

Vote YES on CB17

From Betsy Thornton [REDACTED]
Date Wed 2/4/2026 4:30 PM
To CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>

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Hello,

My name is Catherine Thornton, a resident of Ellicott City and urge you to vote YES on CB17. We need absolute control of keeping ICE out of our community.

Thank you,

Catherine Thornton
[REDACTED]
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We support Council Bill CB17-2026

From James Kaiser [REDACTED]
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To the Council:

We are personally appalled and increasingly alarmed at the activities of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The list of its abuses is long, culminating in the killings of two US citizens. Howard County should stand up against this shameful agency and enact this bill to delineate and codify Howard County's responses.

We strongly urge passage of Council Bill 17-2026.

James Kaiser
Kathryn S. Jones

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CB 17

From john slater [REDACTED]
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Dear Councilmember,

My name is John Slater and I am a resident of District One in Howard County, Maryland.

I am writing to urge you to support CB 17 and to vote in favor of the County Executive developing and publishing guidance related to ICE interactions etc. in Howard County.

ICE is out of control. ICE raise serious concerns regarding oversight, human rights, and community safety—concerns that do not align with Howard County’s long-standing values of fairness, transparency, and inclusion.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of this important issue. I appreciate your support and will be following the bill closely.

John Slater
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Vote NO on CB17

From Kevin Link [REDACTED]
Date Thu 2/5/2026 9:02 AM
To CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>

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Protect our communities and vote NO to CB17. I encourage you to let our local law enforcement cooperate with ICE and allow them to pick up those here illegally in our country, that have committed additional crimes (it is already a crime to enter our country illegally) from our local jails. Our local jails should contact ICE before releasing an illegal alien that has committed an additional crime back into our community. Protect your constituents from pedophiles, murderers, gang members, domestic abusers and human traffickers. Don't let your hate for ICE cloud your judgement. Protecting your legal constituents should be Priority number 1. Thanks.

Kevin Link
[REDACTED]

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From Nancy Klein [REDACTED]
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I wanted to write a brief email before this evening's public meeting expressing my full support for CB17, and urging the council to pass it. I cannot make it to the meeting, but did want to express that I do not want ICE or CBP to get the smallest point of entry into Howard County.

As others have said, I want to make sure ICE has no home in Howard County.

Thank you,
Nancy Klein

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CB17-2026 vote

From Nicholle Markle [REDACTED]
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Dear Chair and Members of the Howard County Council,

I'm writing to urge you to VOTE YES on CB17-2026.

CB17 is a clear, practical step to protect residents and County staff by setting bright-line rules for immigration enforcement activity on County property and inside County facilities.

As I understand it, CB17 would: Require a federal-court warrant (or exigent circumstances) before County staff can grant ICE access to non-public areas of County facilities. Prohibit ICE civil enforcement activities on County-owned or County-controlled lots/garages/vacant lots (including surveillance, staging, processing, detention, or vehicle storage) unless required by law or authorized by a valid judicial warrant, and require clear signage. Make contracts that support ICE operations in Howard County "void and unenforceable" as a matter of public policy. Require the County Executive to publish guidance (including step-by-step procedures, sample scripts, and training expectations) and require departments to adopt policies, train staff, and report on ICE requests and how they were handled.

I also support CB16-2026 to prevent privately-operated detention facilities from being permitted here, but CB17 is the necessary emergency companion bill to ensure the County government is not facilitating ICE civil enforcement "in any capacity" on County property or in County facilities. This is the time to set an example for the state and the nation. Please vote YES on CB17.

Supporting the Emergency Legislation- NO ICE

From Stephanie Greco [REDACTED]
Date Wed 2/4/2026 6:11 PM
To CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>

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Good evening,

I hope it's not too late to be sending this and I hope that you are having a great day.

My name is Stephanie Greco and I'm a single mother to a 7-year old girl. We live less than 2 miles from where ICE was attempting to build a facility.

I sincerely hope that the emergency legislation that was proposed on Monday is passed and that the facility cannot be built. I am deeply concerned and worried about the damage that could be caused to the community on so many different levels. I worry about my safety, my daughter, and all of her friends. Devastating loss and damage occurs everywhere that ICE goes and it leaves destructive wakes in its path that can be felt all across the nation. I have friends that are scared to leave their homes and this is without the facility in Elkridge. I cannot fathom what it will be like if the facility is built.

I am a Licensed Behavior Analyst and work with Autistic children, primarily under the age of 5 and are nonverbal. Most of my client base is within 15 minutes of Elkridge and a lot are minorities. I worry about them on a daily basis for many different reasons, but knowing that ICE has a history of using children as bait by kidnapping them and holding them hostage ([example](#), the 5 year old girl with ASD in MA last September) makes everything worse. As a professional, I should not have to be working with my families to create emergency cards and contingencies in case ICE takes their children. I should not have to be creating behavior protocols designed to keep nonverbal children as compliant as possible so that they do not get harmed by aggressive and violent ICE agents. If this facility comes to our community, my clients will not be safe. My daughter will not be safe. Rockburn Elementary School is less than 2 minutes from the proposed site. I'm not sure if you are aware, but many children with IEP's in the area get sent to Rockburn instead of their home schools because it has more resources and staff to better assist the children. This increases the danger risk to these children and their families.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend in person today to aide the community in protesting the construction of this facility. I've asked dozens of people within Howard County, out of the county, and out of the state to aid in making sure the facility does not get built.

I will happily provide any additional support to make sure our community stays safe and free of a facility, as well as anywhere else in Maryland.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice,
Stephanie N. Greco, LBA, BCBA, MA

CB17

From Suzanne Jones [REDACTED]
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Regards,

Suzanne E. Jones
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste.
You are a child of the universe.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

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From Theano Nikitas [REDACTED]
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Support for Emergency Bill 17-2026

From TOMI T [REDACTED]
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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for Emergency Bill 17-2026, which is necessary to keep our communities safe for ALL.

This legislation reflects the values of our community and affirms Howard County's commitment to public safety, transparency, and human dignity.

Emergency Bill 17-2026 sends a clear message that Howard County will not support the expansion of ICE detention operations that place our vulnerable neighbors at risk and undermine community trust. I appreciate the Council's leadership in taking proactive action on this issue and urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your service and for listening to the voices of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Tomi Thompson

In Support of CB17 - Do Not Work with ICE

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I am sending this e-mail in support of CB17 - require the County Executive to develop and publish guidance related to ICE interactions with the County and on County property, County departments adopt policies consistent with guidance, and render County contracts with ICE void and unenforceable.

I am a U.S. Citizen whose family and spouse are legal immigrants. ICE has shown that they have very little care, or humanity for that matter, for immigrants (documented or undocumented) or anyone who vaguely seems like immigrants to them. Or even straight up U.S. Citizens. Or Native Americans. They have shown, repeatedly, they only care for violence and power.

I have lived in Maryland for over a decade and decided to purchase a home specifically in Howard County because I believe this County is a place of diversity, inclusion, and safety. Everything ICE does is comically opposite of that. This means HoCo and ICE should be fundamentally opposed to each other.

I put my roots down here and I want this place to be welcoming to almost everybody. Almost.

ICE is not welcome in Howard County.

Best,
-Wai Kay

Laurel, MD