

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0506

September 17, 2018

Eric Bobson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708-1434

Dear Eric,

Thank you for contacting me about our nation's judicial system. As the former Attorney General of California and a current member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I care deeply about ensuring equal justice for every American.


I know firsthand the importance of the nation's judiciary. As a beneficiary of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that desegregated our nation's schools, I have personally witnessed the power of the courts to transform our lives. That is why I take my constitutional responsibility to provide advice and consent on judicial nominations very seriously.

The courts have immense influence over critical issues facing our nation, including civil rights, environmental protection, women's reproductive health, and workers' rights. The path that our country pursues depends on the judges on the bench, and we must make sure judges uphold the ideals upon which our country was founded.

I recognize that America draws strength from its reliance on the rule of law and the integrity of an independent judiciary. While the judicial system has made tremendous strides in civil rights, criminal justice reform, and more, there is still much work to be done. More than ever, the values of justice and equality must be vigilantly defended. As your senator, I will evaluate judicial nominees based on my commitment to protect the rights of every Californian and ensure that "Equal Justice Under Law" is a reality for all.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

Sincerely,


Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0506

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND PUBLIC WORKS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

December 11, 2017

Eric Babsen
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708-1434

Dear Eric,

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These enforcement actions have caused widespread fear in immigrant communities. Children are afraid their parents will be taken away while they are at school. Victims and witnesses of crime are less willing to work with law enforcement to bring perpetrators to justice for fear of deportation.

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Additionally, the President is asking taxpayers to foot the bill for an unnecessary border wall that could cost nearly \$70 billion by some estimates. Rather than wasting such massive sums of money on a misguided campaign promise, we should be making smart investments in technology and upgrading our outdated ports of entry to keep our country secure and our economy moving.

When I took the oath of office as a United States Senator, I vowed to fight for the ideals of our nation and protect California communities. In the wake of the President's Muslim ban, reports flooded in of refugees, Green Card holders, and even United States citizens, held for long periods of time and denied access to volunteer lawyers. That's why, as my first piece of legislation in the United States Senate, I introduced the *Access to Counsel Act* to ensure that individuals detained, whether at a border crossing or a port of entry, be guaranteed access to legal counsel. As a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs committee, I will continue to ask questions, push for greater transparency and advocate against an immigration policy that undermines our values, safety and security.

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September 15, 2017

Eric Batson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708-1434

Dear Eric,

Thank you for writing to share your views with me about telecommunications. Broadband Internet networks that serve consumers play a critical role in California and throughout the world. California is the most interconnected state in the country and is home to many of its most significant innovators.

Telecommunications companies provide services that Californians rely upon daily. These networks connect friends and loved ones, connect businesses to customers, connect students to learning, and connect us to the latest news from around the world. And, right now, companies are innovating to develop even more powerful services to connect consumers – including connecting devices to each other through the Internet of Things – in exciting new ways that were not imaginable just a few years ago.

I am committed to creating an environment where innovators can flourish and where consumer protections remain top of mind as technology advances. Telecommunications companies store enormous amounts of data from their customers, including email, financial records, Internet browsing history, and health records. Companies have a responsibility to ensure that these data are well protected and shielded from unauthorized disclosure.

For these reasons, I voted against a Senate resolution (S.J. Res. 34) in March 2017 that repealed a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rule giving consumers privacy protections against the sale or use of your data without your permission. The rule would have placed reasonable requirements on Internet service providers (ISPs), including telecommunications companies, to seek permission from consumers before collecting sensitive information and to require them to implement security protections to protect consumer data. This was a common-sense rule that should have been maintained. I was disheartened that a majority of my Senate colleagues voted for the resolution and the president signed it into law.

Nevertheless, I will continue to work to make sure both innovation and consumer protection thrive in the telecommunications sector. As your Senator, I will continue to reach across the aisle and work with all members of the Senate to help make progress on this goal.

Again, thank you for reaching out to share your views with me. I invite you to visit my website www.harris.senate.gov or call my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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September 20, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me with your views on our immigration system.

In my career as a prosecutor in California, I saw the full spectrum of criminal offenses. I know what a crime looks like. And despite the Trump administration's rhetoric vilifying immigrants as criminals, I can tell you that being an immigrant is not a crime.

The Trump administration has pursued immigration policies based on fear rather than facts and threatened core American values in the process. It has cruelly separated thousands of children from their parents who are seeking asylum at the border, fostering long-term trauma for these children, and then attempted to use the resulting crisis to seek the indefinite detention of immigrant families. It has broken a promise to thousands of young Dreamers and callously held them hostage to its pursuit of an untenable, extreme, and costly immigration legislative agenda. It has indiscriminately expanded immigration enforcement within American communities, failing to distinguish Dreamers and other hardworking individuals with no criminal backgrounds from actual public safety threats. This has torn families apart, harmed our economy, and created a culture of fear that has reduced the willingness of community members to report crimes and serve as witnesses, endangering public safety for everyone.

As a member of the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees, I have and will continue to work tirelessly to hold the Trump administration accountable for these and other immigration policies and practices that harm our communities and threaten our nation's global humanitarian leadership. I have pressed administration officials to preserve the unity of families and to protect the rights of vulnerable populations. My first bill in the U.S. Senate was the *Access to Counsel Act*, which would ensure that anyone detained at our borders has access to voluntary legal counsel. I have also introduced the *DONE Act*, which would promote cost-effective alternatives to immigration detention and ensure robust oversight of immigration detention facilities, which have been plagued by poor conditions. I introduced the *REUNITE Act*, which would prohibit the inhumane practice of separating families at the border and prevent the indefinite detention of immigrant families.

I believe that Congress needs to pass comprehensive immigration reform that genuinely enhances public safety, grows our economy, and provides a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who are currently contributing to and enriching our state and nation. This is why I am a proud cosponsor of the *DREAM Act*, which would provide a path to citizenship for young people brought to this country as children who contribute \$11 billion to California's economy every year. This is also why I am a proud cosponsor of the *Agricultural Worker Program Act*,

which would help stabilize our nation's agricultural workforce by providing a path to citizenship for workers harvesting California's crops.

Our immigration system is broken and outdated. I will continue to push Congress to reform the system. We need immigration policies that meet the needs of our economy, families, workers, and security.

Thank you again for sharing your views. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

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August 21, 2018

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April 10, 2019

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing about United States' foreign policy. We live in an interconnected world, where events in other countries invariably are felt in this country. I share your concern about American moral leadership in the world; we must lead with our values and defend the principles of freedom, democracy, and human rights.

Our nation's foreign policy impacts every Californian and, therefore, must be focused on fostering diplomatic alliances, safeguarding human rights, and protecting the American people. I am committed to combating terrorism, strengthening cybersecurity, fighting climate change, responding to the global refugee crisis, and taking other measures to make our country and world more secure.

Thank you for staying engaged with these critical issues and considering the effect of our foreign policy abroad and here at home. As a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I will continue to approach my foreign policy work with a focus on its impact to every Californian, American, and members of our global community.

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April 15, 2019

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me to voice your concerns about the workings of our government and the state of our nation. The importance of civic involvement cannot be overstated, and it is an honor to serve as your United States Senator. I have heard your concerns, and my legislative work will continue to be guided by the needs of constituents like you.

Each and every American has the right to education, public safety, and health care. I have dedicated my time in the Senate fighting for the most vulnerable among us and defending the inalienable rights guaranteed by our Constitution. I have introduced legislation to bring common-sense back to our immigration system including the *Access to Counsel Act*, which would ensure that anyone detained at our borders has access to voluntary legal counsel, and the *LIFT the Middle Class Act*, which would provide middle class and working families with a tax credit to address the rising cost of living. I have introduced legislation to make our economy work for everyone including the *Fairness for Farmworkers Act*, which would end the discriminatory rule denying overtime pay for farmworkers, and the bipartisan *EMPOWER Act*, which increases accountability surrounding workplace sexual harassment that disproportionately affects women by prohibiting non-disclosure and non-disparagement clauses as conditions of employment. I also cosponsored important legislation that would allow anyone to enroll in Medicare and make college tuition free. And still, I know our work has just begun.

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November 21, 2019

Mr. Eric Babson
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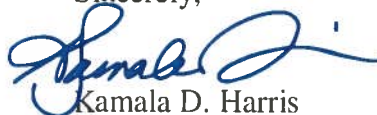
Thank you for contacting me to voice your concern regarding the United States' military support for a Saudi-led coalition operating against Houthi rebels in Yemen. What began as infighting among various centers of Yemeni political power has evolved into a proxy war between the Saudi-led coalition and Iran. I am deeply troubled by the moral and legal implications of U.S. involvement in the region, and will work to ensure that the U.S. upholds the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights abroad.

As the conflict enters its fifth year, the scale of humanitarian devastation in Yemen cannot be understated. On August 2018, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights recognized the killing of over 6,500 civilians and the wounding of almost 10,500 in Yemen. Recent estimates indicate that out of a total population of 30 million people, approximately 22.2 million Yemeni people require some form of humanitarian assistance, including food relief, health services, sanitation and water monitoring, and housing and protection measures. Both the European Union as well as the Secretary of the United Nations have referred to the on-going crisis as the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe.

The United States must not abdicate its moral leadership in the world. I voted multiple times in support of a resolution which would effectively prohibit U.S. forces from engaging in specific hostilities in Yemen within 30 days until Congress passes an Authorization for the Use of Military Force. As your senator and a member of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, I will continue to closely monitor the ongoing crisis in Yemen, and work towards peace and security in the region.

Thank you again for contacting me about this matter. I value your input and I will keep your comments in mind as I make future decisions. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

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Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator



GAVIN NEWSOM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 10, 2017

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708

RE: Your support for SB 562

Dear Mr. Babson,

Thank you for your letter regarding Senate Bill (SB) 562 (Lara), the Healthy California Act.

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom has long been a supporter of the universal and single payer healthcare concept. He was an early proponent of the Affordable Care Act and envisions a healthcare model for California that includes a single-payer system.

During his time as Mayor, Healthy San Francisco was signed into law. Healthy San Francisco is the city's universal health care program that covers everyone regardless of immigration status or ability to pay. The program covers undocumented San Francisco residents and people who do not qualify for Medi-Cal. It also provides financial assistance for those who qualify for subsidies through Covered California, but still cannot afford to purchase healthcare on their own. The program has been in effect for nearly a decade and he certainly hopes that the success of Healthy San Francisco can someday be used as an example for a statewide program. The Lt. Governor continues to work tirelessly to ensure that all Californians are afforded access to safe, equitable and reliable healthcare.

I hope this information is useful. Thank you for again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Natalie".

Natalie
Constituent Affairs
Office of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom



JOHN CHIANG
TREASURER
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

January 23, 2018

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

We are in receipt of your recent letter to Treasurer John Chiang wherein you express your displeasure with the new federal tax changes. Please know that the Treasurer disagrees with the federal tax changes and is using all of the powers of his office to seek a change as soon as possible.

Thank you for writing to express your opinion on this matter. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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D. Plescia
Executive Office Staff



ELENI KOUNALAKIS
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

July 17, 2019

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94708

Dear Mr. Eric Babson,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis regarding federal access to California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records.

Under AB 60, undocumented individuals are able to drive in California and obtain a driver's license under the same rules as citizens. Under the DMV's policies, records of individuals with AB 60-mandated driver's licenses are not kept separately from citizens' records. This means that they are searchable by federal law enforcement agencies. Please note that these records do not indicate whether an individual is in the U.S. legally or not.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the DMV's Acting Director Kathleen Webb via the information provided below.

Office of the Director
Department of Motor Vehicles
2415 1st Ave., Mail Station F101
Sacramento, CA 95818-2606
Phone: (800) 777-0133

Again, thank you for reaching out to the Office of Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis.

Sincerely,

Office of Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis



PUBLIC INQUIRY UNIT
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June 20, 2017

PIU: 749801

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708-1434

Dear Mr. Eric Babson:

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Attorney General regarding your consumer complaint. Often it is only through letters from concerned and responsible citizens that our office becomes aware of consumer problems.

Complaints are used to develop information about patterns of business activity which might indicate the need for formal investigation or law enforcement action by our office. Complaints often bring early warning of what promises to be a pervasive scam or systematic violation of California law. If a pattern is discovered, what originated as a private dispute may become a matter of broad public interest and thus warrant intervention by our office under California consumer protection laws.

We do want to inform you, however, that our office is prohibited by law from representing individual citizens in legal matters. We do, within the limits of our resources, bring lawsuits for violations of California law in cases of statewide significance. However, our role in any legal action against a company is on behalf of all of the people of California.

Please be assured that your information will be retained in our consumer files and is of importance in helping this office take appropriate action to protect consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susana Fernandez", written over a blue circular stamp.

Susana Fernandez
Public Inquiry Unit

For **XAVIER BECERRA**
Attorney General



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April 6, 2017

PIU: 740246

Mr. Eric Babson
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Dear Mr. Eric Babson:

Thank you for your correspondence to the Office of the Attorney General.

We appreciate being apprised of your perspective in this important area. Many difficult challenges lie ahead, and the Attorney General believes the views of individual citizens will play an invaluable role in guiding his office's efforts to meet those challenges.

Again, thank you for sharing the comments and views expressed in your correspondence. We always appreciate hearing from citizens on matters of public concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Casey Hallinan".

Casey Hallinan
Public Inquiry Unit

For **XAVIER BECERRA**
Attorney General

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-4305



Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

(510) 272-6866

May 25, 2017

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 18, 2017, regarding the militarization of policing and Urban Shield training. After review of your letter, I offer the following responses to your concerns.

I disagree with your initial premise that assumes law enforcement is being militarized. The equipment and training that I provide to my staff is equipment specifically used in law enforcement; we have no military equipment. The military does not work and has not worked with local law enforcement during any of our responses, which have saved lives.

You indicated law enforcement has military style equipment. What type of equipment; you do not specify. I can assume you mean ballistic vehicles, long rifles and our utility uniforms. All of these items have a specific law enforcement use and they add to the safety of our personnel. Certainly, we do utilize this equipment, but only on mission specific incidents. I am very aware of the concerns of many Alameda County residents; and, we limit the use of such items until, and only when, the need arises.

You make mention of SWAT, which in the Alameda County Sheriff's Office is our Special Response Unit (SRU) utilization during raids. Each of our operations are preplanned and a document is prepared which is reviewed by multiple management personnel. Each SRU drug operation is conducted after the issuance of a search warrant authored and signed by a Superior Court Judge. Each operational plan for an SRU drug raid is reviewed for a "threat level." Only when the threat level reaches a certain criteria, is the use of specialized equipment approved.

Not knowing if you have experience in the execution of narcotics warrants, I would like to explain some of our reasoning. Our Special Response Unit is trained to move as a team and to quickly apprehend the known suspects. These missions are inherently dangerous for law enforcement personnel. I have heard previous arguments from others that law enforcement uses special tactics on low-level drug offenders. These characteristics of our enforcement actions are very unfair. The arguments failed to include the number of handguns, rifles and other weapons recovered from these offenders, even multiple guns at the same location from multiple suspects.

Mr. Eric Babson
May 25, 2017
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Our Urban Shield training is far more than a competition. We train First Responders from a number of various disciplines. Included in the training are personnel from law enforcement, fire, medical teams, communication teams, emergency managers and more. This training is utilized for a coordinated response to a terrorist attack, and man-made or natural disasters within the greater Bay Area. At the same time, we are training with new technologies and equipment that would be utilized in any disaster. You, being a Berkeley resident should be aware of the Oakland/Berkeley Hills fire in 1991. That tragic event showed many gaps with the equipment, training needs, communication, and responses. We train to limit the gaps and have a well coordinate response. Urban Shield has created positive bonds and a collaborative response framework between regional first responders, local and regional management agencies, numerous critical infrastructure, public and private sector stakeholders, and state and federal agencies.

As you suggested, our focused training is also greatly beneficial to our "actual demands of the jobs." Much of the technology and equipment we use allows our personnel to do their daily job more effectively and safely which results in better service to the communities we serve.

Thank you for your letter. I hope I had addressed your concerns. Should you require further information, please contact Assistant Sheriff Brett Keteles at 510.208.9964.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

GJA:CCN:cqv

cc: Brett M. Keteles, Assistant Sheriff

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-4305



Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

510-272-6866

March 28, 2017

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

I received your letter expressing concerns regarding the Federal government under the President Trump administration to enforce federal immigration law.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office does not conduct any front-line immigration enforcement. The Sheriffs of the State of California do not wish to act as immigration police, nor will my agency. No local law enforcement agency in Alameda County conducts immigration enforcement. The jurisdiction to do such enforcement falls under the authority of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office works very hard to maintain public safety and build trust in our communities. We are required to follow all State and Federal laws. As such, in regards to immigration, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office follows the Trust Act (AB 4, Ammiano-State government: federal immigration policy enforcement, enacted in January 2014), the Truth Act (AB 2792, Bonta - Local law enforcement agencies: federal immigration policy enforcement: ICE access, enacted January 2017), and Federal Law 8 U.S.C. section 1373. Our current practices remain in compliance with the above laws, as well as our own policies and procedures.

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Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

GJA:dr

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Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

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(510) 272-6878

October 3, 2018

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
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Dear Mr. Babson:

Sheriff Ahern received your letter dated September 23, 2018, and wants to thank you for your kind words. Since Sheriff Ahern will be attending meetings outside of Alameda County, he has asked me to respond to you.

As you may know, there are a number of county agencies which are eliminating various fees associated with the criminal justice system. The Sheriff's Office will be partnering with the District Attorney, the Probation Department and the Public Defender's Office in this effort. In our case, we will be eliminating the fees charged to individuals who participate in our Work Alternative Program.

Fees associated with the Work Alternative Program were originally designed to accomplish two objectives:

1. To provide an incentive for the convicted individual to fully participate in the program given the fact that there was a personal financial investment.
2. To help offset the costs associated with providing the program.

Since the Work Alternative Program is a voluntary option which may be incorporated into the sentencing process by the judge handling each case, participation fees are fully disclosed to the potential participant to allow a decision based on all of the facts. The Sheriff's Office has always funded the difference between the amount collected in fees and the actual costs of the program. In general, the costs which are not covered by fees exceeds \$750,000.00 per year. The loss of the fee revenue (approximately \$350,000.00 per year) will necessitate a reduction in the number of available positions in the Work Alternative Program, unless the Board of Supervisors provides additional funding.

The Sheriff's Office believes in alternatives to custody and is committed to the re-entry process. We offer a wide variety of programs both in and out of custody to men and women who express the desire to become productive members of society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard T. Lucia".

Richard T. Lucia
Undersheriff

RTL:rl

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

510-272-6866

July 20, 2018

Mr. Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708

Dear Mr. Babson:

I received your letter urging me to not use county law enforcement resources to enforce national immigration laws. I understand that you are opposed to the efforts of the Federal government under the President Trump administration to enforce federal immigration law.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office does not conduct any front-line immigration enforcement. The Sheriffs of the State of California do not wish to act as immigration police, nor will my agency. No local law enforcement agency in Alameda County conducts immigration enforcement. The jurisdiction to do such enforcement falls under the authority of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

The California State Victim Notification service (VINE) helps victims of crime obtain information about the custody of their offender and is provided by this office and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). VINE is a free service that is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office was the first agency to implement the VINE system. VINE is designed to protect victims of crime and is not intended to be a tool for ICE immigration enforcement.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office works very hard to maintain public safety and build trust in our communities. We are required to follow all State and Federal laws. As such, in regards to immigration, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office follows the Trust Act (AB 4, Ammiano-State government: federal immigration policy enforcement, enacted in January 2014), the Truth Act (AB 2792, Bonta – Local law enforcement agencies: federal immigration policy enforcement: ICE access, enacted January 2017), SB-54 (Law enforcement: sharing data, enacted October 2017), and Federal Law 8 U.S.C. section 1373. Our current practices remain in compliance with the above laws, as well as our own policies and procedures.

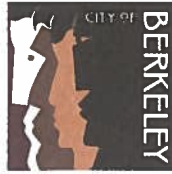
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

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Office of the Mayor



Jesse Arreguín
Mayor

October 5, 2017

Dear Mr. Babson,

Thank you for your kind letter. I share your concerns on the disastrous impacts the federal administration is having on our society. These are dark times, but it is my priority to make sure that Berkeley can be a beacon of hope. While the president may push forward an agenda that divides community, we stand united.

As I write this letter, I have just been informed that Governor Brown has signed SB 54. This truly is a great victory for the people of California, as we make it clear that we are on the right side of history. We will not be intimidated by threats of funding cuts by the federal government and we will not cooperate with ICE.

My office has been working with regional partners and the School District in forming a Sanctuary City Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop policies and programs to protect our immigrant and undocumented community. The work we are doing has been so successful, other cities are calling our office for advice on how to set up their own Task Force.

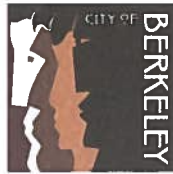
There still is a lot of work that must be done, but I have confidence that we will prevail. Knowing I have the backing of Berkeley community members such as yourself gives me hope, and I thank you for your support. Please feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions you have.

Sincerely,

Jesse Arreguin

Mayor, City of Berkeley

Office of the Mayor



Jesse Arreguín
Mayor

Eric Babson
1094 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, CA 94708

March 28, 2018

Dear Mr. Babson,

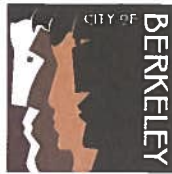
Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns on police militarization. As you may know, last year we established an ad-hoc subcommittee on Urban Shield, to evaluate our participation in Urban Shield and the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC). We are in the closing stages of this subcommittee and aim to present our findings to the full Council in the summer. **It is my intention to leave Urban Shield**, and I want to move away from these militarized trainings and instead focus on disaster preparedness trainings. The City Council has made it clear that we do not want to have militarized equipment. I agree that the presence of such visually militarized gear is detriment to building community trust.

Yesterday, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to end Urban Shield in its current format after 2019. They will also begin a year long process looking into alternatives, and I believe the work we have been doing in Berkeley helped contribute towards the board's decision.

On a final note, if you wish to provide public comment to the Subcommittee on Urban Shield, the meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 26th at 12:30pm at 2180 Milvia Street. For updates on the date and location, visit https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Urban_Shield_Subcommittee.aspx.

Sincerely,

Jesse Arreguín
Mayor, City of Berkeley



Dear Eric,

Thank you as always for your letters.

I completely agree with your comments on P&E. They have failed their customers and prioritized shareholder profits and executive pay over safety.

I strongly believe that we must take control of P&E and make it a public or customer owned utility. I will continue to fight for this.

Jesse Arreguín

