

# San Diego County TRUTH Act Community Forum



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# What is the TRUTH Act?

- Requires local law enforcement agencies, prior to an interview between the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and an individual in custody regarding civil immigration violations, to:
  - Provide the individual a written consent form explaining the purpose of the interview, that it is voluntary, and that the individual may decline to be interviewed
  - Require the consent form to be available in specified languages
  - Requires the law enforcement agency to provide copies of documentation received from ICE to the individual and to notify the individual regarding the intent of the agency to comply with ICE requests

# What is the TRUTH Act?

- Requires the local governing body of any county, city, or city and county in which a local law enforcement agency has provided ICE access to an individual during the last year, to hold at least one public community forum during the following year, as specified, to provide information to the public about ICE's access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment

# What is the California Values Act?

- Senate Bill 54 (2017) curtails the use of state and local resources, including personnel or facilities, to investigate or arrest individuals for federal immigration enforcement purposes.
  - Builds on a 2013 state law called the California Trust Act, which prohibited local agencies from holding potentially deportable immigrants for ICE unless those detainees had been convicted of serious or violent felonies, or misdemeanors that could be classified as felonies

# 2018 California Values Act Reporting

- Submitted annual statistical report to the California Department of Justice
  - Based on the outcomes, maintained ongoing SB 54 training resources
- Host SB 54-related data, reports, and presentation on the SDSD's website for public access
- Updated Sheriff's Department Policy and Procedures as it relates to SB 54

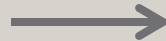
# PROCESSES

## INTERNAL AUDIT

(Process specific to Detentions)

Interpretation of SB54

Release data



## IMPROVEMENTS

ICE requests for notification based upon a finding of probable cause related to their current offense will no longer be considered for approval.

ICE requests for notification will only be approved based upon a qualifying conviction.

Training Bulletin issued related to the release process.

Policy change related to facility access.

# Compliance Measures

- ICE agents are now required to be checked in via the primary entrance point at each facility as are all law enforcement officers
  - Required to sign in and exchange their Government issued ID for a facility visitor pass
- ICE agents are now required to follow professional visit guidelines as are all law enforcement officers
- Staffing re-assigned to serve as Subject Matter Experts for the SB 54 process

# Internal Policy Update and Information Sharing

- Sheriff's Department Policy and Procedure Update:
  - Department Policy & Procedure Section 6.47 – Immigration Law Enforcement
  - Detentions Policy & Procedure Section Q.4 – Verification of Legal Status Conformance to Immigration Laws
    - Continued Use and Distribution of Forms for Notification Purposes to Individuals in Custody
- Information sharing
  - Automated Data Collection/Statistical Information
    - State DOJ
    - Advocacy groups





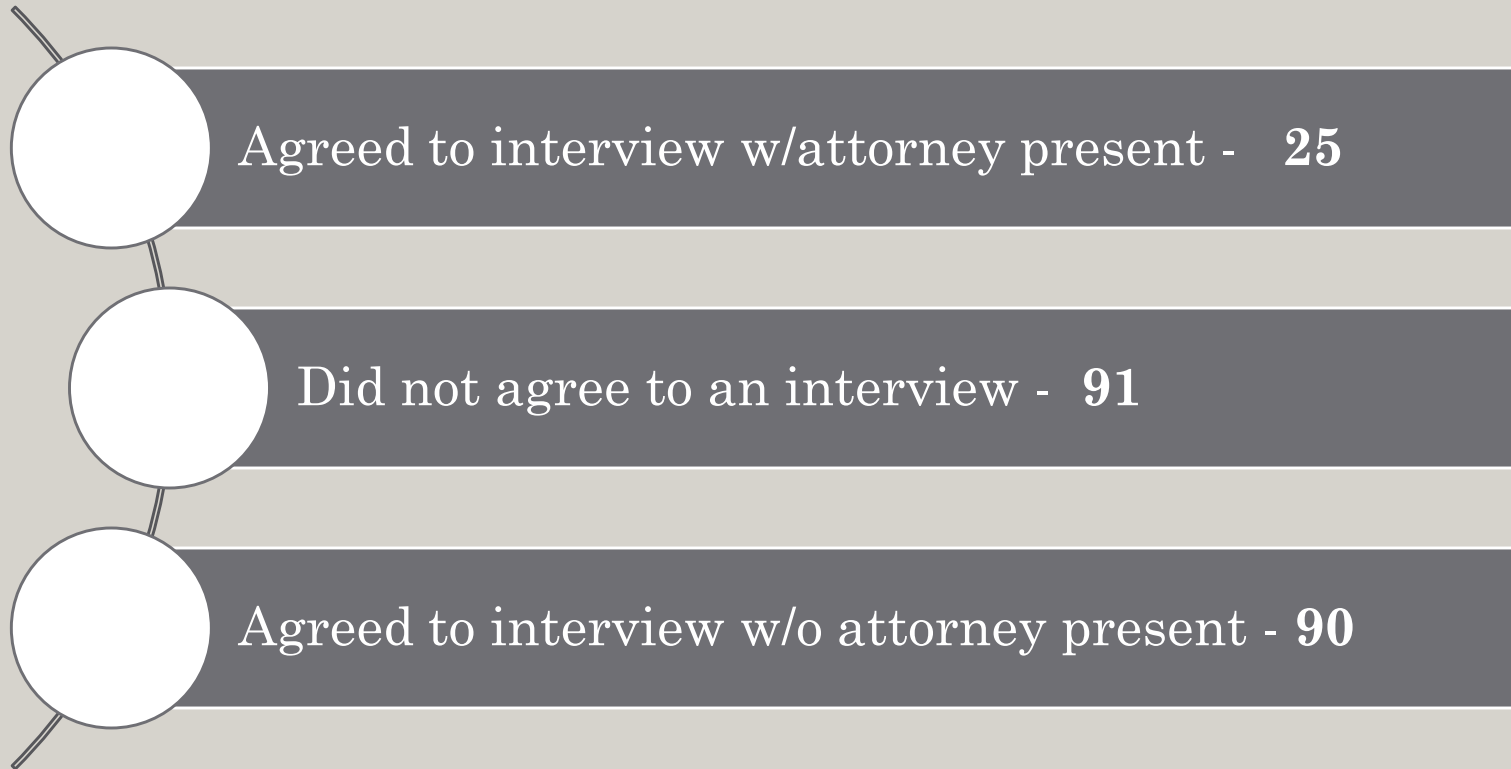
# 2018 Release Notifications

ICE Requests Screened  
1,822

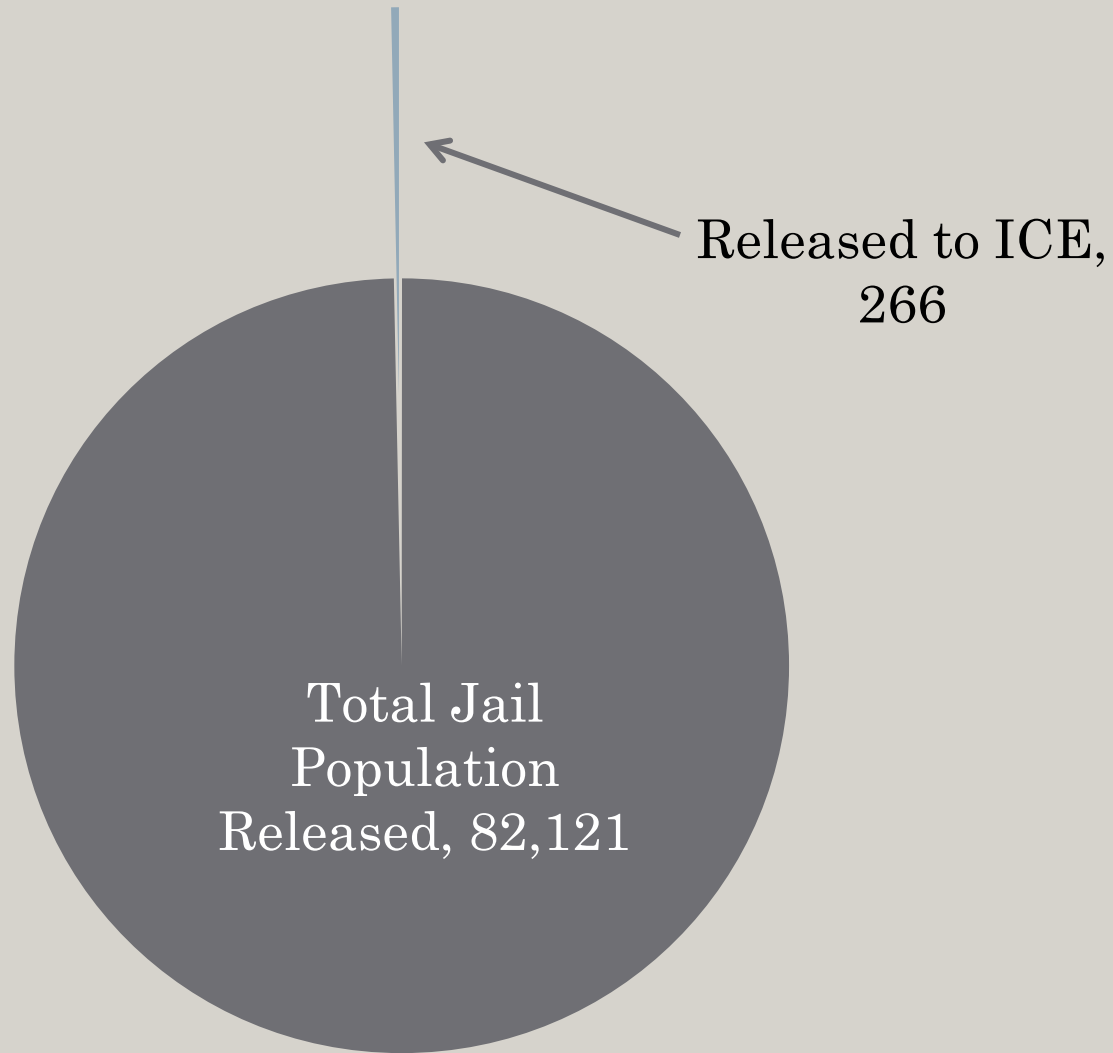
Rejected ICE  
Requests  
1,173

Qualified ICE  
Requests  
649

# 2018 Interview Statistics



# 2018 Release Data



# Community Outreach

- Community public safety presentations
- Coffee with the Community and Coffee with the Community *en Español*
- Mexican Consulate - Mobile Consulate Services
- Migrant Student Programs
- Participation and collaboration with Latino/Hispanic, Immigrant, and Refugee non-profit organizations and associations
- Participation in multicultural community fairs and events
- Increasing department resources in multiple languages

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