
RE: CalMatters Interview Request -

SIB Media24 <sibmedia24@lasd.org>
To: "tomas@calmatters.org" <tomas@calmatters.org>

Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 5:11 PM

Good evening,

Please refer to the below statement attributed to the Sheriff's Department.

Los Angeles County is home to a rich, diverse population that plays an integral role in shaping our communities. Building public trust within our community, regardless of immigration status, is essential for ensuring public safety. We want all victims and witnesses, including undocumented individuals, to feel safe and supported in coming forward to report crimes without fear. We value our residents and will continue to investigate crimes without regard to a person's legal status. We are here to protect the communities we serve, not to enforce immigration laws.

In 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department permanently banned cooperation with Federal Immigration officials. The Department does not honor ICE requests/detainers or transfer individuals into the custody of ICE, unless there is a federal judicial warrant signed by a judge. Immigration officials are not in our facilities, and are prohibited from using County property, databases, and personnel unless there is a federal warrant.

We do not initiate any police activity with the sole purpose of determining a person's immigration status. We have strict Department policies and procedures in place to ensure all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. The Sheriff's Department remains steadfast in our mission to serve and protect all individuals in our community, regardless of their background, race, or status.

Respectfully,

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The following request was submitted through LASD's [Media Contact form](#) at 1/10/2025 11:41 AM:

Subject: CalMatters - Information Request

Question: Dear Sheriff Luna, This is Nigel Duara and Tomas Apodaca with CalMatters. We're writing today to ask how Sheriff Luna will respond to requests for additional cooperation with immigration enforcement from the Trump administration. In his last term, as part of a broader strategy to increase deportations, Trump called local law enforcement "force multipliers" for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. 1. What role does Sheriff Luna believe local law enforcement should play in immigration enforcement? 2. Will the sheriff's office change or modify any of its policies or procedures related to immigration enforcement, while still complying with SB 54? We are asking these questions to all 58 California sheriffs. Our deadline is January 16 at 5 pm Pacific Time. We would also be happy to talk about this at your convenience. Our contact information is included below. Thank you, Nigel Duara Justice Reporter nigel@calmatters.org
Phone: [REDACTED] Tomas Apodaca Reporter tomas@calmatters.org Phone [REDACTED] <https://calmatters.org>

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Request Information

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