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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Angel Lopez-Valenzuela; Isaac Castro-  
Armenta,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Maricopa County; Joe Arpaio, Maricopa  
County Sheriff, in his official capacity;  
Andrew Thomas, Maricopa County  
Attorney, in his official capacity; Barbara  
Rodriguez Mundell, Presiding Judge,  
Maricopa County Superior Court, in her  
official capacity,

Defendants.

No. CIV 08-660-PHX-SRB

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court are Defendants’ Maricopa County, Arpaio, and Thomas’s (“County Defs.”) Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1), (6), and (7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“County Defs.’ Mot.”) (Doc. 21), Defendant Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell’s Motion to Dismiss Complaint (“Def. Mundell’s Mot.”) (Doc. 20), and Plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification (“Pls.’ Mot.”) (Doc. 9). The Court will resolve all three motions at this time.

**I. Background**

In November 2006, Arizona voters approved a ballot measure known as Proposition 100, which amended the bail provisions of the state constitution. (Compl. ¶ 1.) Prior to the amendment, Article II, Section 22 of the Arizona State Constitution provided that all persons charged with crimes shall be eligible for bail, subject to exceptions for “particularly serious offenses or other indicia of dangerousness.” (*Id.*) Proposition 100 amended the constitution

1 to provide that state courts shall not set bail “[f]or serious felony offenses as prescribed by  
2 the legislature if the person charged has entered or remained in the United States illegally and  
3 if the proof is evident or the presumption great as to the present charge.” ARIZ. CONST. art.  
4 II, § 22(A)(4). The state legislature subsequently enacted Arizona Revised Statutes  
5 (“A.R.S.”) § 13-3961, implementing Proposition 100. This case involves a challenge to the  
6 constitutional amendment and its implementing legislation (“the Proposition 100 laws”),  
7 brought by Angel Lopez-Valenzuela and Isaac Castro-Armenta. Both Plaintiffs, at the time  
8 the Complaint was filed, were charged with state crimes and being held in Maricopa County  
9 jails as a result of orders finding that they had entered or remained in the United States  
10 illegally.<sup>1</sup> (Compl. ¶¶ 15-16.) Defendants are Maricopa County, Joe Arpaio (Maricopa  
11 County Sheriff, in his official capacity), Andrew Thomas (Maricopa County Attorney, in his  
12 official capacity), and Barbara Rodriguez Mundell (Presiding Judge of Maricopa County, in  
13 her official capacity).

14 Plaintiffs claim that the Proposition 100 laws violate the U.S. Constitution in a number  
15 of ways. In Count One, Plaintiffs allege that the Proposition 100 laws violate the substantive  
16 due process guarantees of the Fourteenth Amendment, because Plaintiffs have a liberty  
17 interest in being released on bond pending resolution of the charges against them. Plaintiffs  
18 claim that the Proposition 100 laws are not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling  
19 governmental interest. (Compl. ¶¶ 55-58.) In Count Two, Plaintiffs claim that the Proposition  
20 100 laws violate procedural due process under the Fourteenth Amendment because they  
21 require only that a state court commissioner find probable cause that the person entered or  
22 remained in the U.S. illegally before denying bail categorically. (Compl. ¶¶ 59-60.) Count  
23 Three alleges that the Defendants have implemented policies, practices, and procedures that  
24 do not comply with procedural due process requirements under the Fourteenth Amendment,  
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26 <sup>1</sup>As of the date of this Order, the Court is informed that Mr. Lopez-Valenzuela is no  
27 longer in pre-trial detention because he was convicted after a jury trial and sentenced on  
28 November 18, 2008. Mr. Castro-Armenta is still in pre-trial detention. (Pls.’ Status Report  
Re Mot. for Class Certification 1.)

1 namely the right to counsel, the opportunity to testify and present evidence, the chance to  
2 cross-examine opposing witnesses, and the requirement that the prosecution make a  
3 sufficient showing that bail is not warranted. (Compl. ¶¶ 61-65.) Plaintiffs claim in Count  
4 Four that the Defendants have a policy, practice, and procedure of interrogating criminal  
5 defendants in custody about their immigration status without advising them of their right to  
6 counsel, in violation of the right against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment.  
7 (Compl. ¶¶ 66-70.) Count Five charges that Plaintiffs and other members of the proposed  
8 class have been denied their right to counsel under the Sixth Amendment during the initial  
9 appearance, where findings as to immigration status are made, pursuant to the Proposition  
10 100 laws. (Compl. ¶¶ 71-74.) In Count Six, Plaintiffs claim that the Proposition 100 laws  
11 violate the Eighth Amendment’s proscription of excessive bail. (Compl. ¶¶ 75-77.) Finally,  
12 in Count Seven, Plaintiffs allege that the Proposition 100 laws are preempted by federal law  
13 because the federal government has occupied the field of immigration and because they  
14 conflict with federal laws defining the legal status of non-citizens. (Compl. ¶¶ 78-82.)  
15 Plaintiffs seek individualized bail hearings and, as representatives of the proposed class,  
16 declaratory and injunctive relief. (Compl. ¶ 3.)

17         The Court heard oral argument at a hearing on the various motions on July 23, 2008  
18 (“the Hearing”). At the Hearing, the Court authorized the parties to submit limited additional  
19 evidence on the procedures currently in place after the Court of Appeals issued its decision  
20 in *Segura v. Cunanan*, 2008 WL 1922308 (Ariz. Ct. App. Apr. 24, 2008), requiring  
21 evidentiary hearings in bail determinations. Plaintiffs submitted an affidavit from Robert  
22 McWhirter, Senior Attorney in the Maricopa County Legal Defenders Office (“McWhirter  
23 Aff.”), and the County Defendants submitted an affidavit from Sally Wolfgang Wells,  
24 Maricopa County Chief Assistant County Attorney (“Wells Aff.”). Based on this evidence,  
25 after *Segura*, a person denied bail at an initial appearance because of immigration status may  
26 request an evidentiary hearing. (McWhirter Aff. ¶ 3; Wells Aff. ¶ 5.) Those requests are  
27 routinely granted by Commissioner Cunanan. (*Id.*) At these hearings, the prosecution has the  
28 burden of proof to show that there is proof evident or presumption great that the defendant

1 committed the underlying offense and that there is probable cause that the defendant entered  
2 or remained in the U.S. illegally. (McWhirter Aff. ¶ 4; Wells Aff. ¶ 5.) The defendant has the  
3 right to representation by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer evidence. (Wells  
4 Aff. ¶ 5.) If the prosecution meets its burden, the Maricopa County court will not consider  
5 whether the defendant should be released on bond based on any other factors, including risk  
6 of flight or danger to the community. (McWhirter Aff. ¶ 4.)

## 7 **II. Legal Standards and Analysis**

### 8 **A. Motion to Dismiss**

9 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require “a short and plain statement of the  
10 claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2); *Gilligan v.*  
11 *Jamco Dev. Corp.*, 108 F.3d 246, 248 (9th Cir. 1997). Thus, dismissal for insufficiency  
12 of a complaint is proper if the complaint fails to state a claim on its face. *Lucas v. Bechtel*  
13 *Corp.*, 633 F.2d 757, 759 (9th Cir. 1980). A complaint should not be dismissed under Rule  
14 12(b)(6) “unless it appears beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support  
15 of his claim which would entitle him to relief.” *Conley v. Gibson* 355 U.S. 41, 45-46 (1957).  
16 A Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal for failure to state a claim can be based on either: (1) the lack of  
17 a cognizable legal theory; or (2) insufficient facts to support a cognizable legal claim.  
18 *Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep’t*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990); *Robertson v. Dean*  
19 *Witter Reynolds, Inc.*, 749 F.2d 530, 534 (9th Cir. 1984). In determining whether an asserted  
20 claim can be sustained, all allegations of material fact are taken as true and construed in the  
21 light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Clegg v. Cult Awareness Network*, 18 F.3d  
22 752, 754 (9th Cir. 1994). The Supreme Court has explained that factual allegations “must be  
23 enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative level.” *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 127  
24 S. Ct. 1955, 1965 (2007). In ruling on a motion to dismiss, the issue is not whether the  
25 plaintiff will ultimately prevail, but whether the claimant is entitled to offer evidence to  
26 support the claims. *Gilligan*, 108 F.3d at 249.

27 When deciding a motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under Rule  
28 12(b)(1), the court may weigh the evidence to determine whether it has jurisdiction. *Autery*

1 v. *United States*, 424 F.3d 944, 956 (9th Cir. 2005). “The district courts of the United States,  
2 as we have said many times, are ‘courts of limited jurisdiction. They possess only that power  
3 authorized by Constitution and statute.’” *Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Allapattah Servs., Inc.*, 545  
4 U.S. 546, 552 (2005) (quoting *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 377  
5 (1994)). The burden of proof is on the Plaintiff to show that this Court has subject matter  
6 jurisdiction. *See Indus. Tectonics, Inc. v. Aero Alloy*, 912 F.2d 1090, 1092 (9th Cir. 1990)  
7 (“The party asserting jurisdiction has the burden of proving all jurisdictional facts.”) (citing  
8 *McNutt v. Gen. Motors Acceptance Corp.*, 298 U.S. 178, 189 (1936)). And, unlike a Rule  
9 12(b)(6) motion, there is no presumption of truthfulness attached to Plaintiff’s allegations.  
10 *Thornhill Publ’g Co. v. Gen. Tel. & Elecs. Corp.*, 594 F.2d 730, 733 (9th Cir. 1979).

11 Rule 12(b)(7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows a court to dismiss a case  
12 for failure to join a party under Rule 19. Joinder under Rule 19 involves a multi-step inquiry:

13 First, a court must determine whether an absent party should be joined as a  
14 “necessary party” under subsection (a). Second, if the court concludes that the  
15 nonparty is necessary and cannot be joined for practical or jurisdictional  
16 reasons, it must then determine under subsection (b) whether in “equity and  
17 good conscience” the action should be dismissed because the nonparty is  
18 “indispensable.”

19 *Northrop Corp. v. McDonnell Douglas Corp.*, 705 F.2d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 1983); *see also*  
20 *Provident Bank & Trust Co. v. Patterson*, 390 U.S. 102, 108-25 (1968) (explaining the  
21 reasoning behind Rule 19’s joinder provisions); *United States v. Bowen*, 172 F.3d 682, 688  
22 (9th Cir. 1999) (outlining the same multi-step process as *Northrop Corp.*).

## 23 **B. County Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss**

### 24 **1. The Complaint Names the Proper Parties.**

#### 25 **a. Maricopa County is a Proper Defendant.**

26 The County Defendants argue in their Reply (“County Defs.’ Reply”) that Maricopa  
27 County is not a proper defendant in this case, because the Complaint alleges that the county  
28 “is responsible for enforcement and implementation of the Proposition 100 laws against  
persons in criminal proceedings within its jurisdiction . . . . [and] for the official decision to  
forbid the use of public funds for the appointment of counsel for indigent criminal defendants

1 at initial appearance proceedings.” (Compl. ¶ 17.) The County Defendants contend that,  
2 while the County is a jural entity, it does not make such decisions. “Instead, as a matter of  
3 law, it is the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors that make those types of decisions.”  
4 (County Defs.’ Reply 2.)

5 A local government cannot be sued under § 1983 using a theory of vicarious liability.  
6 *Monell v. Dep’t of Soc. Servs. of the City of N.Y.*, 436 U.S. 658, 691 (1978). “Instead, it is  
7 when execution of a government’s policy or custom, whether made by its lawmakers or by  
8 those whose edicts or acts may fairly be said to represent official policy, inflicts the injury  
9 that the government as an entity is responsible under § 1983.” *Id.* at 694. Direct municipal  
10 liability can be shown by demonstrating either that the governing body intentionally deprived  
11 someone of a federally-protected right or that “the action taken or directed by the  
12 municipality or its authorized decisionmaker itself violates federal law.” *Bd. of County*  
13 *Comm’rs of Bryan County v. Brown*, 520 U.S. 397, 405 (1997) (emphasis added). In the  
14 former case, a showing of “deliberate indifference” is required, whereas in the latter  
15 situation, the plaintiff need demonstrate no mental state. *Id.* at 407.

16 A.R.S. § 11-201(A) provides, “The powers of a county shall be exercised only by the  
17 board of supervisors or by agents and officers acting under its authority and authority of  
18 law.” *See also* A.R.S. § 11-251 *et seq.* (outlining the powers of the Board of Supervisors,  
19 including “(31) [m]ake and enforce all local, police, sanitary and other regulations not in  
20 conflict with general law”). Plaintiffs allege that Maricopa County violated their rights by  
21 making a decision that led to their being denied counsel at the bail determination hearings.  
22 Under *Bryan County*, whether the decision is made by the county or its authorized  
23 decisionmaker, the municipality can be held liable. Under this theory, Maricopa County is  
24 a proper defendant.

25 **b. Defendant Arpaio is a Required Defendant.**

26 As the County Defendants conceded in oral argument, Defendant Arpaio is a required  
27 party for a petition for habeas corpus relief, because he is the custodian of the Plaintiffs.  
28 (Hr’g Tr. 18:19, July 23, 2008 (“Tr.”).) *See also Smith v. Idaho*, 392 F.3d 350, 354-55 (9th

1 Cir. 2004); *Ortiz-Sandoval v. Gomez*, 81 F.3d 891, 894 (9th Cir. 1996); *Stanley v. Cal. Sup.*  
2 *Ct.*, 21 F.3d 359, 360 (9th Cir. 1994).

3 As to the other allegations in the Complaint against Defendant Arpaio, Plaintiffs claim  
4 that he “has promulgated unconstitutional policies and practices in connection with the  
5 Proposition 100 laws for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department,” namely that Sheriff’s  
6 deputies question people about their immigration status (thereby eliciting incriminating  
7 information) without proper admonitions. (Pls.’ Resp. 4; Compl. ¶¶ 18, 33, 36, 66-70.) The  
8 County Defendants have argued that because Defendant Arpaio has no role in bail  
9 determinations, he is not a proper defendant in this case. (County Defs.’ Mot. 4.)

10 Section 1983 “does not create any substantive rights; rather it is the vehicle whereby  
11 plaintiffs can challenge actions by governmental officials.” *Henderson v. City of Simi Valley*,  
12 305 F.3d 1052, 1056 (9th Cir. 2002). To prevail on a claim under § 1983, the plaintiff must  
13 show that “(1) the action occurred ‘under color of state law’ and (2) the action resulted in the  
14 deprivation of a constitutional right or federal statutory right.” *Id.* Plaintiffs have alleged that,  
15 acting under color of state law, Defendant Arpaio has deprived them of their Fifth  
16 Amendment right against self-incrimination. (Pl.’s Resp. 4.) Assuming those factual  
17 allegations to be true, for the purposes of considering a motion to dismiss under Rule  
18 12(b)(6), Plaintiffs have stated a claim against Defendant Arpaio under § 1983.

19 **c. State Officers are not Required Defendants.**

20 The County Defendants have also argued that the Complaint must be dismissed  
21 because “it is necessary as a legal and equitable matter that an officer of the state of Arizona  
22 appear in this litigation and defend [the Proposition 100 laws] on the merits.” (County Defs.’  
23 Mot. 5.) Plaintiffs respond, “This argument is unsupported by authority, misreads Federal  
24 Rule of Civil Procedure 19, and is premised on the mistaken belief that a state procedural  
25 statute applies in this case. Under relevant federal law, all persons necessary to afford  
26 complete relief have been joined.” (Pls.’ Resp. 5.)

27 A party should be joined in a lawsuit if: (1) that person’s absence will prevent the  
28 court from according complete relief to the existing parties, or (2) disposition of the case



1 without that party will either impair that party from protecting their own interests or create  
2 a substantial likelihood that an existing party will be subject to “double, multiple, or  
3 otherwise inconsistent” legal obligations. Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(a)(1). In this case, nothing  
4 prevents this Court from according complete relief to the existing parties in the absence of  
5 an Arizona state official. Moreover, Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard represents  
6 Judge Mundell in this action, so the Court presumes he is well aware of its existence.  
7 Plaintiffs assert that they have complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.1, which  
8 requires notice to the state attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state  
9 statute. (Pls.’ Resp. 7.) No Arizona state official is a necessary party to this action.<sup>2</sup> Arizona  
10 state officials are free to seek to intervene, under Rule 24 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
11 Procedure, should they so desire.

## 12                   **2.     *Younger* Abstention is not Appropriate.**

13           The doctrine created by *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971) and its progeny  
14 counsels against federal court interference in state judicial proceedings under certain  
15 circumstances. *Moore v. Sims*, 442 U.S. 415, 423 (1979). The principles underlying *Younger*  
16 abstention include “a proper respect for state functions, a recognition of the fact that the  
17 entire country is made up of a Union of separate state governments, and a continuance of the  
18 belief that the National Government will fare best if the States and their institutions are left  
19 free to perform their separate functions in their separate ways.” *Middlesex County Ethics*  
20 *Comm. v. Garden State Bar Assoc.*, 457 U.S. 423, 431 (1982) (citing *Younger*, 401 U.S. at  
21 44). While “there are limited circumstances in which . . . abstention by federal courts is  
22 appropriate, those circumstances are ‘carefully defined’ and ‘remain the exception, not the  
23 rule.’” *Gilbertson v. Albright*, 381 F.3d 965, 969 n.2 (9th Cir. 2004) (quoting *Green v. City*  
24 *of Tucson*, 255 F.3d 1086, 1089 (9th Cir. 2001) (en banc) (internal quotations and citations  
25 omitted)). The Supreme Court has articulated three elements that lead to a situation in which

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27           <sup>2</sup>Even if Arizona state officials were necessary parties, dismissal would not be the  
28 proper remedy. Pursuant to Rule 19(b), this Court could simply order them joined. Fed. R.  
Civ. P. 19(b).



1 *Younger* abstention is appropriate: (1) there is an ongoing state proceeding; (2) the federal  
2 proceedings implicate important state interests; and (3) the state proceedings provide an  
3 adequate opportunity to raise federal issues. *Middlesex County*, 457 U.S. at 432; *accord*  
4 *Gartrell Constr., Inc. v. Aubry*, 940 F.2d 437, 441 (9th Cir. 1991).

5 In *Younger*, the plaintiff sought to enjoin his state criminal prosecution because he  
6 challenged the underlying statute that defined the offense. 401 U.S. at 39. The Supreme  
7 Court held that the federal court had to abstain because otherwise, the federal proceeding  
8 would erode the role of the jury and because a challenge to the underlying law could have  
9 been raised by the plaintiff as an affirmative defense in the criminal case. *Id.* at 44-46. In  
10 *Gerstein v. Pugh*, 420 U.S. 103, 108 n.9 (1975), however, the Supreme Court clarified that  
11 *Younger* abstention was *not* appropriate in a case challenging the legality of pre-trial  
12 detention without a hearing, “an issue that could not be raised in defense of the criminal  
13 prosecution.” Moreover, “[t]he order to hold preliminary hearings could not prejudice the  
14 conduct of the trial on the merits.” *Id.* In this case, likewise, Defendants’ arguments that  
15 “there are numerous criminal actions pending involving the members of the proposed class  
16 . . . that could involve the very issues that [P]laintiffs raise in this federal lawsuit” are  
17 unpersuasive. (County Defs.’ Reply 4.) A ruling by this Court that the Proposition 100 laws  
18 are or are not constitutional will not affect the criminal actions, because as the Court noted  
19 in oral argument, the pre-trial bail determination is “something that is unrelated to whether  
20 the person is guilty or not guilty of the offense charged.” (Tr. 31:20-21.) The County  
21 Defendants also cite *Dubinka v. Judges of the Super. Ct.*, 23 F.3d 218 (9th Cir. 1994) in  
22 support of their argument. In that case, though, the law being challenged was a California  
23 state law requiring reciprocal discovery in criminal cases. Discovery, unlike pre-trial bail  
24 determinations, could have an effect on the underlying trial on the merits, so the exception  
25 in *Gerstein* does not squarely apply to *Dubinka*. In the instant case, *Gerstein* is on point and  
26 holds that *Younger* abstention is not appropriate.

27 In their Reply, the County Defendants also argued that *Younger* abstention is  
28 appropriate because a decision has been issued by an Arizona state court on the merits of

1 some of Plaintiffs' claims. The Court of Appeals of Arizona ruled in *Hernandez v. Lynch*,  
2 167 P.3d 1264, 1270-75 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2007) that the Proposition 100 laws were not facially  
3 unconstitutional under either the equal protection or due process clauses of the U.S.  
4 Constitution. The Arizona Supreme Court denied the petition for review on April 22, 2008.  
5 *Hernandez v. Lynch*, No. CV-07-424-PR, 2008 Ariz. LEXIS 58 (Ariz. Apr. 22, 2008). Under  
6 any possible formulation of the *Younger* doctrine, this court cannot be required to abstain  
7 under these circumstances, because there is no ongoing state action.<sup>3</sup> If anything, this has  
8 become an argument grounded in preclusion principles, an issue not before the Court in this  
9 Motion to Dismiss.

10 **3. The Complaint States Claims Sufficient to Survive a Motion to**  
11 **Dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6) as to Counts One - Six, but not as to**  
12 **Count Seven.**

13 **a. Count Seven**

14 The County Defendants move to dismiss Count Seven on the basis that “[P]laintiffs  
15 have failed to make allegations sufficient, if assumed true, to establish express or implied  
16 federal preemption.”<sup>4</sup> (County Defs.’ Mot. 8.) Plaintiffs respond that the Proposition 100  
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18 <sup>3</sup>The County Defendants cite to the three-part test for *Younger* abstention applicability  
19 from *Middlesex County*, 457 U.S. at 431-32, which provides that a federal court should  
20 abstain where there are state court proceedings that (1) are ongoing, (2) implicate important  
21 state issues, and (3) provide the plaintiff an adequate opportunity to litigate federal claims.  
22 (County Defs.’ Mot. 11.) Plaintiffs argue that the *Middlesex* factors do not apply where the  
23 state proceedings in question are criminal cases and point instead to *Gerstein*’s focus on  
24 whether the challenge goes to the merits of the criminal case. (Pls.’ Resp. 16-17 (citing  
*Gilbertson v. Albright*, 381 F.3d 965, 969, 978 (9th Cir. 2004).) For the purposes of this  
25 Order, it does not matter, because the state proceedings have concluded, and any formulation  
26 of the requirements of *Younger* would need to include an ongoing proceeding.

27 <sup>4</sup>Defendants argue that Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Six, and Seven all rely “either  
28 directly or indirectly” on an argument that the Proposition 100 laws are preempted by federal  
regulation of immigration. (County Defs.’ Mot. 8.) However, Counts One, Two, Three, Four  
and Six of the Complaint are based on other constitutional claims under the Fifth, Eighth, and  
Fourteenth Amendments and are entirely unrelated to federal preemption. Therefore, the  
Court will not analyze them with respect to preemption.

1 laws are preempted for two reasons: (1) “they intrude on a field fully occupied by the federal  
2 government, in that they attempt a classification of unlawful immigrants that conflicts with  
3 federal classifications,” and (2) “they are incompatible with the comprehensive federal  
4 scheme for immigration detention.” (Pls.’ Resp. 11-12.)

5 Many, but not all, state laws addressing immigration are preempted by federal law.  
6 The Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution makes federal law “the supreme law of the  
7 land.” U.S. CONST., art. VI, cl. 2. The Supreme Court has consistently ruled that the federal  
8 government has broad and exclusive power to regulate immigration, supported by both  
9 enumerated and implied constitutional powers.<sup>5</sup> However, in *DeCanas v. Bica*, 424 U.S. 351,  
10 355 (1976), the Supreme Court held that not every state enactment “which in any way deals  
11 with aliens is a regulation of immigration and thus per se preempted by this constitutional  
12 power, whether latent or exercised.” The Supreme Court outlined three possible types of  
13 preemption in this context: (1) constitutional preemption (if the state or locality is attempting  
14 to regulate immigration, a power the Constitution leaves to the federal government), (2) field  
15 preemption (if Congress intended to occupy the field and oust state power, demonstrated by  
16 the breadth of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (“INA”), 8 U.S.C. § 1101, *et seq.*), and  
17 (3) conflict preemption (if the state or local law conflicts with federal law such that  
18 compliance with both schemes would be impossible). *DeCanas*, 424 U.S. at 355-57, 363; *see*  
19 *also League of United Latin Am. Citizens v. Wilson*, 908 F. Supp. 755, 768 (C.D. Cal. 1995).

20 Plaintiffs have made several types of claims under the Supremacy Clause. (*See* Compl.  
21 ¶¶ 8, 9, 12, 24, 25, 27, 35, 36, 65, 78-82.) First, Plaintiffs claim that the Proposition 100 laws  
22 are constitutionally preempted because they are an impermissible attempted regulation of  
23 immigration by the state of Arizona, in that they are a state law attempt to “secure our  
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25 <sup>5</sup>A variety of enumerated powers implicate the federal government’s long-recognized  
26 immigration power, including the Commerce Clause, the Naturalization Clause, and the  
27 Migration and Importation Clause. *See* U.S. CONST., art. I, § 8, cl. 3-4; art. I, § 9, cl. 1; *see,*  
28 *e.g., Fong Yue Ting v. United States*, 149 U.S. 698, 706 (1893); *Chae Chan Ping v. United*  
*States*, 130 U.S. 581, 603-04 (1889).

1 borders.” (Compl. ¶ 27.) Plaintiffs also plead a claim based on field preemption, “in that [the  
2 Proposition 100 laws] attempt a classification of unlawful immigrants that conflicts with  
3 federal classifications.” (Pls.’ Resp. 11-12; Compl. ¶¶ 24-27, 35.) The Complaint also alleges  
4 that by instituting a system for determining a person’s immigration status, the Proposition  
5 100 laws conflict with the comprehensive scheme Congress created when it enacted the INA,  
6 including provisions setting forth when people should or should not be detained for  
7 immigration violations. (Pls.’ Resp. 12 (citing 8 U.S.C. §§ 1225(b)(1)(B)(iii)(IV),  
8 1225(d)(2), 1226, 1226A, 1231(a)(2) (INA provisions concerning immigration detention);  
9 Compl. ¶¶ 9, 35, 79-81.)

10 As to Plaintiffs’ claim of express preemption, the Court concludes that the Proposition  
11 100 laws are not an impermissible regulation of immigration by the state of Arizona. “[T]he  
12 fact that aliens are the subject of a state statute does not render it a regulation of immigration,  
13 which is essentially a determination of who should or should not be admitted into the  
14 country, and the conditions under which a legal entrant may remain.” *DeCanas*, 424 U.S. at  
15 355. Whether or not the legislators who backed Proposition 100 or the voters who approved  
16 it were motivated by animus towards undocumented residents of Arizona, bail determinations  
17 are not regulations of immigration, as defined by *DeCanas*. They do not determine who  
18 should be admitted to the U.S., nor do they prescribe conditions under which a legal entrant  
19 may remain. While the INA does contain provisions describing the circumstances under  
20 which immigrants may be detained, those relate to detention for immigration violations, *not*  
21 criminal charges. Ultimately, people like the Plaintiffs, who are subject to the Proposition  
22 100 laws, are being detained because of the crime they are accused of committing. Under the  
23 scheme created by the Proposition 100 laws, Arizona state officials do not directly facilitate  
24 the removal of people who in the country illegally, and they do not make decisions about  
25 immigration status that would be binding on Plaintiffs in a subsequent proceeding in the  
26 immigration system. The Plaintiffs’ claim of express preemption is unavailing.

27 The County Defendants argue that in the absence of express preemption, there is a  
28 presumption against finding a state law preempted by federal law and that, in order to

1 maintain a claim of implied preemption, “the [P]laintiffs must allege sufficient facts to  
2 establish a *prima facie* case that it was ‘the clear and manifest purpose of Congress’ to oust  
3 state power from the field.” (County Defs.’ Mot. 10-11.) In support of this argument and the  
4 “clear and manifest purpose” standard, the County Defendants cite *Fla. Lime & Avocado*  
5 *Growers, Inc. v. Paul*, 373 U.S. 132 (1963) and *DeCanas*. In response, Plaintiffs point to  
6 cases applying the “clear and manifest purpose” standard only to “‘fields of traditional state  
7 regulation.’” (Pls.’ Resp. 12-13 (citing *N.Y. Conference of Blue Cross & Blue Shield Plans*  
8 *v. Travelers Ins. Co.*, 514 U.S. 645, 655 (1995).) *See also Ting v. AT&T*, 319 F.3d 1126,  
9 1136 (9th Cir. 2003). Plaintiffs argue that whether these principles apply in the immigration  
10 context is “at best, doubtful.” (Pls.’ Resp. 12-13.) This dispute notwithstanding, the Supreme  
11 Court, in *DeCanas*, created a test for field preemption: a court must determine whether  
12 Congress intended to effect a “complete ouster of state power – including state power to  
13 promulgate laws not in conflict with federal laws.” 424 U.S. at 357. Even relying on this less  
14 stringent standard, Plaintiffs have not alleged facts that support a conclusion that Congress  
15 intended to effect “a complete ouster of state power” with respect to bail determinations for  
16 state crimes. The INA provisions Plaintiffs cite regulate detention for immigration violations,  
17 not pre-trial detention for state crimes. The Proposition 100 laws are not preempted based  
18 on the federal government’s occupation of the field of immigration regulation.

19       The final inquiry related to preemption is whether the Proposition 100 laws are  
20 preempted because they conflict with the federal statutory scheme or “stand[] as an obstacle  
21 to the accomplishment and execution of the full purposes and objectives of Congress.”  
22 *DeCanas*, 424 U.S. at 357, 363. Plaintiffs argue that the Proposition 100 laws fly in the face  
23 of “Congress’s considered judgment as to when noncitizens should or should not be detained  
24 for federally-defined immigration violations, including when local governments may detain  
25 noncitizens for immigration purposes” and as to whether incarceration is appropriate  
26 punishment for unlawful presence. (Pls.’ Resp. 12 (citing 8 U.S.C. § 1325).) Plaintiffs argue  
27 that these laws “effectively impose incarceration for unlawful presence” in the U.S. (*Id.*) As  
28 discussed above, however, the Proposition 100 laws do not impose incarceration for unlawful

1 presence or other federally-defined immigration violations. They merely deny release on  
2 bond after a person is charged with a serious crime. The Proposition 100 laws are not  
3 preempted by federal law on a conflict theory either. Accordingly, the Court will grant the  
4 County Defendants' Motion as to Count Seven.

5 **b. Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six**

6 As discussed, the County Defendants' arguments about preemption as to claims other  
7 than Count Seven are incorrect and will not be analyzed in this Order. The County  
8 Defendants' Motion does not make any other arguments as to Counts One, Two, Three, Four,  
9 and Six, which rely on the Fifth, Eight, and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.  
10 Therefore, the Motion is denied as to those Counts. As the Motion does not make mention  
11 of Count Five, it is also denied as to that Count.

12 **C. Defendant Mundell's Motion to Dismiss**

13 **1. Immunity**

14 Defendant Mundell moves to dismiss the Complaint against her pursuant to Rules  
15 12(b)(1) and (6), arguing that she is immune from suit both as a judge and as a representative  
16 of the Superior Court of Maricopa County, an arm of the state of Arizona. (Def. Mundell's  
17 Mot. 3-5.) At oral argument, Plaintiffs agreed with the Court's statement that "the only claim  
18 against Judge Mundell that this Complaint asserts is that she is in charge of Pretrial Services,  
19 and she is the one that gave Pretrial Services the direction to ask these alleged . . .  
20 unconstitutional questions without the appropriate warnings[.]" (Tr. 12:6-10.) Plaintiffs seek  
21 to enjoin Judge Mundell from allowing Pretrial Services to ask the allegedly unconstitutional  
22 questions. (Tr. 12:16-19.)

23 It is well settled that judges are protected by absolute immunity where (1) the  
24 challenged act is judicial in nature and (2) the act was not performed in the absence of  
25 jurisdiction. *Mireles v. Waco*, 502 U.S. 9, 11-12 (1991) (per curiam); *Schucker v. Rockwood*,  
26 846 F.2d 1202, 1204 (9th Cir. 1988). Judicial acts include those where "(1) the precise act  
27 is a normal judicial function; (2) the events occurred in the judge's chambers [or courtroom];  
28 (3) the controversy centered around a case then pending before the judge; and (4) the events



1 at issue arose directly and immediately out of a confrontation with the judge in his or her  
2 official capacity.” *New Alaska Dev. Corp. v. Guetschow*, 869 F.2d 1298, 1302 (9th Cir.  
3 1989); *see also Duvall v. County of Kitsap*, 260 F.3d 1124, 1133 (9th Cir. 2001) (reiterating  
4 the *New Alaska* factors). The Ninth Circuit has explained that “in determining whether a  
5 particular action is judicial in nature, a court needs to focus on the relationship between the  
6 action and the adjudicative process.” *Meek v. County of Riverside*, 183 F.3d 962, 967 (9th  
7 Cir. 1999). Moreover, § 1983 also provides that “injunctive relief shall not be granted” in an  
8 action brought against “a judicial officer for an act or omission taken in such officer’s  
9 judicial capacity . . . unless a declaratory decree was violated or declaratory relief was  
10 unavailable.” 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

11 Plaintiffs’ claims against Judge Mundell are grounded in her actions as supervisor of  
12 Pretrial Services, in particular with respect to the questions asked of detainees in an allegedly  
13 unconstitutional manner. Looking at the relationship between Judge Mundell’s  
14 implementation of the Proposition 100 laws as they relate to Pretrial Services and the  
15 adjudicative process and applying the *New Alaska* factors, this function does not appear to  
16 the Court to be judicial. Supervising Pretrial Services is not a traditional judicial function,  
17 and the controversy in this case does not arise out of a case pending before Judge Mundell.  
18 In *Partington v. Gedan*, 961 F.2d 852, 866-67 (9th Cir. 1992), the Ninth Circuit held that  
19 “[t]he promulgation and enforcement of a state’s rules of ethics is frequently a function of  
20 the judiciary.” However, in a more closely analogous situation, the Ninth Circuit upheld a  
21 claim against Chief Justice George, who was sued in his administrative capacity as Chair of  
22 the Judicial Council, while affirming the dismissal of claims against other judges who were  
23 sued in their judicial capacity. *Wolfe v. Strankman*, 392 F.3d 358, 366 (9th Cir. 2004) (citing  
24 *Sup. Ct. of Va. v. Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc.*, 446 U.S. 719, 736 (1980) (“We need not  
25 decide whether judicial immunity would bar prospective relief, for we believe that the  
26 Virginia Court and its chief justice properly were held liable in their enforcement  
27 capacities.”)).

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1 Courts have often held that when a judge is acting as an employer or in a strictly  
2 administrative capacity, his or her actions are not protected by absolute immunity. *See, e.g.,*  
3 *Wolfe*, 392 F.3d at 366 (claim allowed against judge in his administrative capacity as Chair  
4 of the Judicial Council); *Guercio v. Brody*, 814 F.2d 1115 (6th Cir. 1987) (judge not shielded  
5 by judicial immunity for act of firing confidential personal secretary); *McMillan v. Svetanoff*,  
6 793 F.2d 149 (7th Cir. 1986) (firing court reporter is not a judicial act); *Goodwin v. Circuit*  
7 *Ct. of St. Louis County*, 729 F.2d 541 (8th Cir. 1984) (decision to remove a hearing officer  
8 was an administrative rather than a judicial act); *Richardson v. Koshiba*, 693 F.2d 911 (9th  
9 Cir. 1982) (act of appointing state judges involves an executive not a judicial act). In  
10 *Forrester v. White*, 484 U.S. 219 (1988), a former probation officer sued a state judge for  
11 damages resulting from her demotion, allegedly in violation of § 1983. The Supreme Court  
12 stressed that, in determining the scope of judicial immunity, the focus must be on the  
13 “functions it protects and serves.” *Id.* at 227 (emphasis in original). “Judges are granted  
14 absolute immunity for their judicial actions in order to safeguard independent and principled  
15 judicial decision making.” *Meek*, 183 F.3d at 966. Judge Mundell, in her capacity as  
16 supervisor of Pretrial Services, acts in an administrative capacity, *not* a judicial capacity, so  
17 granting her absolute immunity in this case would not protect her judicial independence.  
18 Thus, she is not immune in her administrative capacity.<sup>6</sup>

19 Judge Mundell cites language from *Wolfe* stating that “‘a court should not enjoin  
20 judges from applying statutes when complete relief can be afforded’ by enjoining other  
21 parties, because ‘it is ordinarily presumed that judges will comply with a declaration of a  
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24 <sup>6</sup>Judge Mundell also argues that the claims against her should be dismissed because  
25 there is no “case or controversy” between her and the Plaintiffs. This argument rests on the  
26 contention that “a party challenging the constitutionality of a state law cannot sue a state  
27 court judge whose role is deciding cases in accordance with the challenged law.” (Def.  
28 Mundell’s Reply 4.) The court in *Wolfe* also considered this contention and rejected it with  
respect to the judge who was sued in his administrative capacity, as Judge Mundell is here.  
*Wolfe*, 392 F.3d at 365-66. In this case, the argument is equally unavailing, because Judge  
Mundell is not being sued for any actions related to her adjudicative duties.

1 statute's unconstitutionality without further compulsion.” 392 F.3d at 366 (quoting *In re*  
2 *Justices of Sup. Ct. of P.R.*, 695 F.2d 17, 23 (1st Cir. 1982)). However, in *Wolfe*, the Ninth  
3 Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the judges who were sued in their judicial capacity in part  
4 *because* it upheld the claim against Chief Justice George in his administrative capacity. The  
5 court in *Wolfe* held that if the plaintiff was “successful on the merits, he [could] obtain  
6 complete relief in his suit against Chief Justice George in his administrative capacity as Chair  
7 of the Judicial Council and [another defendant].” *Id.* In the instant case, Plaintiffs have  
8 argued, “Judge Mundell is the only [defendant] responsible for supervising Pretrial Services.  
9 Therefore, to the extent that this Court finds that the policy and practice adopted by Pretrial  
10 Services is unconstitutional, it must have before it a party responsible for that policy.” (Pls.’  
11 Resp. to Def. Mundell’s Mot. 5.) Unlike the situation in *Wolfe*, none of the other parties in  
12 this case has supervisory authority over Pretrial Services. Accordingly, Judge Mundell must  
13 remain a defendant.

14 Judge Mundell also argues that she is immune under the Eleventh Amendment’s  
15 guarantee of sovereign immunity. (Def. Mundell’s Reply 2-4.) *See, e.g., Pennhurst State Sch.*  
16 *& Hosp. v. Halderman*, 465 U.S. 89, 98 (1984) (holding that states cannot be sued in federal  
17 court unless they waive sovereign immunity). Also, “[a] state and its officials sued in their  
18 official capacity are not considered ‘persons’ within the meaning of § 1983.” *Wolfe*, 392 F.3d  
19 at 364 (citing *Cortez v. County of L.A.*, 294 F.3d 1186, 1188 (9th Cir. 2002)). However,  
20 under *Ex parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), “a state official in his or her official capacity,  
21 when sued for injunctive relief, would be a person under § 1983 because ‘official-capacity  
22 actions for prospective relief are not treated as actions against the State.’” *Will v. Mich. Dep’t*  
23 *of State Police*, 491 U.S. 58, 71 n.10 (1989) (quoting *Kentucky v. Graham*, 473 U.S. 159, 167  
24 n.14 (1985)). *See also Pittman v. Or., Employment Dep’t*, 509 F.3d 1065, 1071 (9th Cir.  
25 2007) (“Sovereign immunity also does not bar suits for prospective injunctive relief against  
26 individual state officials acting in their official capacity.”); *Ybarra v. Town of Los Altos Hills*,  
27 503 F.2d 250, 253 (9th Cir. 1974) (same). Plaintiffs here sue Judge Mundell in her official  
28 capacity as supervisor of Pretrial Services, for prospective injunctive relief. Therefore, Judge

1 Mundell is not protected by sovereign immunity for this claim. Her Motion to Dismiss is  
2 denied.

### 3 **2. Pullman Abstention**

4 Judge Mundell also argues that this Court should abstain on the basis that Plaintiffs  
5 failed to take advantage of an adequate state remedy, pursuant to *R.R. Comm'n of Tex. v.*  
6 *Pullman Co.*, 312 U.S. 496, 499-501 (1941). In *Pullman*, the Supreme Court held that federal  
7 courts should refrain from deciding questions of state law where a state court ruling could  
8 clarify the law and render a federal court decision unnecessary. *Id.* at 500. Judge Mundell  
9 argues that, pursuant to the recent decision by the Court of Appeals of Arizona in *Segura*,  
10 2008 WL 1822308, people like the Plaintiffs have the opportunity to request an  
11 individualized bail hearing if they are denied bail at their initial appearances. (Def. Mundell's  
12 Mot. 11 n.4, n.5.) This, Judge Mundell contends, creates a state remedy to the constitutional  
13 claims Plaintiffs make with respect to the Proposition 100 laws and their implementation, a  
14 remedy neither of the Plaintiffs have pursued. (Def. Mundell's Mot. 11.) As the Ninth Circuit  
15 has explained, *Pullman* abstention is not appropriate in situations where "the driving force  
16 behind each of the Plaintiffs' claims is a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution,  
17 and state court clarification of state law would not make a federal court ruling unnecessary."  
18 *Hydrick v. Hunter*, 500 F.3d 978, 987 n.6 (9th Cir. 2007). In this case, if Plaintiffs were to  
19 receive hearings under *Segura*, it would not necessarily obviate the need for a federal court  
20 to examine their federal constitutional claims. Where, as here, the claim involves federal  
21 constitutional law, *Pullman* abstention is not appropriate.

### 22 **D. Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification**

23 The procedure for establishing a class action is set forth in Rule 23 of the Federal  
24 Rules of Civil Procedure, which outlines four requirements: (1) the proposed class must be  
25 so numerous that joinder of all members as parties would be impracticable; (2) common  
26 questions of law and fact must exist as to all members of the class; (3) the claims of the  
27 proposed named plaintiffs must be typical of those of the class, and (4) the named plaintiffs  
28 and their counsel must fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. Fed. R. Civ.

1 P. 23(a). These requirements are referred to as numerosity, commonality, typicality, and  
2 adequacy. “In addition to satisfying Rule 23(a)’s prerequisites, parties seeking class  
3 certification must show that the action is maintainable under Rule 23(b)(1), (2), or (3).”  
4 *Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S. 591, 614 (1997). Rule 23(b)(2) provides that class  
5 certification is appropriate when “the party opposing the class has acted or refused to act on  
6 grounds that apply generally to the class, so that final injunctive relief or corresponding  
7 declaratory relief is appropriate respecting the class as a whole.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2).

8 Plaintiffs seek to certify a class defined as follows: “[a]ll persons who have been or  
9 will be ineligible for release on bond by an Arizona state court in Maricopa County pursuant  
10 to Section 22(A)(4) of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. § 13-3961(A)(5).” (Pls.’ Mot. 3.)  
11 Defendants respond that the Court should refrain from ruling on Plaintiffs’ Motion until  
12 Defendants are able to conduct discovery on whether the named Plaintiffs can adequately  
13 protect the interests of the parties or, in the alternative, deny the motion without prejudice.<sup>7</sup>  
14 (County Defs.’ Resp. 4-8.) In their Response, the County Defendants did not contest the  
15 numerosity, commonality, or typicality requirements of Rule 23(a), nor did they challenge  
16 Plaintiffs’ assertion that they satisfy the requirements of Rule 23(b)(2). (Pls.’ Mot. 4.) At the  
17 Hearing, counsel for the County Defendants requested time to conduct discovery on whether  
18 or not the named Plaintiffs had requested or received individualized bail determinations  
19 under *Segura*, for the purposes of establishing commonality and typicality. (Tr. 39:23-24.)  
20 The Court authorized the parties to submit limited additional evidence after the Hearing on  
21 the factual issues related to these proceedings. (Tr. 43:3-10; Docs. 41, 44.) Considering this  
22 evidence and the arguments of counsel, this Court grants Plaintiffs’ Motion to Certify Class  
23 for the following reasons.<sup>8</sup>

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25 <sup>7</sup>Defendants also argue that the Court should refrain from deciding Plaintiffs’ Motion  
26 until it rules on Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. (County Defs.’ Resp. 3-4.) This argument  
27 is moot because the Motions are both being considered in this Order.

28 <sup>8</sup>As the County Defendants do not contest the Plaintiffs’ assertion that they satisfy the  
numerosity requirement or the requirements of Rule 23(b)(2), the Court will not analyze

1                   **1. Commonality**

2                   Plaintiffs must show that there is a common issue of law or fact among the members  
3 of the proposed class. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2). “Commonality focuses on the relationship of  
4 common facts and legal issues among class members.” *Dukes v. Wal-Mart, Inc.*, 509 F.3d  
5 1168, 1177 (9th Cir. 2007). The commonality factor “has been construed permissively. All  
6 questions of fact and law need not be common to satisfy the rule. The existence of shared  
7 legal issues with divergent factual predicates is sufficient, as is a common core of salient  
8 facts coupled with disparate legal remedies within the class.” *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150  
9 F.3d 1011, 1019 (9th Cir. 1998). “[N]ot all questions of fact and law need to be common to  
10 satisfy [Rule 23(a)(2)].” *Parra v. Bashas’, Inc.*, 536 F.3d 975, 978 (9th Cir. 2008) (citing  
11 *Hanlon*, 150 F.3d at 1019).

12                   This case raises numerous issues of both law and fact that are common to the members  
13 of the proposed class. For instance, all members of the putative class are being held in  
14 custody by Maricopa County based on a finding of ineligibility for bail under the Proposition  
15 100 laws. The named Plaintiffs and the proposed class members “seek a fair and  
16 individualized bail hearing as required by the U.S. Constitution.” (Pls.’ Mot. 8 n.3.) Plaintiffs  
17 have advanced a variety of constitutional claims with respect to the Proposition 100 laws,  
18 including alleged violations of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel, of the right against  
19 self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment, of the substantive and procedural due process  
20 guarantees of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, and of the Supremacy Clause.

21                   In her affidavit, Sally Wolfgang Wells, Chief Assistant County Attorney for Maricopa  
22 County, states that any person who receives an adverse bail determination is able to request  
23 an “individualized bail determination,” as required by the *Segura* decision. (Wells. Aff. ¶ 5.)  
24 Such requests are “routinely” granted, and “the accused is entitled to a full hearing at which  
25 the State has the burden of proof on the bail issue, the accused has the right to representation

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27 those issues in depth. Plaintiffs’ arguments on numerosity are compelling, and the Court  
28 finds that Plaintiffs have established that element. The Court also finds that the Plaintiffs  
have established that they meet the requirements of Rule 23(b)(2).

1 of counsel, and the accused has the right to cross examine witnesses and offer evidence.”  
2 (*Id.*) However, Ms. Wells’ affidavit does not explain which issues are taken into  
3 consideration at the *Segura* hearings. Robert McWhirter, Senior Attorney in the Maricopa  
4 County Legal Defenders Office agrees with Ms. Wells’ statement that requests for *Segura*  
5 hearings are granted. (McWhirter Aff. ¶ 3.) However, he further states that the focus of the  
6 hearing is on whether the government has met its burden of showing, under the Proposition  
7 100 laws, that “there is proof evident and presumption great that the defendant committed  
8 the offense[] and whether there is probable cause to believe that the defendant entered or  
9 remained in the United States unlawfully.” (*Id.* at ¶ 4.) “If the prosecution meets its burden,  
10 then the Maricopa County court will not consider whether the defendant should be released  
11 based upon an individualized evaluation of flight risk and danger to the community.” (*Id.*)

12 Ms. Wells states that neither named Plaintiff “has ever requested an individualized  
13 bail determination hearing but [both] have filed numerous other motions.” (Wells. Aff. ¶ 7.)  
14 Whether or not the named Plaintiffs or any other similarly-situated people have received  
15 hearings pursuant to *Segura*, common issues of law and fact still remain among all the  
16 members of the putative class because Plaintiffs challenge the Proposition 100 laws as being  
17 unconstitutional. Hearings under *Segura* merely apply those laws, according to both the  
18 Wells and McWhirter Affidavits. As the Court noted at the Hearing, members of the  
19 proposed class “still haven’t gotten . . . [a] determination, defendant by defendant, of  
20 dangerousness or flight risk.” (Tr. at 40:25-41:1.) Plaintiffs have established commonality,  
21 based on the common issues of law and fact affecting all members of the proposed class.

## 22 2. Typicality

23 Plaintiffs must also demonstrate that their claims are typical of the claims of the  
24 proposed class, in order to comply with Rule 23(a)(3). “Typicality requires that the named  
25 plaintiffs be members of the class they represent.” *Dukes*, 509 F.3d at 1184 (citing *Gen. Tel.*  
26 *Co. of Sw. v. Falcon*, 457 U.S. 147, 156 (1982)). Named plaintiffs must “possess the same  
27 interest and suffer the same injury as the class members.” *Id.* (citing *E. Tex. Motor Freight*  
28 *Sys., Inc. v. Rodriguez*, 431 U.S. 395, 403 (1977) (internal citation omitted)). “[T]ypicality



1 focuses on the relationship of facts and issues between the class and its representatives.”  
2 *Dukes*, 509 F.3d at 1184. The Ninth Circuit has held that “[u]nder the rule’s permissive  
3 standards, representative claims are ‘typical’ if they are reasonably coextensive with those  
4 of absent class members; they need not be substantially identical.” *Id.* (citing *Hanlon*, 150  
5 F.3d at 1020). As discussed above, Plaintiffs are members of the proposed class, regardless  
6 of whether they have requested or received a *Segura* hearing. All the members of the  
7 proposed class are similarly incarcerated based on the categorical bar on bail created by the  
8 Proposition 100 laws. Their constitutional claims are largely the same, and even if there were  
9 slight variations from case to case, the claims of the named Plaintiffs would still be  
10 “reasonably coextensive with those of absent class members.” Plaintiffs have established  
11 typicality.

### 12 3. Adequacy

13 The adequacy inquiry “serves to uncover conflicts of interest between named parties  
14 and the class they seek to represent.” *Amchem Prods.*, 521 U.S. at 625. The adequacy  
15 requirement “‘tend[s] to merge’ with the commonality and typicality criteria of Rule 23(a),  
16 which ‘serve as guideposts for determining whether . . . maintenance of a class action is  
17 economical and whether the named plaintiff’s claim and the class claims are so interrelated  
18 that the interests of the class members will be fairly and adequately protected in their  
19 absence.’” *Id.* at n.20 (quoting *Falcon*, 457 U.S. at 157 n.13). “This factor requires: (1) that  
20 the proposed representative Plaintiffs do not have conflicts of interest with the proposed  
21 class, and (2) that Plaintiffs are represented by qualified and competent counsel.” *Dukes*, 509  
22 F.3d at 1185. The test of typicality “‘is whether other members have the same or similar  
23 injury, whether the action is based on conduct which is not unique to the named plaintiffs,  
24 and whether other class members have been injured by the same course of conduct.’” *Hanon*  
25 *v. Dataproducts Corp.*, 976 F.2d 497, 508 (9th Cir. 1992) (quoting *Schwartz v. Harp*, 108  
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1 F.R.D. 279, 282 (C.D. Cal. 1985)). The adequacy requirement also “factors in competency  
2 and conflicts of class counsel.” *Amchem Prods.*, 521 U.S. at 625 n.20.<sup>9</sup>

3 County Defendants argue that “there is antagonism between [the named Plaintiffs],  
4 as alleged current claimants, versus those future illegal immigrants that are future claimants.”  
5 (County Defs.’ Resp. 8 (emphasis in original).) In cases involving monetary damages, courts  
6 have sometimes held that named Plaintiffs cannot adequately represent the class of future  
7 plaintiffs because there will be an inevitable conflict of economic interest. *See, e.g., Ortiz v.*  
8 *Fibreboard Corp.*, 527 U.S. 815, 855-57 (1999) (noting conflict of interest between present  
9 and future tort claim holders with regard to settlement of suit for money damages). In this  
10 case, however, the Plaintiffs are seeking injunctive and declaratory relief, so no such  
11 financial motivation prevents them from adequately representing the interests of the proposed  
12 class.

13 The County Defendants have also argued that Plaintiffs cannot adequately represent  
14 the class members (1) because their liberty is at stake in their criminal cases, making their  
15 interests antagonistic to those of the other class members, and (2) because Plaintiffs might  
16 face immigration consequences based on the criminal charges pending against them, giving  
17 them a strong incentive to act in their own self-interest, to the potential detriment of class  
18 members. (County Defs.’ Resp. 7.) The Court fails to see how either of those two motives  
19 might prevent the Plaintiffs from adequately representing the proposed class. Plaintiffs will,  
20 of course, make numerous decisions in defending the criminal charges against them, but they  
21 are challenging the County’s procedures related to bail determinations, which would not be  
22 affected by the progress of the named Plaintiffs’ individual cases. Also, many members of  
23 the proposed class will face immigration consequences related to the criminal charges against  
24 them, and all members of the class would benefit equally from a favorable decision in this  
25 case. The County Defendants have not presented any reasons related to immigration law to

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27 <sup>9</sup>The County Defendants have not challenged the competency or conflicts of class  
28 counsel.

1 explain why the named Plaintiffs cannot represent the class. The Court concludes that the  
2 named Plaintiffs are adequately able to represent the interests of the absent class members.

3 **III. Conclusions**

4 For the foregoing reasons, the Court concludes as follows:

- 5 • Maricopa County is a proper defendant in this case, and the Board of  
6 Supervisors need not be sued.
- 7 • Defendant Arpaio is a required defendant, both as custodian of the Plaintiffs  
8 for purposes of habeas corpus relief and because of his actions in  
9 implementing the Proposition 100 laws.
- 10 • No Arizona state officer need be joined in order to accord complete relief in  
11 this case.
- 12 • *Younger* abstention is not appropriate in this case because a determination  
13 regarding the constitutionality of the Proposition 100 laws will not affect the  
14 ongoing criminal cases and because there is no other ongoing state proceeding.
- 15 • Plaintiffs have not alleged facts sufficient to state a claim against Defendants  
16 based on federal preemption (Count Seven).
- 17 • Judge Mundell is not immune, either by virtue of judicial immunity or under  
18 the Eleventh Amendment, in her official capacity as supervisor of Pretrial  
19 Services, where she acts in an administrative capacity.
- 20 • Plaintiffs have established numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy  
21 for purposes of their Motion to Certify Class. They have also established that  
22 they meet the requirements of Rule 23(b)(2).

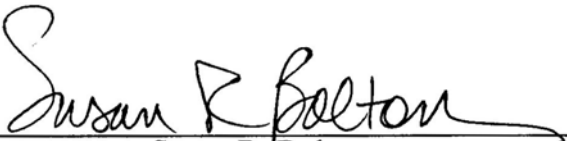
23 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** granting in part and denying in part the County  
24 Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (Doc. 21).

25 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** denying Defendant Mundell's Motion to Dismiss  
26 (Doc. 20).

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class (Doc. 9).

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

  
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Susan R. Bolton  
United States District Judge