EXHIBIT C:

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C.1.
QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD SUBMITTED BY

THE HONORABLE DAVID PRICE
Matthew T. Albence, Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Oversight Hearing
July 25, 2019

Fees for Sanctuary Immigrants

Background: On July 1, a 38-year-old mother of four taking sanctuary in the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill receive a notice that ICE intends to fine her $314,007 for “willfully failing or refusing” to leave the United States and for having “connived or conspired” to avoid deportation. This amounts to $799 a day for each day that she has been in sanctuary. She is one of “fewer than ten” undocumented immigrants living in sanctuary who received a notice of intention to fine for an outrageously high sum that they can’t possibly pay. It is my understanding that the financial penalties for violating immigration laws have existed since 1996, but in the very rare instances where fines have been noticed, it has been for a total of about $1,000.

Questions (24 – 27):

24) Can you please explain why ICE has decided to start using these financial penalties?
25) How did ICE determine the arbitrary "$799 a day," when the 1996 law explicitly states that the immigrant could pay a civil penalty of "not more than $500 for each day?"

26) Why did it take over a year to identify fines for these individuals?

27) Fewer than 10 immigrants received these letters, when we know of at least 50 immigrants in sanctuary in churches across the country. How is ICE determining which immigrants to fine?
EXHIBIT C.2.
Good morning, SES Team:

This task is due at 12:00PM today, and SES approval is required.

Background
OPLA was asked to review the attached QFR responses regarding fees and penalties for sanctuary seekers subject to orders of removal.

Recommended Closing

Chief, Executive Communications Unit
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street SW, Room 1007
Washington, DC 20536
Office:
Mobile
Hello OPLA,

A Clearance has been assigned to you. Please accept in 1 day

Clearance Name: CL-QFR-P-109247 Assigned To OPLA

Due Date: 09/17/2019 12:00 PM Eastern

Instructions:

Please review and clear

Thank you.
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C.4.
From: Rocha, Richard A
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Civil Fines
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2019 12:45:11 PM

I called you back again. Tag. You’re it.
Thank you for helping me with this .. I’m on the hook to draft a release for these new fines (hopefully by the end of the day).

Thank you,
Richard Rocha
Spokesperson
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

From: Rocha, Richard A
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Civil Fines

Hey [redacted]
Word on the street is that you’re the man I can talk to about fines.. you cool if I call you in a bit? What’s the best number?

Thanks,
Rich

Sent with BlackBerry Work (www.blackberry.com)

From: Robbins, Timothy S
[redacted]
Date: Thursday, Oct 31, 2019, 9:00 AM
To: Rocha, Richard A
Cc: Lucero, Enrique M, Cox, Bryan D
Subject: RE: Civil Fines
Hi Matt,
Since it looks like [b](6) is out, who is the best person to work with regarding fines. [b](5)

What you all are thinking? [b](5) Is that [b](5)

Thank you,
Richard Rocha
Spokesperson
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

From: Cox, Bryan D [b](6), [b](7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 8:32 AM
To: Robbins, Timothy S [b](6), [b](7)(C), Benner, Derek N [b](6), [b](7)(C), Rocha, Richard A [b](6), [b](7)(C), Alence, Matthew [b](6), [b](7)(C), Pallas, Charissa M [b](6), [b](7)(C)
Cc: Lucero, Enrique M [b](6), [b](7)(C), Alaniz, Charissa M [b](6), [b](7)(C)
Subject: RE: Civil Fines

+Richard Rocha. Rich, [b](5) [b](5) Thanks all.

Bryan D. Cox
Press Secretary (Acting)
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Absolutely

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Thanks, Tim.

Can work with Charissa and Bryan on that, please?

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Matt, the latest on fines...made some good progress over the last week.

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EXHIBIT C.9.
From: Rocha, Richard A

Sent: 16 Apr 2020 11:58:40 +0000

To: ERO-FOIA

Subject: FW: Messaging/Info for fine interview

Attachments: Lucero notes for NIF interview.docx

From: Rocha, Richard A  

Date: Friday, Dec 06, 2019, 1:33 PM

To: Lucero, Enrique M

Subject: Messaging/Info for fine interview

Hi Henry,

Here is the go-by for the interview today. Let's chat about it prior to our call with the reporter.

Thank you,

Richard Rocha
Spokesperson
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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