



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



August 3, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ICE DETENTIONS

On April 24, 2020, I placed a temporary moratorium on transfers of qualified inmates to ICE during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we have moved forward during these difficult times, the conditions in the Adelanto/ICE detention facility were challenged in litigation. Based on additional allegations reported in various news outlets regarding similar conditions in other ICE detention facilities, I have extended the moratorium until October 31, 2020.

When I took office, I promised to continuously evaluate the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) interaction with ICE and to further limit that cooperation if it became appropriate to do so. I have kept that promise. The current COVID-19 moratorium has provided the opportunity to further assess the Department's policy.

The Department will continue to honor judicial criminal warrants and work with the District Attorney's Office by providing the required assurances requested by ICE to ensure that those who have fled to other countries to avoid prosecution will be returned and stand trial. After consulting with a variety of stakeholders including the Civilian Oversight Commission, the Office of Inspector General, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and many community groups, I have made the current moratorium permanent. The Department will no longer transfer individuals to the custody of ICE based solely on a civil immigration detainer.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Brendan J. Corbett, Custody Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Villanueva', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF