

12603 Fawn Run Court  
Ellicott City, MD., 21042  
17 January, 2017

Subject: CB9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members ;

My wife and I are taxpaying resident citizens and, registered voters of Howard County for over six years.

I have thoroughly reviewed the proposed legislative Bill CB9-2017. I cannot support this Bill as proposed, and I doubt that it can be modified to become acceptable. From the definitions and application with “An Act”, through the “Where As' s” and “Prohibitions” paragraph, the language confusing, contradictory and not likely enforceable under any practical circumstance. Further, you have been granted no right nor authority to change US. Constitutional and Federal Legislation, MD. State Law, and specifically, not even under the Howard County Charter. With the oath you took, you have the specific responsibility to uphold and enforce these laws. Under the County Charter, you do not have the right to select the parts of these laws that you will uphold, nor do you have the right to tell or direct County Employees, Police and other First Responders to in-effect break the law, even by an order or Directive of non-enforcement! Please rethink through the implications of your “Directive”, and the likely resulting unintended consequences.

Each of you have taken an Oath of Office, and sworn to uphold these three levels of Law. The Oath of Office does not give you the right to decide what parts of these laws that you will uphold, and which parts not. You may express your opinion and, even propose changes to them by following by following the proscribed processes to effect their change.

I am also concerned with the time and energy this ill-conceived effort is taking away from other pressing County problems and issues. For example, these issues include support to the new Board of Education as it steers its way to correct management and compliance issues with good sense; and, compliance with MD State Board of Education governance and administrative standards; in addition, the timing and availability Adequate Public Facilities and other resources to satisfy current needs and

future requirements; and, the staging and resources necessary resources to effectively implement the recently revised and approved Ten Year Plan.

Finally, and most important is what I call the “Kate Stienle” effects of sanctuary. Just over a year ago, she was stabbed to death in her home city of San Francisco, a sanctuary city, by an immigrant that had deported at least four times and entered/re-entered illegally at least five times. This could have been Our daughter, a graduate of both Johns Hopkins and U. of San Francisco. She lived in San Francisco for almost fourteen years. By any standard, both young ladies were bright, accomplished, and dynamic. ICE and other Federal Agencies sought San Francisco's help in locating and apprehending him for other violent crimes, but were stone-walled with non-cooperation because he was an immigrant protected by their Sanctuary Law. What an obtuse and perverted perspective of Laws, Rights and Protections! As I listened to anguish felt by Kate's father and mother. A father's key responsibilities are to Love, Provide for and Protect his family first, and then his neighbors irrespective of immigration status. I want our Police and first responders to know we stand with them and support them. And, that includes the tools and laws necessary without compromise, so they can openly fulfill their Oath.

Respectfully,

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