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I. INTRODUCTION

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Despite its title, President Donald J. Trump's executive order on "sanctuary jurisdictions," "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States" (Exec. Order 13,768, 82 Fed. Reg. 8799 (Jan. 25, 2017) (the "Order")), has the exact opposite effect. By coercing local law enforcement to carry out federal immigration laws, the Order undermines the critical trust and cooperation between law enforcement officials and immigrant and minority communities. This trust is crucial to overall public safety, and central to the success of community policing efforts.

ADL's long experience advocating for and training law enforcement on the implementation of hate crime laws and counter-terrorism efforts makes it uniquely situated to understand the importance of community cooperation for effective policing. (Motion for Leave to File Brief of *Amicus Curiae* Anti-Defamation League in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction, concurrently filed, at 1-2.) Indeed, such cooperation is particularly important in minority communities, where socioeconomic conditions – including immigration issues – can lead to a fear of engaging law enforcement, thus rendering some of America's most vulnerable populations vulnerable to criminal attacks and especially hate crime.

Like many jurisdictions around the country, the County of Santa Clara (the "County") has enacted various protective policies and practices in order to ensure that an individual's citizenship status and any potential immigration issues do not interfere with that individual's ability to avail herself of local law enforcement's protection and assistance. In addition to conserving limited country resources, these policies and practices are designed to *assist* local law enforcement – *i.e.*, to encourage community members to come forward to report crimes to local police without the fear that their immigration or citizenship status will subject them to legal action themselves. By threatening to eliminate all federal funding to jurisdictions that may be deemed "sanctuary jurisdictions," the Order seeks to force the Country and jurisdictions across the country to choose between compliance with the Order's terms, or the immediate elimination of other critical public safety programs because federal funding will be cut for non-compliant jurisdictions. No one should be forced to make that choice.

As County officials and law enforcement leaders around the nation have attested, there is
a demonstrable risk that – absent an injunction of the Order – undocumented immigrants and
other non-citizens are being dissuaded from aiding local enforcement efforts, including efforts to
combat terrorism and hate crime. Because of the Order, both undocumented and documented
immigrants justifiably fear that the police will report their immigration information – or that of a
family member or friend – to Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), thereby resulting
in detention and/or deportation. As a consequence, many individuals are avoiding contact with
law enforcement, causing immediate irreparable harm to the County and communities across the
country.

In the experience of the Anti-Defamation League ("ADL") and numerous law enforcement agencies that already have spoken out, this break-down of trust and cooperation between police and minority communities invariably leads to an increase in crime – particularly hate crime – rather than "enhanced public safety." Accordingly, the ADL submits this *amicus* brief in support of the County's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. (ECF No. 26). An injunction will prevent the immediate and irreparable harm that will otherwise ensue because the Order undermines trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and law enforcement. *See Winter v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 129 S. Ct. 365, 376 (2008).

II. ARGUMENT

A. A Primary Purpose of the County's Protective Policies and Practices Is to Foster Community Policing and Enhance Public Safety.

The Order explicitly threatens to eliminate all forms of federal funding to so-called "sanctuary jurisdictions." Like numerous other communities in California, the County will likely be deemed a "sanctuary jurisdiction" because of its policies and practices that limit local law enforcement's involvement in the implementation of federal immigration law.

One such policy is County Resolution No. 2010-316, "Advancing Public Safety and Affirming the Separation Between County Services and the Enforcement of Federal Civil Immigration Law," which restricts the ability of County agencies and agents to share information about individual community members (including their immigration status) with ICE.

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1	(Declaration of Santa Clara County Chief Operating Officer Miguel Márquez ("Márquez Decl.")		
2	Ex. G). The County also has adopted policies and practices instructing local law enforcement		
3	agencies not to implement ICE detainer requests unless these requests concern people who have		
4	committed serious felonies and ICE agrees to reimburse the County for the costs of detention.		
5	(Declaration of Carl Neusel, Undersheriff of Santa Clara County, ECF No. 31 ("Neusel Decl.") ¶		
6	6.)		
7	In enacting these policies, the County cited the importance to public safety of a strong		
8	relationship between police and immigrant communities. In enacting Resolution No. 2010-316,		
9	for instance, the County Board of Supervisors stated:		
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11	[T]he Board of Supervisors believes that laws [that require local enforcement of immigration policies] erode the relationship of trust		
12	between immigrant communities and local governments [and] discourage crime victims and witnesses from coming forward and		
13	cooperating with local law enforcement officials thereby undermining the health, safety, and well-being of citizens and non-		
14	citizens alike. ¹		
15	Similarly, when the County enacted its policy concerning ICE civil detainer requests in 2011, it		
16	explicitly noted that the purpose was to "build back trust[] with law enforcement." ²		
17	Thus the express goal of these and other protective policies and practices is to foster		
18	cooperation and communication between law enforcement and the public. That cooperation and		
19	open communication is a cornerstone of "community policing," which is based on forging		
20	partnerships between law enforcement and community members and groups. The U.S.		
21	Department of Justice itself has affirmed that the value of community policing efforts depends in		
22	the first instance on establishing trust between the community and law enforcement: "One		
23	fundamental purpose of partnerships is to increase trust between law enforcement agencies and		
24	the customers they serve Citizens who do not trust the police are less likely to report crime		
25	and participate in developing solutions to problems Community policing encourages		
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27	¹ Márquez Decl. Ex. G at 2.		
28	Transcript of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting (Oct. 18, 2011, 9:00 AM), http://sccgov.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Transcript.aspx?ID=1035&CssClass=&Frame=.		

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agencies to build up accounts of trust and goodwill to call on when the inevitable crisis arises."
A critical element of developing this trust is creating an environment in which both victims and
witnesses are willing to come forward and actively participate in criminal investigations. The
County's policies are designed to do just that, i.e., to encourage community members –
regardless of their immigration or citizenship status - to contact and cooperate with local police
without fear of deportation or other immigration consequences. (Declaration of Laurie Smith,
Sheriff of Santa Clara County, ECF No. 35 ("Smith Decl.") ¶ 7-8.) Public safety in the County
(and elsewhere) depends on <i>all</i> community members having this trust.

B. The Order Undermines Law Enforcement and Threatens Public Safety.

The Order Suppresses Reporting of Crimes and Compromises Community Safety.

By coercing local law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration law, the Order drives a wedge between police officers and the residents they protect. Although the Order is vague, it appears to coerce state and local governments to carry out ICE civil detainer requests, and to prohibit state and local governments from restricting the release of information regarding an individual's immigration status. Order § 9(a), 9(b). Immigrants and members of communities with large immigrant populations reasonably fear that their interaction with law enforcement will lead to unwanted interaction with ICE. As a result, absent an injunction, individuals who are undocumented, along with their families, will be unwilling to report crimes and to assist in police investigations out of fear that contact with local police will lead to their deportation. Nor will these effects be limited to those that are undocumented: U.S. citizens and lawful residents who live among immigrant communities and/or belong to ethnic groups that include many immigrants similarly will hesitate to report crimes or assist in the investigation of crimes absent an injunction. Instead, they will fear mistakenly being treated as undocumented and/or the consequences of drawing additional law enforcement attention to their friends and

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Research has confirmed that the fear of retribution following interaction with law enforcement has serious practical implications for community safety. Empirical data and analysis show that undocumented immigrants are significantly less likely to report a crime committed against them.⁵ Under the Order, this natural reluctance is now being compounded exponentially by a federal requirement that local law enforcement effectively act as immigration agents. The effect is not a reduction in crime, but rather an increase in crime because the necessary trust and cooperation between the police and local communities is reduced. For example, one study completed earlier this year compared counties with a "sanctuary" policy – i.e., counties that do not assist federal immigration enforcement officials by holding people in custody beyond their release date – with non-sanctuary counties that were similar on a broad range of demographic characteristics. The study concluded that "[t]here are, on average, 35.5 fewer crimes committed per 10,000 people in sanctuary counties compared to nonsanctuary counties."6

Recognizing this fact, the federal government itself previously acknowledged the importance of encouraging undocumented victims to report criminal activity and cooperate in the

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Pa. July 28, 2014) (U.S. citizen held in jail overnight pursuant to erroneous detainer); Eyder Peralta, You Say You're An American, But What If You Had To Prove It Or Be Deported?, NPR (Dec. 22, 2016, 12:29 PM), http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-

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Fears of being treated as undocumented are well-founded. At times, ICE civil detainer requests have been directed towards U.S. Citizens. See Mendia v. Garcia, 768 F.3d 1009, 1010 (9th Cir. 2014) (U.S. citizen spent two years in pre-trial detention as a result of the detainer); Galarza v. Szalczyk, 745 F.3d 634, 636-38 (3d Cir. 2014) (U.S. citizen held in jail for three days pursuant to erroneous detainer); Davila v. N. Reg'l Joint Police Bd., 979 F. Supp. 2d 612, 622-23 (W.D. Pa. 2013), vacated in part on reconsideration, No. 13-00070, 2014 WL 3735631 (W.D.

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2. Law Enforcement Agencies Have Confirmed That the Order			
law enforcement practices is essential to public safety. ⁸			
acknowledgement by the federal government that the participation of immigrant communities in			
trafficking of aliens and other crimes, while also protecting victims of crimes." This is an open			
law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute cases of domestic violence, sexual assault,			
Immigration Services has said that the purpose of this provision is to "strengthen the ability of			
become eligible to apply for lawful immigration status. The United States Citizenship and			
immigrants who are victims of certain enumerated crimes to report those crimes, and thereby			
prosecution of crimes. For example, 8 C.F.R. § 245.24 provides an incentive for undocumented			

2. Law Enforcement Agencies Have Confirmed That the Order Endangers Public Safety.

The Order reduces the reporting of crimes and the safety of County residents. As various County law enforcement officials have confirmed, the willingness of community members to report crimes and serve as witnesses is essential to effective law enforcement. (Neusel Decl. ¶ 8; Declaration of Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeffrey F. Rosen, ECF No. 33 ¶ 4, 8, 11; Smith Decl. ¶ 4, 7.) The Order directly impedes the ability of law enforcement to prevent and investigate crimes in the County because it limits the cooperation they receive from a large section of County residents. (Neusel Decl. ¶ 8; Smith Decl. ¶ 9.) Absent an injunction, the resulting negative impact on public safety will not be limited to already-underserved immigrant communities, but *all* communities in the County and across the nation, and will compromise the police's ability to investigate and prosecute crime.

These conclusions of County law enforcement officers are echoed by the broader law enforcement community. The Police Foundation, the International Association of Chiefs of

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over 150,000 pending applications. *See* https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Reports%20and%20Studies/Immigrat ion%20Forms%20Data/Victims/I918u_visastatistics_fy2016_qtr4.pdf (last visited Mar. 22, 2017).

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1	Police, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, and the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force		
2	all have expressed grave concern that deputizing local law enforcement officers to implement		
3	immigration law undermines the immigrant community's trust in and cooperation with local law		
4	enforcement. ⁹ The Major Cities Chiefs Association wrote in a statement:		
5	Cities that aim to build trusting and supportive relations with immigrant communities should not be punished because this is		
6	essential to reducing crime and helping victims, both stated goals of the new Administration in Washington. We must be able to		
7 8	continue to protect the safety of all of our residents while ensuring that local law enforcement is focused on community policing		
9	Local police departments work hard to build and preserve trust with all of the communities they serve, including immigrant		
10	communities. Immigrants residing in our cities must be able to trust the police and all of city government. ¹⁰		
11	Similarly, many local law enforcement leaders in different states have spoken out against		
12	the Order and have specifically cited its detrimental effect on crime reporting:		
13	• Lake County, Illinois Sheriff Mark Curran: "Community policing is based on		
14	having relationships with people that live in those minority communities."11		
15	Marshalltown, Iowa Police Chief Mike Tupper: "This [Order] is not going to help		
16	us build the relationships in our community that most people expect us to have."12		
17	• Chelsea, Massachusetts Police Chief Brian Kyes: "These individuals can be		
18	targeted for committing crimes and we want these people to trust the police to		
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2122	See, e.g., Tom Jackson, <i>Police chiefs' immigration task force outlines opposition to Trump policy</i> , WASHINGTON POST (Mar. 1, 2017), https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-		
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1	report crimes. If they're in fear that we're gonna enforce locally, civil federal		
2	immigration law, we won't have that trust."13		
3	• Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Chief Chuck Jordan: "I don't want anyone to be a crime		
4	victim in this city and be afraid to call the police."14		
5	Absent an injunction, the harms that will occur from the breakdown of community		
6	policing will be immediate and irreparable. Once local police effectively become federal		
7	immigration agents, it will be difficult – if not impossible – for them to rebuild the bonds of trust		
8	and cooperation with immigrant communities.		
9	3. The Order Hinders Counter-Terrorism Efforts.		
10	In addition to hindering local police and law enforcement activities, the Order		
11	immediately and irreparably harms national counter-terrorism efforts. Engagement with the		
12	community is essential for effective homeland security. Since September 11th, law enforcement		
13	agencies actively have sought to develop relationships with Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and		
14	South Asian (AMEMSA) communities, which have been both targets in need of protection and		
15	potential sources of information. These partnerships are analogous to community policing		
16	efforts, and have led to numerous terrorism prosecutions. ¹⁵ Tips from Muslim-Americans have		
17	helped thwart 27% of 126 known potential domestic terrorist attacks since 2001. For example,		
18	an imam in Queens, New York provided tips that led to the arrest of Najibullah Zazi, who was		
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sentenced to life in prison in 2010 for conspiring to bomb the New York subway system. ¹⁷

For this reason, Homeland Security experts have spoken out against measures that create a loss of trust and cooperation between law enforcement and the community. For example, John Cohen, who worked for the Office of National Intelligence under President Bush and the Department of Homeland Security under President Obama has said about another anti-immigration measure, "[i]t may drive a wedge between law enforcement authorities and members of the Arab-American or Muslim-American community at the very time we need cooperation and partnership. It's certainly going to impact the relationship with federal authorities as they seek to reach out to Muslim community leaders in an effort to have them work together." The Order will immediately and irreparably destroy the relationships that law enforcement has built with immigrant communities, removing an important layer of protection against terrorist attacks.

C. The Order Directly and Disproportionately Harms Immigrant Communities and Leaves Them More Vulnerable to Hate Crimes.

By reducing the trust between law enforcement and immigrant and minority communities, the Order leaves a large segment of the population particularly vulnerable to crimes targeting immigrants. ADL has monitored and exposed the increasingly hateful anti-immigrant, anti-Latino, and anti-Muslim rhetoric that has surrounded the national debate on immigration reform. Studies have shown that hate crimes have been on the rise in recent years. People within immigrant populations are especially vulnerable to hate crime. Indeed,

Josh Sanburn, *President Trump's Immigration Order Could Harm the Fight Against Domestic Terror Some Experts Warn*, TIME (Jan. 31, 2017) http://time.com/4655229/president-trump-immigration-executive-order-muslims-terrorism-police.

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Executive Order on So-Called "Sanctuary Cities" Puts All Communities at Risk, ADL Says, ADL (Jan. 25, 2017) https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/executive-order-on-so-called-sanctuary-cities-puts-all-communities-at-risk-adl; Ric Anderson, *Q+A: ADL Leader says that as Trump surged, so did hate crimes*, LAS VEGAS SUN (Dec. 22, 2016), https://lasvegassun.com/news/2016/dec/22/qa-adl-leader-says-that-as-trump-surged-so-did-hat.

See, e.g., L.A. Cty. Comm'n on Human Relations, 2015 Hate Crime Report, http://www.lahumanrelations.org/hatecrime/reports/2015%20Hate%20Crime%20Report%20PD F%20(1).pdf (last visited Mar. 22, 2017) (finding that crimes targeting Latino/as jumped 69% in

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1	one study found that "[i]n a national survey of 464 immigration service providers conducted in
2	2012 [], advocates reported that 73% of hate crime victims they had served were targeted on the
3	basis of immigration status/nationality." ²² Documented and undocumented immigrants, as well
4	as members of minority communities that may be perceived as immigrants, are in danger of
5	increased rates of hate crimes.
6	People within immigrant communities also are especially susceptible to wage theft and
7	other employer abuses. ²³ Day laborers in particular are easy targets for unscrupulous employers,
8	who hire them and then disappear before paying their day's wages. ²⁴ Workers who are robbed of
9	their wages are often afraid to report the theft because of their immigration status. As Professor
10	Stephen Lee of the University of California, Irvine School of Law stated, "[D]istrust of the
11	police effectively neutralizes the potential of wage theft statutes when enforced against
12	employers who hire unauthorized immigrant workers." ²⁵
13	In this climate, it is critically important that County law enforcement officers are able to
14	effectively investigate and prosecute crime, particularly hate crimes. Absent an injunction,
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16	Los Angeles County in 2015); Michael Shively, et al., Understanding Trends in Hate Crimes Against Immigrants and Hispanic-Americans: Final Report, NAT'L INST. OF JUSTICE (Dec. 27,
17	2013), https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/244755.pdf ("From 2010 to 2011, there was a statistically significant increase in the prevalence of harassment or bullying targeting Hispanics
18	because of their ethnicity.").
19	Int'l Ass'n of Chiefs of Police, <i>Police Chiefs Guide to Immigration Issues</i> 28 (2007), http://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/pdfs/Publications/PoliceChiefsGuidetoImmigration.pdf.
20	Jeanine Braud, Criselda Haro, Olga Tomchin, and Jeffrey Selbin, <i>U Visas for Immigrant</i>
21	Victims of Hate Crimes: A Practice Guide for Advocates (June 26, 2014), UC BERKELEY PUB. L. Research Paper No. 2459315, https://ssrn.com/abstract=2459315.
22	Liz Robbins, New Weapon in Day Laborers' Fight Against Wage Theft: A Smartphone
23	App, NEW YORK TIMES (Mar. 1, 2016) https://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/02/nyregion/new-weapon-in-day-laborers-fight-against-wage-theft-a-smartphone-app.html.
24	Stephen Lee, <i>Policing Wage Theft in the Day Labor Market</i> , 4 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 655
25	(2014).
26	Id. at 665. Day laborers are also especially vulnerable to robberies and anti-immigration vigilantes. See, e.g., Jason McGahan, Day Laborers Have Become an Easy Target for Anti-
27	Immigrant Vigilantes, LA WEEKLY (Jan. 10, 2017), http://www.laweekly.com/news/day-
	laborers-have-become-an-easy-target-for-anti-immigrant-vigilantes-7803494; Megan Casidy, <i>Phoenix Police: Armed robber targets day laborers with promise of work</i> , THE REPUBLIC (July
28	30, 2015), http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2015/07/30/phoenix-police-armed-robber-lobo-bandit-targets-day-laborers-promise-work/30918721.

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victims and witnesses will hesitate to contact law enforcement when doing so may subject them to possible detention or deportation. Combined with the current atmosphere surrounding the immigration debate, this lack of community engagement will leave vast portions of the population especially vulnerable to hate crimes and other criminal attacks. Offenders will specifically target victims in immigrant communities without fear of prosecution. Indeed, unless the Order's enforcement is enjoined, it will effectively create an underclass of people – primarily, although by no means exclusively, in the Latino community – who have no meaningful access to police services. Absent an injunction, these effects of the Order are immediate and irreparable – law enforcement officials around the nation have spent countless hours building relationships with immigrant communities that now are being threatened or destroyed.

The federal government and 45 states plus the District of Columbia have demonstrated their commitment to protecting minority groups by enacting hate crime legislation modeled after a version drafted by the ADL. Recently, the landmark Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 ("Hate Crimes Prevention Act") created a new federal law that criminalized willfully causing bodily injury when the crime was committed because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of the victim. 18 U.S.C. § 249. The purpose of the Hate Crime Prevention Act is to decrease the rate of hate crimes, which "are disturbingly prevalent and pose a significant threat to the full participation of all Americans in our democratic society." When passing the bill, the House of Representatives noted that "violent hate crimes are significantly under-reported." Absent an injunction, this Congressional commitment to protecting the most vulnerable communities in our society will be directly undermined, and irreparably harmed, by enforcement of the Order as framed.

²⁶ Hate Crimes, ADL, https://www.adl.org/what-we-do/combat-hate/hate-crimes (last visited Mar. 22, 2017).

H.R. REP. No. 111-86, at 5 (2009).

²⁸ *Id.*

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1	III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>				
2	For the foregoing reasons, the	e Order will inflict irreparable harm if its enforcement is not			
3	enjoined, and the public interest dicta	enjoined, and the public interest dictates entry of a preliminary injunction.			
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