



**Good Evening Commissioners,**

My name is Emily Stephenson-Green and I am **chair of the CWM Immigration Advocacy Committee**. **2,500 citizens** have joined the CWM organization since February 2017. Last week we joined over 40 organizations who sent a letter to Sheriff Carmichael requesting an end to the 287(g) contract with ICE.

Tonight, I come **asking for your help!** We seek **data** from the **Sheriff about the 287(g) program he administers**. I realize he is an elected official, but the County Commission did approve the contract with ICE in 2006, **and, by your position, you now have responsibility for that contract.**

I hope that you will be able to obtain **accurate and detailed data**

- about the 287(g) program,
- on the immigrants that have been turned over to ICE and
- on the cost of this program to Mecklenburg County.

I am not requesting 12 years of data, **but rather** data since Sheriff Carmichael was elected in 2014. **Certainly, he has data on the programs he oversees.**

As a retired CMS principal, I was expected **to have data** on the children in my school, including subgroups. **Citizens expect you to know about the programs you administer**, yet our Sheriff continues to say he cannot answer **data questions** about this program.

So, I come to you seeking **accurate data about immigrants who have been held and turned over to ICE from our jail**. I seek **details, not general numbers**.

- What were **the specific charges** that brought the immigrants to the jail?
- How were those **charges resolved?**
- How many **arrested** immigrants were turned over to ICE **before their case was prosecuted** – Why?

- How many **were cleared of charges**, but turned over to ICE simply because they were undocumented?
- **How long** were immigrants **held in jail awaiting an ICE pick up** - after they should have been released?
- **Who paid** for this extra time in jail?
- How many of the immigrants were **actually deported**?
- How many **remain in for-profit detention centers** today?

We need **details** on the **presenting arrest** and on the **resolution** - **for all immigrants** affected by this program - **since the sheriff was elected**. Citizens need to know the **truth** about the program.

Our immigrant neighbors are being **targeted** and this **does not make our community safer**. It

- **crowds** our jails,
- disrupts **families**,
- increases the **victimization** of immigrants,
- prompts a **rise** in **unreported** crimes,
- **harms relationships** between police and local communities, and
- incurs additional **taxpayer expense**.

**I hope you will hold the sheriff accountable for the metrics on the 287(g) program.**

- Help us **put a face** on this program **with accurate data** and **NOT sensationalized posters**.
- Help us identify **what crimes this program is protecting us from** and the magnitude of those crimes. Are we safer because immigrants involved in traffic violations were deported?
- Tell us **how much this program costs**.

**We ask that you give us accurate, comprehensive data** and we will be able to see **the impact that 287(g) has on Charlotte's safety**. Thank you!