San Diego County Sheriff’s Department

Compliance with Senate Bill 54: The California Values Act

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department embraces the rich diversity of the communities we serve. We prioritize community relationships and want all residents to feel safe when reporting crime.

Law Enforcement Services Bureau

- Sheriff's deputies do not investigate or enforce immigration law
- Sheriff's deputies will not ask individuals their immigration status
- The Sheriff's Department does not contract with the federal government to detain individuals for immigration violations
- The Sheriff's Department does not hold individuals based on federal detainer warrants
- The use of department resources for purposes of immigration enforcement is prohibited
- Sheriff's deputies do not use immigration officers for translation services
- The Sheriff's Department does not share personal identifying information for immigration enforcement

Task Force Participation

- Sheriff's personnel assigned to regional task forces do not enforce immigration law
- Sheriff's personnel assigned who participate in regional task forces enforce state and federal law related to narcotics, transnational criminal activity, human trafficking, weapons, terrorism and other violent criminal acts

Jails

- The Sheriff’s Department will not transfer an individual to immigration authorities unless authorized by a judicial warrant or based upon a qualifying conviction as per State law
- The Sheriff's Department will not provide information regarding an individual's release date or respond to requests for notification by providing release dates or other information unless that information is available to the public or is a qualifying conviction as stated above
- Outside law enforcement agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, do not have free access to any Sheriff's facilities or jails. They are required to check in via the primary entrance point and follow professional visitor guidelines
- The Sheriff's Department does not provide dedicated office space for immigration authorities
- A consent form (available in six languages) must be completed and sent to an inmate in County Jail for all requested interviews by ICE agents. This form advises the individual that ICE requests to interview them. The inmate has the option to be interviewed in the presence of an attorney, without an attorney or to decline the interview. Translation services are provided, and no pressure is placed on the inmate regarding any of their choices

Transparency

- Reports, past presentations and other Values Act related data and information, are posted on the public webpage for the San Diego Sheriff's Department