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Napa County Civil Grand Jury Releases Report on Local Law Enforcement and ICE Interactions

NAPA, CA — The 2025–2026 Napa County Civil Grand Jury has released a report examining how local law enforcement agencies interact with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in response to community concerns about immigration enforcement in Napa County. The report, *Fear of ICE in the Valley? Napa County Law Enforcement's Response*, reviews applicable California laws, local law enforcement policies, and community responses related to immigration enforcement activity.

The Civil Grand Jury found that local law enforcement agencies in Napa County do not enforce federal immigration laws, which are the responsibility of the federal government. Local agencies reaffirmed their compliance with California laws, including SB 54 and the TRUTH Act, to support community trust and encourage residents to report crimes and seek emergency assistance without fear. The report also highlights collaboration between community organizations and law enforcement to reduce misinformation and fear related to ICE activity and to provide support to affected residents. In its review of law enforcement practices, the Civil Grand Jury noted that agencies do not inquire about immigration status, distinguish between judicial warrants and ICE administrative warrants, or share license plate reader data with ICE or out-of-state agencies. The report includes an examination of Napa County Jail practices, administered by the Napa County Department of Corrections. While the jail follows SB 54, the Civil Grand Jury noted that the jail may notify ICE of release dates for individuals charged—but not convicted—of certain crimes. Compared with other Bay Area counties, Napa County responded to a broader category of ICE requests for release information, though only a small number of individuals were ultimately taken into ICE custody.

The report is intended to provide transparency, clarify the limits of local law enforcement authority, and inform the public about how immigration-related requests are handled in Napa County.

About the Napa County Civil Grand Jury

The Napa County Civil Grand Jury is an independent body of residents appointed by the Superior Court to investigate and report on the operations of local government and special districts. The Civil Grand Jury conducts impartial reviews to promote efficiency, transparency, and accountability in local governance and to serve the public interest. For more information on the Civil Grand Jury and how to apply for the 2026-2027 term, go [here](#).