

# Torrance County

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## PUBLIC STATEMENT

October 8, 2025, Commission Meeting

### Agenda Item 14.g

Torrance County is writing this public statement to provide clarification on Item 14.g of the October 8, 2025, County Commission Meeting:

*“Discussion Regarding McCall’s Pumpkin Patch and Torrance County’s Intergovernmental Agreement with the US Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Discuss Ongoing Public Communications on the County Commission’s Determination to Maintain the ICE Agreement and Attempts to Dissuade Members of the Public from Attending the Private Businesses of Individual Commissioners)”*

The intent of this agenda item is to discuss ongoing public communications being made on social media platforms by the Albuquerque Teacher’s Union and other community groups regarding the County Commission’s historic votes to support the Torrance County Detention Facility through the approval of an intergovernmental agreement with ICE, and how that vote is being used to discourage individuals from attending McCall’s Pumpkin Patch.

The determinations made by the County Commission are decisions enacted by a public body and are made by evaluating the comprehensive impact of those decisions on the County and its municipalities. The County Commission wishes to address the public comments being made regarding this issue, and to reiterate that there is no interconnection between the private businesses of individual commissioners and the decision made by the County Commission regarding the ICE agreement or any other public contract.

For further information, please contact the Torrance County Manager at (505) 544-4703 or [jjbarela@tcnm.us](mailto:jjbarela@tcnm.us).