregonians made it clear that they do not approve of local law enforcement acting as an arm of the Trump Administration's cruel deportation force.
- The actions taken by the Lane County Sheriff's Office are unlawful, and are having harmful effects not only immigrants, but the entire community.

I was struck yesterday, when the El Paso, Texas Congressional Representative, Escobar, who is a former judge stated the following (paraphrased): El Paso became safer around the time our law enforcements departments started community policing. They focused on building community trust and not on picking up undocumented folks. This is what works.

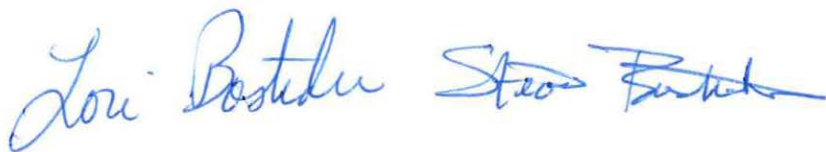
- No matter what someone's immigration status - or perceived immigration status - is, they should feel safe to report crimes, provide information to law enforcement, and seek help if they have been victimized.
- This practice erodes trust between law enforcement and the public. When local law enforcement plays the role of federal immigration agents, immigrants and people of color are less likely to report crimes - which has consequences for our entire community.

Please do all you can to help our Sheriff change his practices to our law and to what really works.

Thank you,

Lori and Steve Bosteder

3025 Kentwood Dr
Eugene, Or 97401

Handwritten signatures of Lori Bosteder and Steve Bosteder in blue ink.

February 8, 2019

County Commissioner Heather Buch
Lane County Board of Board Commissioners
125 E. 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Commissioner Buch,

I am concerned about Sheriff Trapp's violations of Oregon's disentanglement and sanctuary statute and Lane County Board order 60.950 because they create an environment that threatens public safety and contributes to the climate of hostility towards Latinx and immigrant families, and because activities of a questionable legal status were conducted clandestinely by County officials.

Oregon statute and board policy both cite the importance of public trust in our law enforcement agencies as a foundation of public safety. Individuals who have witnessed crimes, survived crimes, or otherwise want to communicate with law enforcement need to know they can do so without the threat of deportation based solely on their immigration status. Without this assurance, I fear that people may commit crimes that are never reported, or cannot be prosecuted, because of lack of witnesses willing to engage with formal justice systems.

Over the last few years, the climate of hostility toward immigrants and people perceived as immigrants has led to numerous incidents of bullying, harassment and violence that is impacting children in our local schools. At a recent Oregon Leadership Network conference about the experiences of immigrant children in our schools, students reported living with the daily fear that they will come home to an empty house. These students arrive at school only to hear verbal slurs and other harassment from other students. Once student reported hearing, "After the last election, aren't you going to be deported?" We even heard about adults defacing a local public school with anti-immigrant and racist slurs last year.

We only know about the Sheriff's policy because we asked the right questions to the right people – because the Sheriff allowed ICE access to private spaces to apprehend people, few very people even knew this was happening. We have worked so hard to build bridges in our community, only to see this hard won trust destroyed by secretive and illegal actions. As the budget and policy leaders of our community, I know you will take action promptly to end these harmful practices and rebuild the trust that is so critical to a healthy and safe community.

Thank you,

Rose Wilde
8525 Peaceful Valley Road
Eugene, Oregon 97401

February 9, 2019

County Commissioner Joe Berney
Lane County Board of Board Commissioners
125 E. 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Commissioner Berney,

I am deeply concerned about the reports from local attorneys that Lane County Deputies are informing ICE when people are being released from jail. In addition, ICE is allowed to use the back entrance of the jail, thus picking them up outside of public view. I know there is no "back entrance" but there is the sally port where prisoners are transferred to and from court, etc. The sally port is a garage into which police vehicles drive, the garage door shuts, and then there is an interior door to the jail. I don't have knowledge that this is where they're allowing ICE to detain people, but they certainly don't take prisoners into and out of the front door. Only when they are released are they free to leave by the front door.

Sheriff Trapp's violations of Oregon's sanctuary statute and Lane County Board's sanctuary order create an environment that threatens public safety and contributes to the climate of hostility towards Latinx and immigrant families.

Because of these activities, the trust that so many people have been working so hard to build with our immigrant neighbors has once again raised fear and uncertainty. Lane County recently affirmed our support of the Oregon law by voting against Measure 105 by an overwhelming majority. I think this affirmation of our respect for our neighbors and concern for community safety should be reflected in Sheriff Trapp's enforcement of the law and recognition of the spirit of the law.

As my County Commissioner, you are leader of our community elected to create a budget and policies that reflect the spirit of Lane County. I have confidence that you will act quickly to end these practices, so that we can rebuild the trust that is so important to a welcoming and safe community.

Sincerely,

Virginia Osteen Canavan
1055 Prescott Lane
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February 9, 2019

To Lane County Board of Commissioners:

I am a Lane County resident deeply disturbed to read the attorneys' report that describes a relationship between personnel in our Sheriff's office and federal immigration officials. Contacting ICE in order to bring about or facilitate apprehension of persons for reasons related to immigration status is a direct violation of Oregon's statute 181A.820. As you know, the purpose of this longstanding law is to prohibit allocation of *any* state, county, or municipal resources to further in any way the enforcement of federal immigration policy. As you also must know, this law was definitively and overwhelmingly reaffirmed by voters in our recent election.

I worked hard during that election to keep our "Sanctuary Law" on the books. I made hundreds of phone calls and home visits, learning that countless citizens understand that we will not have a safe community if the community can't trust the police.

In the immigrant community it is extremely common for some but not all members of a family to be in possession of legal immigration papers. Even if an individual is fully "documented," they will be loathe to put at risk family and fellow community members; therefore they will be fearful of reporting crimes, acting as witnesses to crimes, engaging in any way with the important work of our police when it is known that the police have a relationship with ICE.

The concerns I express here are the concerns of a citizen who expects that officials in the community where I live respect the democratic institutions of our state and abide by the law. At a personal and professional level-- as friend, neighbor, social worker and teacher-- I have had gratifying relationships with members of the immigrant community and am so disappointed that the Sheriff's office fails to understand and value their role in contributing to the safety and flourishing of our cities and neighborhoods.

Please use your collective authority to insure that the Lane County Sheriff abides by the law.

Thank you.

Ellen Rifkin

From:
Erica Barry
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February 8, 2019

To:
Pete Sorenson
Lane County Commissioner
District 3 Eugene-South
Lane County Public Service Building
125 East 8th Avenue
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(541) 682-3721

Dear Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson,

I recently learned that Lane County Sheriff's deputies are instructed to inform Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when undocumented immigrants, residents of our county, are to be released from jail *and* allow ICE special access to the back entrance of the Lane County jail, further facilitating arrests by ICE. Both of these practices are in violation of Oregon's Sanctuary Statute and Lane County's board order 60.950. This past election, Lane County voters made it clear that they are overwhelmingly in favor of the Sanctuary Statute, when they defeated Measure 105 by a 36.8% margin.

Of the many reasons I am upset by the recent news, it is important to address the issue of public safety. Public safety is, after all, what the Sheriff is elected to provide. The Sheriff's behavior instills a fear of deportation that has the inevitable effect of making victims (both documented and not) less likely to report crimes to the police. This erosion of trust between law enforcement and the public makes immigrants targets of criminal behavior, which affects all resident's safety. If residents are afraid to report crimes, then criminals can commit the same crime repeatedly with nothing to stop them.

My guess is that these same concerns are on your mind, too. Please know that you have my support in holding the sheriff accountable to the desire of the people of Lane County.

Sincerely,

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Erica Barry

February 8, 2019

Dear Mr. Sorensen,

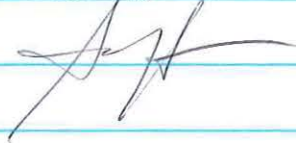
I am deeply disturbed to hear about current practices by the Lane County Sheriff's Office that violate our 32 year old state sanctuary law. I understand that the sheriff's office is informing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when people are being released from jail (these are not necessarily people who have been convicted of a crime - we have laws that require convicted undocumented people to be deported) and allowing ICE special access to the jail's back entrance. Given that a large majority of our Oregon population recently voted to reaffirm this state law in November, 2018, this is an unethical use of power of elected office. The sheriff must operate legally.

My primary concerns are for family and community safety and stability. The sanctuary law supports us all by creating the conditions which support law abiding members of our community, even if they are undocumented, to report crimes, provide information to law enforcement, and seek help if they are victimized. The sheriff's practices actually decrease these efforts toward community safety.

I imagine you are equally disturbed by this situation, and I want to support you in taking urgent action to bring an end to the current unlawful practices by our local sheriff's office. I so appreciate all the work you have done on behalf of all the members of our wonderful community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sara Hubbe



February 8, 2019

Dear Mr. Sorenson,

I am a 21 year old resident of Dist. 3, and I am deeply disturbed by the events and practices that I have been alerted to regarding the cooperation between the Sheriff's department and ICE. I imagine that you are equally infuriated and concerned, and so I want to support you to take urgent action to make sure we don't allow this violation of State, county, and city law to continue.

A 32-year-old Oregon law prohibits State agencies from using State or local resources to assist Federal immigration enforcement. This disentanglement or "sanctuary" statute clearly makes such cooperation between ICE and local law enforcement unlawful. I am proud and thankful to say that Oregonians voted by a wide margin last November to keep the law in place. We love our neighbors and members of the community, and know that migration is a right, especially when one's family depends on it for survival. Local attorneys have reported that "Sheriff's deputies are instructed to inform ICE when people are to be ~~released~~ released from jail. In addition, to informing ICE of upcoming releases, the local advocacy groups say deputies allow ICE special access to the back entrance of the Lane County Jail, further facilitating arrests by ICE!" This week alone, ICE detained someone who was trying to sign up for alcohol treatment by a court order. Also this week, the circuit court had to cancel a trial for a defendant whose family had previously posted bail at the Lane County Jail, only to then be immediately taken into

custody by ICE. We MUST put an end to these gross violations of State, County, and city sanctuary law that we voted on for this exact reason. The message that I want to convey to you is that it is massively important to me and so many others, that we instantly put an end to the cooperation between this city's Sheriff department and ICE, as it promotes distrust in local law enforcement within the community and facilitates tragic separations of families who deserve to be free of such persecution and trauma.

Thank you for all that you do, and the actions you will take on this issue.

Sincerely, Jesse H.

February 12, 2019

Lane County Commissioners
Harris Hall
125 East 8th Street
Eugene OR 97401

Dear Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the practices of Lane County Sheriff's office in regards to ICE. Sheriff Trapp has admitted to notifying ICE when people are to be released from jail and allowing ICE special access to the back entrance of the Lane County jail. Both practices facilitate arrests by ICE out of public view.

Last fall, thousands of Oregonians, including myself, talked with our neighbors about Measure 105's challenge to Oregon's 32-year-old sanctuary law. Lane County voters defeated the measure by a 36% margin, making clear our disapproval of using local law enforcement as an arm of the federal government's immigration policies. When this law is flouted, the community at large becomes less safe, as immigrants and people of color become less likely to report crimes or serve as witnesses to crimes.

When my daughter was 16, she was crossing an intersection in our family car on a winter night when it was T-boned by a young man speeding down West 11th. She was transported to the hospital with a possible concussion, and our car was totaled. The only witnesses to the accident were in the car the speeder was attempting, without success, to drag race with. These Latino men showed up to court, not once but twice, to testify to the dangerous behavior of the speeder. Their willingness to cooperate with the legal system made it possible for the speeder to be held accountable for his rash behavior. How willing will our law-abiding Latinx neighbors be to step forward to report a crime once they become subject to racial profiling by local law enforcement? Should they happen to be undocumented, they'd be extremely unlikely to do so.

I urge you to use whatever power we have vested in you to quash the unlawful practices in place in the Lane County Sheriff's office. Thank you for your work on behalf of the people of Lane County.

Most sincerely,



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DATE: February 12, 2019

TO: Lane County Commissioners

FROM: Emily Heilbrun
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Eugene, OR 97405

RE: Lane County Sheriff's practices re ICE

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the Lane County Sheriff's policy of instructing sheriff's deputies to inform ICE when certain people are to be released from jail. I am extremely disturbed by this practice, which seems clearly to violate both Oregon law (ORS 181A.820) and the Board of Commissioners' Order Number 17-07-11-01.

The Sheriff's Office is taking affirmative steps to assist ICE in apprehending individuals whom ICE has asked them to target. By informing ICE when an individual is to be released from custody, it is helping ICE to do its work. ORS 181A.820 states that "*No law enforcement agency of the State of Oregon or of any political subdivision of the state shall use agency moneys, equipment or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship present in the United States in violation of federal immigration law.*" Clearly, by notifying ICE when someone is to be released from custody, the Sheriff's Office is assisting in apprehending that person, who would not continue in custody were it not for an alleged violation of federal immigration law.

As the Board's order stated, "*Lane County is home to individuals who represent a myriad of races, ethnicities and nationalities, including immigrants and refugees from all over the world; and ... many community members and groups have expressed fears regarding their ability to access Lane County government services.*" It is important to me and our whole community that no one fear contacting local law enforcement because of a perception that such contacts may lead to their apprehension by ICE. Policies such as the one the Sheriff's Office is following will lead to just such fears, making our whole community less safe as people hesitate to report crimes of which they are the victims, or which they have witnessed.

2155 Monroe St.
Eugene, OR 97405
Feb. 10, 2019

Lane County Board of County Commissioners
125 E. 8th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the Lane County Sheriff Department's policy of collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. We understand that the Department is calling ICE to let them know when an immigrant detainee has posted bail or is scheduled for release by order of the court, and that ICE is given special access to the back entrance of the jail so that their agents can more easily make arrests. We feel that these practices are in violation of Oregon's Sanctuary Law and the Lane County Board Order and are creating increased fear among our immigrant neighbors. We request that the Department immediately cease these practices.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bray
Herb Everett

February 10, 2019

Re: Lane County Sheriff's Department Assistance to ICE

Pete Sorenson
125 E. 8th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

Dear Commissioner Sorenson,

We are deeply concerned about Lane County Sheriff Department's collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). We understand that local attorneys have reported that sheriff's deputies are instructed to inform ICE when people are to be released from jail, and to allow ICE special access to the back entrance of the Lane County Jail.

This practice is in clear violation of Oregon's 32 year old sanctuary law, which was just re-affirmed at the ballot by Oregon voters, by a wide margin.

Under Oregon's sanctuary statute, law enforcement is prohibited from carrying out federal immigration enforcement activities.

This practice also undermines the safety of our community, by instilling fear of law enforcement, thus discouraging the reporting of crimes. No matter what someone's immigration status, they should feel safe to report crimes, provide information to law enforcement, and seek help if they have been victimized.

Please ensure that our Lane County Sheriff's Department complies with our sanctuary law, and stops all practices of collaboration with ICE.

Thank you for your hard work and serious attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cameron Hubbe
Ben Rain

1120 W. 17th Ave
Eugene, OR 97402

My name is Therese Picado and, over a year and a half ago, I wrote to you to share with you the story of my friend and her husband who are undocumented and live here in Lane County and to implore you to take a moral, ethical and legal stand in solidarity with the immigrant neighbors of our county and vote yes on the inclusivity board order. You listened and adopted it on a jubilant day for our community, July 11, 2017. For your reference, you can read it here:

https://www.lanecounty.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/Government/BCC/2017/2017_OR DERS/071117/17-07-11-01.pdf

Now, I am communicating with you again because practices of the Lane County Sheriff are threatening my friend and other hard-working immigrants and the safety of our entire community, and are in violation of your own inclusivity board order and our state sanctuary law.

My friend's husband came here first in August 2000 from Michoacan, Mexico, in desperate search of work to sustain a family. He came with a group of immigrants, crossing a wilderness of forest and desert by foot for 3 days, with very little food and water. The whole group made it and ultimately he was able to connect with family living in Salem. He worked in an onion factory and once he was settled with family, he sent for his wife. She came across the border hidden in a car in extreme heat—she describes it as a most terrifying, difficult experience. Still, she and her husband were reunited and they were grateful. Within months, she was pregnant with her first child and by the time her daughter was born, they had earned enough to secure their own apartment. They have lived in this community now for 14 years. Her husband now works as a blue collar laborer in wood products and she works as a housecleaner and homemaker.

Because of this administration wrongly targeting immigrants as criminals, this family is wrought with fear—constantly nervous, sad, worried. They no longer feel calm and safe in the community they call home. Their daughter tells me that they are all under heavy stress. She, a girl of 16 years of age, bravely tells me that at school she tries to act normal and stay under the radar. This American citizen had this to say about her parents: "I am So proud of my parents, they work hard and show their effort and dedication every day, they are my motivation, I just love them so much and I am so worried about their safety."

My friend wanted me to tell you this: We are good, we only want to work hard, contribute to our community and create a better future for our children—the desire of all good parents—we only want to keep moving forward with all of you, our community. She thanked me over and over again for sharing their story.

When you fact check, you will find that this family represents the majority of undocumented immigrants. Go to American Immigration Council at americanimmigrationcouncil.org and you will find that immigrants commit crimes at a much lower rate than ordinary U.S. citizens, and, rather than draining the U.S. economy, actually contribute to it by working in agriculture, construction, health care, and hospitality, fields that struggle to find enough workers; by paying more in taxes than they receive in services; by contributing to Medicare & Social Security, even though undocumented workers are not eligible for these benefits; by starting small businesses; and by purchasing goods and services.

February 10, 2019

Attn: Byron M. Trapp

Lane County Sheriff's Office

125 E. 8th Avenue, Room 140

Eugene, OR 97401

To Sheriff Trapp and the Lane County Sheriff's Office,

I would like to offer my gratitude for all the work you provide my community to keep us safe and well informed. I truly appreciate and benefit from the services and care you offer. In full view of this appreciation and trust, I am alarmed to learn recently that the Lane County Sheriff's Office has been colluding with ICE to apprehend people believed to be in violation of immigration laws. I have learned through Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), of which I am an active member, that sheriff's deputies are instructed to inform ICE when people are to be released from jail and allow ICE special access to the back entrance of the Lane County jail so that they can more easily apprehend such people. I am fully aware that this runs contrary to Oregon's sanctuary statute, ORS 181A.820, because I campaigned with SURJ and ACLU to help defeat Measure 105 on last November's ballot, which would have overturned this 31-year-old law. I am deeply concerned about increases in racially-motivated hate crimes and harassment that members of our communities in Eugene, Springfield, and indeed, the whole country have experienced in recent years. Oregon's sanctuary statute is something I take great pride in, knowing that we are unique in our commitment to reduce racial profiling by law enforcement.

Learning that the LCSO has been engaging in these collaborations with ICE damages not only my personal trust in our local law enforcement, but surely damages broader trust within the communities you serve. I ask with great sincerity that you immediately cease these actions and provide the public with a statement indicating how you have altered your policies to reflect the provisions of ORS 181A.820 and the expectations and trust that we, your public have placed in you.

With gratitude,

Sonja Dahl

2155 Monroe St.
Eugene, OR 97405
Feb. 10, 2019

Byron M. Trapp
Lane County Sheriff's Office
125 E. 8th Ave., Room 140
Eugene, OR 97401

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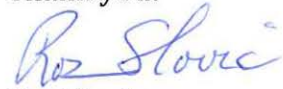
To: Lane County Commissioners

I am writing today to express my concern that those in the Lane County Sherriff's office are assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when some people are being released from jail. This practice is in direct violation to a Lane County Board Order in an attempt to protect immigrants. Many of you, in fact, voted to pass this Order. This is not only a violation of the Lane County Board order, but this practice is also in violation of the Oregon state sanctuary statute.

As a long time resident of Eugene and a member of the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County, I am saddened by this practice. Please take action to stop these actions of Sheriff Trapp and his officers.

I appreciate your attention to this very important matter and hope you will take steps to protect the sanctuary statues and orders that are in place.

Thank you!



Roz Slovic
Eugene Resident

February 12, 2019

To the Lane County Board of Commissioners:

My name is Therese Picado and, over a year and a half ago, I wrote to you to share with you the story of my friend and her husband who are undocumented and live here in Lane County and to implore you to take a moral, ethical and legal stand in solidarity with the immigrant neighbors of our county and vote yes on the inclusivity board order. You listened and adopted it on a jubilant day for our community, July 11, 2017. For your reference, you can read it here:

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My friend wanted me to tell you this: We are good, we only want to work hard, contribute to our community and create a better future for our children—the desire of all good parents—we only want to keep moving forward with all of you, our community. She thanked me over and over again for sharing their story.

When you fact check, you will find that this family represents the majority of undocumented immigrants. Go to American Immigration Council at americanimmigrationcouncil.org and you will find

that immigrants commit crimes at a much lower rate than ordinary U.S. citizens, and, rather than draining the U.S. economy, actually contribute to it by working in agriculture, construction, health care, and hospitality, fields that struggle to find enough workers; by paying more in taxes than they receive in services; by contributing to Medicare & Social Security, even though undocumented workers are not eligible for these benefits; by starting small businesses; and by purchasing goods and services.

Please honor this family and so many other hardworking immigrant families in our county and ensure that your own inclusivity board order and our state sanctuary law are observed and the rights and safety of all our residents are upheld.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Therese M Picado". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

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116TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. _____

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

Whereas the October 2018 report entitled “Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C” by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the November 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report found that—

- (1) human activity is the dominant cause of observed climate change over the past century;
- (2) a changing climate is causing sea levels to rise and an increase in wildfires, severe storms, droughts, and other extreme weather events that threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure;

(3) global warming at or above 2 degrees Celsius beyond preindustrialized levels will cause—

(A) mass migration from the regions most affected by climate change;

(B) more than \$500,000,000,000 in lost annual economic output in the United States by the year 2100;

(C) wildfires that, by 2050, will annually burn at least twice as much forest area in the western United States than was typically burned by wildfires in the years preceding 2019;

(D) a loss of more than 99 percent of all coral reefs on Earth;

(E) more than 350,000,000 more people to be exposed globally to deadly heat stress by 2050; and

(F) a risk of damage to \$1,000,000,000,000 of public infrastructure and coastal real estate in the United States; and

(4) global temperatures must be kept below 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrialized levels to avoid the most severe impacts of a changing climate, which will require—

(A) global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from human sources of 40 to 60 percent from 2010 levels by 2030; and

(B) net-zero emissions by 2050;

Whereas, because the United States has historically been responsible for a disproportionate amount of greenhouse gas emissions, having emitted 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions through 2014, and has a high technological capacity, the United States must take a leading role in reducing emissions through economic transformation;

Whereas the United States is currently experiencing several related crises, with—

(1) life expectancy declining while basic needs, such as clean air, clean water, healthy food, and adequate health care, housing, transportation, and education, are inaccessible to a significant portion of the United States population;

(2) a 4-decade trend of economic stagnation, deindustrialization, and antilabor policies that has led to—

(A) hourly wages overall stagnating since the 1970s despite increased worker productivity;

(B) the third-worst level of socioeconomic mobility in the developed world before the Great Recession;

(C) the erosion of the earning and bargaining power of workers in the United States; and

(D) inadequate resources for public sector workers to confront the challenges of climate change at local, State, and Federal levels; and

(3) the greatest income inequality since the 1920s, with—

(A) the top 1 percent of earners accruing 91 percent of gains in the first few years of economic recovery after the Great Recession;

(B) a large racial wealth divide amounting to a difference of 20 times more wealth between the average White family and the average Black family; and

(C) a gender earnings gap that results in women earning approximately 80 percent as much as men, at the median;

Whereas climate change, pollution, and environmental destruction have exacerbated systemic racial, regional, so-

cial, environmental, and economic injustices (referred to in this preamble as “systemic injustices”) by disproportionately affecting indigenous communities, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth (referred to in this preamble as “frontline and vulnerable communities”);

Whereas, climate change constitutes a direct threat to the national security of the United States—

(1) by impacting the economic, environmental, and social stability of countries and communities around the world; and

(2) by acting as a threat multiplier;

Whereas the Federal Government-led mobilizations during World War II and the New Deal created the greatest middle class that the United States has ever seen, but many members of frontline and vulnerable communities were excluded from many of the economic and societal benefits of those mobilizations; and

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes that a new national, social, industrial, and economic mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II and the New Deal is a historic opportunity—

(1) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs in the United States;

(2) to provide unprecedented levels of prosperity and economic security for all people of the United States; and

(3) to counteract systemic injustices: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to
4 create a Green New Deal—

5 (A) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas
6 emissions through a fair and just transition for
7 all communities and workers;

8 (B) to create millions of good, high-wage
9 jobs and ensure prosperity and economic secu-
10 rity for all people of the United States;

11 (C) to invest in the infrastructure and in-
12 dustry of the United States to sustainably meet
13 the challenges of the 21st century;

14 (D) to secure for all people of the United
15 States for generations to come—

16 (i) clean air and water;

17 (ii) climate and community resiliency;

18 (iii) healthy food;

19 (iv) access to nature; and

20 (v) a sustainable environment; and

21 (E) to promote justice and equity by stop-
22 ping current, preventing future, and repairing
23 historic oppression of indigenous communities,
24 communities of color, migrant communities,
25 deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural

1 communities, the poor, low-income workers,
2 women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with
3 disabilities, and youth (referred to in this reso-
4 lution as “frontline and vulnerable commu-
5 nities”);

6 (2) the goals described in subparagraphs (A)
7 through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this
8 resolution as the “Green New Deal goals”) should
9 be accomplished through a 10-year national mobili-
10 zation (referred to in this resolution as the “Green
11 New Deal mobilization”) that will require the fol-
12 lowing goals and projects—

13 (A) building resiliency against climate
14 change-related disasters, such as extreme
15 weather, including by leveraging funding and
16 providing investments for community-defined
17 projects and strategies;

18 (B) repairing and upgrading the infra-
19 structure in the United States, including—

20 (i) by eliminating pollution and green-
21 house gas emissions as much as techno-
22 logically feasible;

23 (ii) by guaranteeing universal access
24 to clean water;

1 (iii) by reducing the risks posed by
2 flooding and other climate impacts; and

3 (iv) by ensuring that any infrastruc-
4 ture bill considered by Congress addresses
5 climate change;

6 (C) meeting 100 percent of the power de-
7 mand in the United States through clean, re-
8 newable, and zero-emission energy sources, in-
9 cluding—

10 (i) by dramatically expanding and up-
11 grading existing renewable power sources;
12 and

13 (ii) by deploying new capacity;

14 (D) building or upgrading to energy-effi-
15 cient, distributed, and “smart” power grids,
16 and working to ensure affordable access to elec-
17 tricity;

18 (E) upgrading all existing buildings in the
19 United States and building new buildings to
20 achieve maximal energy efficiency, water effi-
21 ciency, safety, affordability, comfort, and dura-
22 bility, including through electrification;

23 (F) spurring massive growth in clean man-
24 ufacturing in the United States and removing
25 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from

1 manufacturing and industry as much as is tech-
2 nologically feasible, including by expanding re-
3 newable energy manufacturing and investing in
4 existing manufacturing and industry;

5 (G) working collaboratively with farmers
6 and ranchers in the United States to eliminate
7 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from
8 the agricultural sector as much as is techno-
9 logically feasible, including—

10 (i) by supporting family farming;

11 (ii) by investing in sustainable farm-
12 ing and land use practices that increase
13 soil health; and

14 (iii) by building a more sustainable
15 food system that ensures universal access
16 to healthy food;

17 (H) overhauling transportation systems in
18 the United States to eliminate pollution and
19 greenhouse gas emissions from the transpor-
20 tation sector as much as is technologically fea-
21 sible, including through investment in—

22 (i) zero-emission vehicle infrastructure
23 and manufacturing;

24 (ii) clean, affordable, and accessible
25 public transportation; and

1 (iii) high-speed rail;

2 (I) mitigating and managing the long-term
3 adverse health, economic, and other effects of
4 pollution and climate change, including by pro-
5 viding funding for community-defined projects
6 and strategies;

7 (J) removing greenhouse gases from the
8 atmosphere and reducing pollution, including by
9 restoring natural ecosystems through proven
10 low-tech solutions that increase soil carbon stor-
11 age, such as preservation and afforestation;

12 (K) restoring and protecting threatened,
13 endangered, and fragile ecosystems through lo-
14 cally appropriate and science-based projects
15 that enhance biodiversity and support climate
16 resiliency;

17 (L) cleaning up existing hazardous waste
18 and abandoned sites to promote economic devel-
19 opment and sustainability;

20 (M) identifying other emission and pollu-
21 tion sources and creating solutions to eliminate
22 them; and

23 (N) promoting the international exchange
24 of technology, expertise, products, funding, and
25 services, with the aim of making the United

1 States the international leader on climate ac-
2 tion, and to help other countries achieve a
3 Green New Deal;

4 (3) a Green New Deal must be developed
5 through transparent and inclusive consultation, col-
6 laboration, and partnership with frontline and vul-
7 nerable communities, labor unions, worker coopera-
8 tives, civil society groups, academia, and businesses;
9 and

10 (4) to achieve the Green New Deal goals and
11 mobilization, a Green New Deal will require the fol-
12 lowing goals and projects—

13 (A) providing and leveraging, in a way that
14 ensures that the public receives appropriate
15 ownership stakes and returns on investment,
16 adequate capital (including through community
17 grants, public banks, and other public financ-
18 ing), technical expertise, supporting policies,
19 and other forms of assistance to communities,
20 organizations, Federal, State, and local govern-
21 ment agencies, and businesses working on the
22 Green New Deal mobilization;

23 (B) ensuring that the Federal Government
24 takes into account the complete environmental

1 and social costs and impacts of emissions
2 through—

- 3 (i) existing laws;
- 4 (ii) new policies and programs; and
- 5 (iii) ensuring that frontline and vul-
6 nerable communities shall not be adversely
7 affected;

8 (C) providing resources, training, and
9 high-quality education, including higher edu-
10 cation, to all people of the United States, with
11 a focus on frontline and vulnerable commu-
12 nities, so those communities may be full and
13 equal participants in the Green New Deal mobi-
14 lization;

15 (D) making public investments in the re-
16 search and development of new clean and re-
17 newable energy technologies and industries;

18 (E) directing investments to spur economic
19 development, deepen and diversify industry in
20 local and regional economies, and build wealth
21 and community ownership, while prioritizing
22 high-quality job creation and economic, social,
23 and environmental benefits in frontline and vul-
24 nerable communities that may otherwise strug-

1 gle with the transition away from greenhouse
2 gas intensive industries;

3 (F) ensuring the use of democratic and
4 participatory processes that are inclusive of and
5 led by frontline and vulnerable communities and
6 workers to plan, implement, and administer the
7 Green New Deal mobilization at the local level;

8 (G) ensuring that the Green New Deal mo-
9 bilization creates high-quality union jobs that
10 pay prevailing wages, hires local workers, offers
11 training and advancement opportunities, and
12 guarantees wage and benefit parity for workers
13 affected by the transition;

14 (H) guaranteeing a job with a family-sus-
15 taining wage, adequate family and medical
16 leave, paid vacations, and retirement security to
17 all people of the United States;

18 (I) strengthening and protecting the right
19 of all workers to organize, unionize, and collec-
20 tively bargain free of coercion, intimidation, and
21 harassment;

22 (J) strengthening and enforcing labor,
23 workplace health and safety, antidiscrimination,
24 and wage and hour standards across all employ-
25 ers, industries, and sectors;

1 (K) enacting and enforcing trade rules,
2 procurement standards, and border adjustments
3 with strong labor and environmental protec-
4 tions—

5 (i) to stop the transfer of jobs and
6 pollution overseas; and

7 (ii) to grow domestic manufacturing
8 in the United States;

9 (L) ensuring that public lands, waters, and
10 oceans are protected and that eminent domain
11 is not abused;

12 (M) obtaining the free, prior, and informed
13 consent of indigenous people for all decisions
14 that affect indigenous people and their tradi-
15 tional territories, honoring all treaties and
16 agreements with indigenous people, and pro-
17 tecting and enforcing the sovereignty and land
18 rights of indigenous people;

19 (N) ensuring a commercial environment
20 where every businessperson is free from unfair
21 competition and domination by domestic or
22 international monopolies; and

23 (O) providing all people of the United
24 States with—

25 (i) high-quality health care;

- 1 (ii) affordable, safe, and adequate
- 2 housing;
- 3 (iii) economic security; and
- 4 (iv) access to clean water, clean air,
- 5 healthy and affordable food, and nature.