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Dear Attorney General Brown, Mr. Venturella and Mr. Rapp;

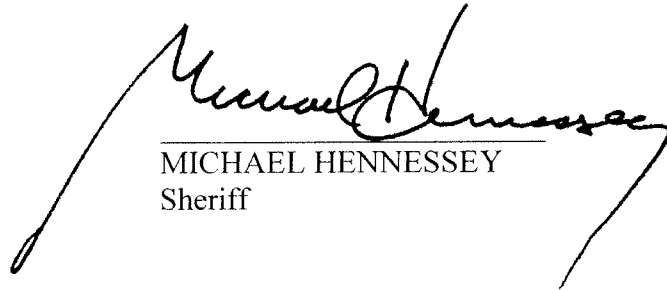
Pursuant to *Secure Communities: Setting the Record Straight*, dated August 17, 2010, I write to formally notify the California Department of Justice, as my state's identification bureau, and ICE that San Francisco County wishes to be removed from participation in Secure Communities.

The ICE communication, *Secure Communities: Setting the Record Straight*, specifies that, "If a jurisdiction does not wish to activate on its scheduled date in the Secure Communities deployment plan, it must formally notify its state identification bureau and ICE in writing (email, letter or facsimile). Upon receipt of that information, ICE will request a meeting with federal partners, the jurisdiction, and the state to discuss any issues and come to a resolution, which may include adjusting the jurisdiction's activation date in or removing the jurisdiction from the deployment plan."

San Francisco County has already been activated in accordance with the deployment plan. However, as you know, I sought to opt out, in writing, to both the California Department of Justice and Secure Communities. I was told at that time in a telephone conversation with Mr. Rapp that there was no provision for a local jurisdiction to opt out. The information provided in *Secure Communities: Setting the Record Straight* would suggest that there is now a procedure in place to address such requests.

I look forward to meeting with you and to coming to a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL HENNESSEY
Sheriff