

## POLICY 15: California Senate Bill 54 - California Values Act

- A. California Senate Bill 54, also known as the California Values Act, was recently enacted and amended California Government Code Sections 7282 through 7282.5, and added sections 7284 through 7284.12. These laws regulate how the Sheriff's Department can share data with federal agencies responsible for immigration enforcement.
- B. Under California law, the primary function of a sheriff's deputy is to enforce the laws of the State of California. In general, California state law leaves the direct enforcement of immigration laws entirely with federal agencies and officials.
- C. California Government Code Section 7284.6 (a) (1) states, in part, that California law enforcement agencies shall not use agency resources or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, including any of the following:
  - a. Inquiring into someone's immigration status,
  - b. Detaining an individual on the basis of a hold request from an immigration agency,
  - c. Providing information to immigration authorities regarding a person's release date or responding to requests for notification by providing release dates or other information unless that information is available to the public, or is in response to a notification request from immigration authorities in accordance with Section 7282.5 which includes serious and violent felonies among other crimes,
  - d. Providing personal information to immigration officials, as defined in Section 1798.3 of the Civil Code, about an individual, including, but not limited to the individual's home address, work address, and other identifying information unless that information is available to the public (the full list is identified in the code section),
  - e. Making or intentionally participating in arrests based on civil immigration warrants,
  - f. Assisting immigration authorities with the enforcement of immigration law,
  - g. Performing the functions of an immigration officer, whether pursuant to Section 1357(g) of Title 8 of the United States Code or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal.
- D. SB 54 also expressly prohibits a California law enforcement agency from:

- a. Using immigration authorities as interpreters for law enforcement matters relating to individuals in department custody,
- b. Providing office space exclusively dedicated for immigration authorities for use within a county law enforcement facility.