Cesar S. Lagleva's Statement

I am a longtime property owner and community member of Marin County. In 1978, I immigrated to the US from the Philippines and moved to the Canal District in San Rafael, where I attended the local public schools.

The threat of ICE raids has terrorized residents of the Canal District—a largely immigrant population—for over 20 years. The safety of immigrants in Marin County is a very dear, true, and personal matter for me, and it has galvanized my involvement in local immigration advocacy. In Marin County, the immigrant community is the backbone of the economy, but they're also treated as third-class citizens. It's important for me to raise the visibility of the struggles faced by immigrants.

When I learned that the Marin County sheriff uses a system of automatic license plate readers that allow his department to unlawfully transfer peoples' personal information to outside agencies like ICE and Customs and Border Protection, I was very alarmed, but not surprised. The sheriff has a history of cooperation with ICE.

We call on Sheriff Doyle to stop infringing on peoples' privacy rights, particularly when the people who are disproportionately criminalized in our community are immigrants and people of color.