

Lisa Bennett's Statement

I have lived in Marin County for over 20 years, where I have been involved in immigrants' rights advocacy. Since 2016, I have worked to increase transparency and accountability around the county sheriff's cooperation with ICE. When I found out through the ACLU's work that the sheriff has been illegally sharing peoples' license plate and location information with federal immigration enforcement, I wanted to get involved.

Through my advocacy work, I know that Sheriff Doyle's department engages in harmful practices against immigrants, like transferring people from jail to ICE. This lawsuit shows that his harmful practices extend even further: Sheriff Doyle's department is sharing the private information of Marin County residents, and the people who pass through its borders, with federal immigration agents. It's important for people to know that, in doing so, he broke the law.

Sheriff Doyle's version of public safety is racially biased, punitive, and pursued through illegal means. I have a different understanding of public safety: it's that all people, no matter who they are or where they come from, have the ability to move freely without the threat of unlawful harassment by law enforcement.

We demand that he stop sharing our personal information with outside agencies. Sheriff Doyle must be held accountable for violating peoples' civil rights.