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Testimony: Opposed to Council Bill CB9-2017



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CB9-2017

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Sanctuary Designation




Stephen Thomas <sthomas486@verizon.net>



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cball@howardcountymd.gov; Sigaty, Mary Kay; +6 more 

CB9-2017

I have been reviewing the comments sent into some of the media websites (WTOP, etc.) on bill CB-9. I hope all the council members are doing the same.

I haven't find one individual's comment that approves of this bill.

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From Rabbi Seth Bernstein re Council Bill 9-2017



Seth Bernstein <rabbi@betaviv.org>

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My name is Rabbi Seth Bernstein and I reside at 4737 Hallowed Stream, Ellicott City, and I am writing in support of Bill No. 9-2017. I do so for the following five reasons, the last of which is most important.

1. This bill is a declaration of the warm and welcoming atmosphere of our diverse county that stands for civility, decency and acceptance and to be free of prejudice, bigotry and hate—**values** that the citizens of Howard County expect our county to uphold.
2. This bill insures a **safe** environment for people to share information without fear of potential detention or deportation for anyone who communicates with school or government workers or officials. For county employees to inquire about a person's national immigration status is not a function of *county* government or *county* law enforcement.
3. This bill abides by all county, state and federal law and does not break or condone breaking any laws. This bill clearly states that county resources should not be expended in enforcing federal laws of the Immigration and Custom Enforcement agency. There are federal law enforcement officials whose task it is—not our county's task—to enforce such laws.
4. As a Rabbi, I could quote at length about the "cities of refuge" in the Bible, but those cases involved people who committed capital crimes and that is not the case with undocumented individuals in our community. I could wax on about the most repeated commandment and teaching in all of the Torah is none other than "Treat the stranger well for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." It is not only a coincidence that the commandment is repeated thirty-six times in Torah, more than any other commandment. The moral and ethical component behind this bill is more than salient. However, the following reason is by far the most compelling.
5. Howard County law enforcement officers and government officials and workers might be too heavily influenced by the threat of lost federal revenue. However, when weighing the injustice that most certainly will come to individuals if bill No. 9-2017 should not pass, consider the **unfortunate and harmful precedent** that the Council would be establishing. For individuals who break *criminal* laws, Howard County law enforcement officers and government officials have in the past and should in the future aid state and federal law enforcement officers and agencies find those suspected of breaking criminal laws. However, counties, cities and states do not have a history or track record for enforcing the federal **CIVIL** laws. Our federal government has the agencies, personnel and resources to ensure that federal civil laws

are enforced. That is not in the purview, nor is it the duty, of county government officers and officials to enforce federal civil law.

I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No. 9-2017.

Sincerely,

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Support for CB9-2017

 ctsnydal@gmail.com on behalf of Craig <ctsnydal@cantab.net>

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CB9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Representatives,

I am writing to express my sincere support for Legislation # CB9-2017. As representatives of our local government, I urge you to back this bill in order to rightly focus county resources on county issues rather than federal issues. Immigration enforcement is a matter for federal officials, not our county officials. Asking our police to disregard questions of immigration status and simply treat every resident as an equal member of our community is the civil and moral correct action.

I realize you are getting pressure from all sides not to support this bill for reasons that conflate many emotional issues. The passions are understandable, but this bill can easily be supported from a fiscal and "separation of powers" argument.

I am a member of District 1, represented by Jon Weinstein, so I particularly urge Representative Weinstein to support this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Craig Snyder
3792 Plum Spring Ln
Ellicott City

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PS 

paul Spadin <spadinp@gmail.com>

Wed 1/11, 9:32 AM

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Ball, Calvin B

Sun 1/15, 7:05 PM

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Dr. Calvin Ball

Vice Chairperson

Howard County Council, District 2

Ph: 410-313-2001

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"An inspired, concerned and loving society will dignify man; will find the ways to develop his talent; will put the fruits of his labor and intellect to effective use; will achieve brotherhood; eliminate bigotry and intolerance ; will care for the indigent, the delinquent, the sick, the aged; seek the truth and communicate it; respect differences among man."—James Rouse.

From: SThomas229@aol.com <SThomas229@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:18 PM

To: Ball, Calvin B

Cc: Terrasa, Jen; Weinstein, Jon; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg

Subject: CB9-2017

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I found the below about your bill. In the first answer, how is being against criminal action, "prejudice, bigotry or hate"? ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION is by definition a criminal act.

In your second answer, "not assisting the federal government with immigration enforcement" one might postulate that those actions on your part might be going against your oath of office. Sounds kind of like "aiding and abetting known fellows".

Why do we need this legislation?

This bill is an important statement of our values as a community.

Unfortunately, given the recent national political climate and increased incidents of hate speech and violence across the country, many residents of Howard County fear for their personal safety and the loss of civil liberties.

We must proactively reaffirm our

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This bill is also an important public safety measure.

It is critically important to our public safety that all victims and witnesses of crime in our community feel comfortable coming forward to law enforcement to share information without fear of potential detention or deportation.

We must make it explicitly clear to all Howard County residents, regardless of their immigration status, that local law enforcement is here to keep our community safe, not to assist the federal government with immigration enforcement.

Fear of deportation is often a reason why victims of domestic violence and human trafficking don't seek assistance. We must use every tool we can to help break down that barrier.

This bill makes Howard County stronger and safer for all of us.

Please do not pursue this legislation.

Respectfully,

Stephen Thomas

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Fw: NO SANTUARY IN HOWARD COUNTY PLEASE



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Ball, Calvin B

Mon 1/16, 2:59 PM

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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

From: cpowel@verizon.net <cpowel@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:09 PM
To: Ball, Calvin B
Subject: NO SANTUARY IN HOWARD COUNTY PLEASE

Councilman,
Please DO NOT allow Howard County to become a Sanctuary. Thank You!
v/r,
Chris Powell
2755 Thornbrook Rd.
Ellicott City, Md. 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:39 PM
To: ROBIN WALTER
Subject: Re: Say No to CB9-2017

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Thank you again for expressing your position to the County Council.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
410-313-2001

From: ROBIN WALTER <rwalter8@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:35:18 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg
Subject: Say No to CB9-2017

I have a Howard County resident and a Home owner. My address is 11978 Simpson Road, Clarksville, MD.

Please vote no for this bill. How will this bill benefit our county

Thank you
Robin Walter
301-854-3493

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Charlene Daniel-Green
Subject: Re: OPPOSE CB9-2017

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From: Charlene Daniel-Green <MDGrad86@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:14:54 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg
Subject: OPPOSE CB9-2017

We do NOT need Howard County, our home, to be a "sanctuary city". The absurdity of this bill makes me want to vomit. Howard County is a diverse county, and accepts all people of all races, religions, backgrounds, and income levels. All who enter this country legally are more than welcome. Those who enter illegally do not deserve to have our home serve as their sanctuary.

DO NOT support this bill. There is nothing good in it for the hard working, tax paying citizens of this county.

Charlene Daniel-Green
Hanover, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:28 PM
To: matt1970@gmail.com
Subject: Re: I oppose sanctuary city legislation

Good afternoon Mr. Moore,

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From: Matt moore <matt1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:47:05 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: I oppose sanctuary city legislation

Dear Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty,

As a local resident, I urge you to oppose sanctuary city legislation currently under consideration because:

- 1) Sanctuary policies threaten public safety and prioritize the interests of criminal aliens over legal residents. Too many lives have already been lost due to dangerous sanctuary policies.
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- 3) Sanctuary policies would only increase illegal immigration to Maryland and send the message that illegal aliens—even those who commit serious criminal offenses—are welcome in the state.

Regards,
Matt moore
3134 Greenway Dr
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:23 PM
To: T Coll
Subject: Re: Testimony: Opposed to Council Bill CB9-2017

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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:07 PM
To: paul Spadin
Subject: Re: sanctuary

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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Michael Knowles
Subject: Re: No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

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From: Michael Knowles <mwk2822@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:03:44 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

RE: CB9-2017

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Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Sherry Sullivan
2822 Saddlebred Court
Glenwood, MD 21738

Sent from my iPad

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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Scott Maurer
Subject: Re: No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

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From: Scott Maurer <dr.scottmaurer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:41:30 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:14 PM
To: RWeaver@cassevern.com
Subject: Re: CB9

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From: RWeaver@cassevern.com <RWeaver@cassevern.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:31:06 PM

To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg

Cc: Terrasa, Jen; Kittleman, Allan

Subject: Fw: CB9

Hello Howard County Representatives - I sent this message to my representative the other day and have received no response. I thought it best to convey my thoughts to the voting body as a whole as I believe I represent the typical Howard County resident.

Councilman Terrasa,

I am a constituent of yours on Curtis Drive in Columbia and I wanted to send this note to voice my opposition to CB9. I have read through the bill and I see no reason why this would be good for the citizens of Howard County. I don't understand what makes you and Dr Ball think that providing sanctuary and benefits to persons who are in the county/country illegally is a good idea. To invite people who are already breaking the law into the county as a sanctuary just seems stupid. I was pleased to see that you specifically wrote in the legislation that you do not intend to overrule federal law and that this bill doesn't promote obstruction of immigration law. However, I would prefer to NOT live in a place where the welcome mat is out for any foreign criminal to come in a claim services they are not entitled to receive. CB9 is nothing but a weakening of the rule of law and it will do nothing but make the county a more dangerous place to live. I understand that your job as a councilman is to protect your constituents and CB9 does not help in that regard. CB9 really just gets your name in the news and let's the world know that Howard County is a home for the ultra-liberal. Please stop this nonsense now.

Rich Weaver

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Chao Wu; Clay, Mary
Cc: Jean Xu; J Kim; pravinponnuri@hotmail.com; Singleton, Julia; Hongling Zhou; ymatties@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Greetings from Chao Wu about Sanctuary Howard Bill

Chao,

I appreciate your reply.

As you are aware, the public hearing is the community's opportunity to appear before the entire Council and share one's viewpoints. It is by no means the final opportunity to meet with, discuss or propose amendments to legislation. If it helps, we can certainly coordinate a meeting at a later time if the group would like to do so.

All, please feel free to send in your written testimony to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. All five members would receive it and have an opportunity to consider your statements. The record on this legislation will remain open – you may comment or meet with any Council member – until it is voted. The first available opportunity for Council Bill 9-2017 to be voted is Monday, February 6, 2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mary

—
Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4
mclay@howardcountymd.gov
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From: Chao Wu <chao.wu@ca-board.org>
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:01 PM
To: Mary Clay <mclay@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Jean Xu <jeanjxu@yahoo.com>, Mary Kay Sigaty <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>, J Kim <atomymd@gmail.com>, "pravinponnuri@hotmail.com" <pravinponnuri@hotmail.com>, Julia Singleton <jsingleton@howardcountymd.gov>, Hongling Zhou <honglingz.jie@gmail.com>, "ymatties@hotmail.com" <ymatties@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Greetings from Chao Wu about Sanctuary Howard Bill

Mary,

Thank you very much for your prompt response. Unfortunately I could not make any of dates.

Since the public testimony is next Tuesday night, let's cancel this meeting for the moment. After the public hearing, we may meet again.

Best regards,

Chao

On Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Clay, Mary <mclay@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Chao,

Here are a couple of possibilities for another date and time:

Sunday, January 15 at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 16 at 10 or 11 a.m.

Tuesday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Please let me know which times work best for the group. Also, please let me know how many persons would be able to attend each time proposed above.

Thanks,

Mary

Mary T. Clay | Special Assistant to Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty

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From: Clay, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Chao Wu
Cc: Jean Xu; Sigaty, Mary Kay; J Kim; pravinponnuri@hotmail.com; Singleton, Julia; Hongling Zhou
Subject: Re: Greetings from Chao Wu about Sanctuary Howard Bill

Chao,

Thanks for helping me reschedule. Is it possible that everyone would like to push our meeting to the weekend of January 20-22? Or at 4:30 p.m. on January 17th (since the hearing begins at 6 p.m.)?

Mary

Mary Clay

Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty

Howard County Council, District 4

On Jan 11, 2017, at 12:17 PM, Chao Wu <chao.wu@ca-board.org> wrote:

Clay,

Many of my neighbors could not make it due to the time change. So I emailed them and canceled it. I could not make it either.

However, Pravin from Indian American community, Jenny Kim from Korean American community and Hongling Zhou from Chinese American community would still like to meet Ms. Sigaty on next Monday 11:00AM.

Is that good?

Thanks.

Chao

On Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 8:39 PM, Clay, Mary <mclay@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Dear Chao,

I was reviewing the upcoming forecast and I noticed the prediction for a snow/ice mix for Saturday morning. I think it would be prudent to have a plan in the event the forecast proves accurate and it might be hazardous to travel.

Would you and your neighbors be available on Monday, January 16th at 10 or 11 a.m.?

Thanks for considering,

Mary

Mary Clay

Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty

Howard County Council, District 4

On Jan 6, 2017, at 1:32 PM, Chao Wu <chao.wu@ca-board.org> wrote:

Mary,

Thanks for arranging this. We will collect those information and meet in the council office on Jan. 14, 2017.

Best regards,

Chao

On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Clay, Mary <mclay@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dr. Wu and Ms. Xu,

Councilperson Sigaty would be pleased to meet with you. She is unavailable this weekend, but next weekend would work for her schedule. Let's set the meeting for Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 11 AM at the Council office in the George Howard Building (3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City). When you arrive in the parking lot,

please call me at 410-313-2454 and I will ensure that we open the door to the building for you (the main entrance is locked on the weekend).

I have two requests:

1. Would you provide us with the names of the residents who will be joining you?
2. Would you send to us in advance of our meeting any questions, comments, et cetera that you may have regarding CB9-2017?

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

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From: Chao Wu [<mailto:chao.wu@ca-board.org>]

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 9:04 AM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Cc: Clay, Mary; Jean Xu

Subject: Greetings from Chao Wu about Sanctuary Howard Bill

Dear Mary K,

This is Chao Wu from River Hill. Since the introduction of the CB-9 bill, I have been hearing a lot of questions, doubts and supports from the Chinese American and Indian American community.

Do you have any time during this weekend or next weekend such that we can have some coffee together? I would like to invite some residents with me too.

Thanks.

Chao

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Chao Wu, *PhD*

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Ball, Calvin B

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Dr. Calvin Ball

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"An inspired, concerned and loving society will dignify man; will find the ways to develop his talent; will put the fruits of his labor and intellect to effective use; will achieve brotherhood; eliminate bigotry and intolerance; will care for the indigent, the delinquent, the sick, the aged; seek the truth and communicate it; respect differences among man."—**James Rouse.**

From: Chunsheng (Tricia) Zhao <triciazhao@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:49 PM

To: Ball, Calvin B

Subject: Object CB-9

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Based upon the above reasons and facts, we want to desperately make an appeal to you to vote "NO" to CB-9 derived motions in the board for the sake of the benefit of all the current student body in HCPSS.

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Against Bill CB9-2017.




Wei Xue Lu <drwxl2003@yahoo.com>

Thu 1/12, 6:17 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear County Council:

I would not be able to appear in person on the January 17th hearing regarding Bill 9. Please accept the following as my opposition to this Bill.

I am deeply concerned about the bill motioned by County Council Members Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa (pre-filed) CB9-2017. The ramifications of this bill could be deep and broad. It will affect the daily life of people legally living here and paid taxes. Being a legal immigrant came to this country and obey the law, I am for the president elect Donald Trump's "Law and Order". People have right to migrate, but got to do it the right way as a way of showing respect to the country they immigrate to. This bill will encourage inflow of illegal immigrants to our county, affect our schools and put burden on the budget. I am against it.

The trend of victimizing people and use it to ask for rights beyond and above law got to be STOPPED.

Thank you for your service to this county I called home for the past twenty five years.

Sincerely,

Wei Lu, MD, PhD.

[12836 Macbeth Farm Lane](#)
[Clarksville, MD 21029](#)

Re: no sanctuary county

C7 Caiyun Zhao <caiyunzhaoye@icloud.com>

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Sent from my iPhone

Sincerely,

Caiyun Zhao

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Please vote FOR CB9-2017!



Paige Getty <minister@uucolumbia.net>

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Please pass Council Bill 9-2017. It is the right thing to do.

It is the right thing to do to show that our talk of Howard County’s diversity, acceptance, and inclusion is not empty rhetoric.

It is the right thing to do to reassure families that their county leadership will not actively work to tear families apart.

It is the right thing to do as our undocumented neighbors live daily in fear of the deportation forces that the President-elect has promised.

I write as a person of faith, as a clergyperson, as a taxpayer, as a parent of public school students, and as a Howard County resident who welcomes a diversity of neighbors.

This bill would ensure a safer environment for people to share information with law enforcement and school officials without fear of potential detention or deportation.

My faith demands care for the most vulnerable among us, and immigrants without documentation are decidedly vulnerable, especially if they feel unsafe contacting local law enforcement, school administrators, or their local government.

I have heard some dissenters’ assertion that passage of this bill would lead to an influx of undocumented immigrants. And while I don’t share their worry at this possibility, I also don’t believe that such an influx is likely, considering the high cost of living here. More importantly, our priority should be for the residents who already live here – including those who are undocumented and in fear for their families. We must affirm their presence among us and ensure their safety.

This bill abides by county, state and federal law and does not break or condone breaking any

laws.

And we must not let fear guide our decisions – not fear of “others”, not fear of reprisal from the federal government, not fear of change.

Please join the thousands of us in our County (including PATH—People Acting Together in Howard—of which I am a co-chair) who believe in making Howard a Sanctuary County.

I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No. 9-2017.

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Objection to CB9





Greg Soon <gxsoon@yahoo.com>

Thu 1/12, 7:03 PM

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Hi all,

I am a resident in Clarksville since 2004 and I have three kids in the Howard county public schools. I am very concerned about the CB9 bill designating howard county as a sanctuary county, or any proposals for the same purpose for the public schools.

As an immigrant myself, I understand the difficulties one could encounter while as a non-citizen. At the same time, it should be imperative to ensure the safety of the residents here, to respect the immigration system of the country to ensure a fair play and ensure proper vetting process, and to maintain the high education standard this county enjoys.

Please vote NO.

Guoxing Soon and Hong Lu

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Opposition to CB9-2017



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Paul Miller <PRMMD@msn.com>

Thu 1/12, 7:25 PM

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

This letter is in reference to the proposed legislation, CB9-2017, to make Howard County a "Sanctuary County." My wife and I are totally against this proposed legislation and how it could be conceived in the first place is shocking. Choosing which laws to follow is not what we elected you to do. This is clearly a partisan reaction to the recent presidential election. It is time for division to end. What if another law such as obeying the speed limit was not enforced? The reaction is predictable. There would be more people exceeding the speed limit with the associated increase in traffic accidents and deaths that certainly would result. With the proposed legislation, Howard County would become a magnet for illegal aliens and they would consume county benefits that they are not rightfully entitled to. This legislation would also be a magnet to the criminal element that would increase crime in the county. This action would divert funds from other needed services and taxes would certainly go up. This legislation is not the way to deal with the immigration problem. Let's work together to find a real solution that addresses the real problem and not partake in partisan political grandstanding.

Thank you for your attention.

The Millers

Ellicott City, MD

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Keith & Maura Dunnigan <dunniganzoo@verizon.net>

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My household, with 6 Howard County voters supports CB9. I would like to add the following as testimony for my reasons for support, as I am unable to attend next week's hearing. Others in our family, friends, students, neighbors, and community members will surely be testifying with many of the same sentiments, but I wanted to share my own points of view.

I support the Sanctuary County initiative CB 9

*I wasn't born here

*My grandparents came here at 17

*I have taught incredible, smart, hardworking students whose parents brought them here as children. This is the only home they have known.

*I believe we all want a better life for our children.

*I have listened to friends, teammates, and neighbors lived experiences.

*I listened to refugees experiences at Doctors Without Borders, serving at non-profits, and in conversations in the community.

*The religion I was raised in told me things like "Do unto others" and stories of Samaritans and endless scriptures of walking beside people in need. (1John 3:17, Philippians 2:3-4, James 2:14-17, Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 25:35-40, Hebrews 13:2, Luke 3:11..and WWJD?)

*I believe people who flee from violence, oppression, and poverty work hard so as not to experience the same here.

*I believe the measure of our society is how we treat our most vulnerable.

*I want to live in a community of belonging. I will not be triggered by fear mongering or misinformation to turn on people I live with every day.

*I understand that 19% of our county was foreign born. That's one of the many reasons I love it here. I learn from other cultures, religions, and ethnicities. I see the contributions people make in school, working

multiple jobs, on the sports field, or volunteering for organizations. I believe we are better united as One Howard.

*Research shows that people report crimes and call law enforcement when there is trust. Cooperation erodes when people are fearful.

*I abhor violence and recognize that violent crime is lower with immigrant populations. They have much at stake and are more law abiding than most native born people.

*If I was afraid of people committing violent crimes and wanted to stereotype, I'd be weary of all men. I recognize what made my child fearful, cry and others grieve this week was NOT an "outsider," but the classmate who looked very much like they do. Same school, same church, same place of birth.

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*These same people may not take part in surveys, testify publicly, or speak up for obvious reasons.

*County policies that limit assistance with federal immigration agencies are proactive actions that preserve local resources and keep families and communities intact.

*Immigration enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government. Federal laws are followed under CB9.

*Suggesting federal funds will be withdrawn to a county with a Republican CE, with a Republican Gov. in a typically solid blue state is not going to happen. Plus, I could not sleep or look people in the eye because I traded their family for more money.

*I am shocked and disgusted at the personal attacks in response to this bill. Awful. To disagree and dissent is one thing, horrible personal attacks are another level.
Is this our Choose Civility County? Isn't diversity more real when we back up the bumper stickers and slogans with meaningful action?

*I recognize the "ovarian lottery" or luck that where you are born and who you are born to determines almost everything. I also think "what would I do if..." and recognize that walking in someone else's shoes is a profound experience, even if it's only in theory.

Thank you for your consideration,
Maura Dunnigan

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443-956-7969

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Proposed Howard County Bill No 9-2017



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First, I'm a firm believer that we are a nation based on laws stemming first from our Constitution and followed by the laws that have subsequently been passed. I believe it inappropriate and downright unconscionable of the notion that any individual, any legislature, or any of our law enforcement bodies to consider and choose the laws they want to abide by or enforce and which ones they don't. If there is a law then, by default, violating that law is an illegal act. Protecting, harboring, or even turning a blind eye on anyone committing an illegal act, in and of itself, is also an illegal act. On this count, I firmly believe that Howard County legislature and its law enforcement bodies of the police and sheriff department should be bound by oath to uphold the laws of this land. I believe the Howard County Council has an obligation, and has taken an oath, to act and pass legislation that protects the rights, civil liberties, and promotes the safety and security of United States citizens that are residents of Howard County. I can't arbitrarily decide I will abide by this law but not that one. If I do, I suffer the consequences of my violating that law (at least I should). So, how does any legislature that is voted into position 'by the people' contemplate what laws to uphold and which ones not to by way of forbidding cooperation by employees and our law enforcement.

Second, as a 37-year retired veteran from one of this nation's intelligence agencies, who worked during and the aftermath of 9/11, I find it travesty to think of my local legislature and law enforcement not doing anything and everything it can to protect the lives and rights of its law abiding and tax paying citizens. This nation learned a lot from that horrific event and the importance of all of our intelligence agencies and all levels of law enforcement to be able to share information and work together. We have been constantly reminded if we 'see something, say something'. How could this possibly be an appropriate mantra for the individual citizens of this nation only to have any of this nation's state or local legislatures contemplate a law that would bar county employees, including police, from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration authorities. Our intelligence agencies and law enforcement entities at all levels, (national, state, and local county), are all national assets. As such, they should be looking to cooperate with one another to the greatest extent possible. Like members on a football team, each play a specific position but collectively work toward a common 'goal'. If they don't they are easily defeated because they defeated themselves. We should not be putting our nation at risk because we contemplate a law that forbids our local law enforcement from assisting a federal agency in enforcing the law. Doing so is defeating ourselves.

Again, I urge you to vote against and defeat this Bill, support only legislation and actions that protect the lives and rights of the citizens of this county, state, and nation, and stand up against any intentions to the contrary.

Sincerely,
Timothy L. Steele
5120 Durham Road West
Columbia, MD 21044

12 January, 2017

Howard County Council
George Howard Building
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Second, as a 37-year retired veteran from one of this nation's intelligence agencies, who worked during and the aftermath of 9/11, I find it a travesty to think of my local legislature and law enforcement not doing anything and everything it can to protect the lives and rights of its law abiding and tax paying citizens. This nation learned a lot from that horrific event and the importance of all of our intelligence agencies and all levels of law enforcement to be able to share information and work together. We have been constantly reminded if we 'see something, say something'. How could this possibly be an appropriate mantra for the individual citizens of this nation only to have any of this nation's state or local legislatures contemplate a law that would bar county employees, including police, from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration authorities. Our intelligence agencies and law enforcement entities at all levels, (national, state, and local county), are all national assets. As such, they should be looking to cooperate with one another to the greatest extent possible. Like members on a football team, each play a specific position but collectively work toward a common 'goal'. If they don't they are easily defeated because they defeated themselves. We should not be putting our nation at risk because we contemplate a law that forbids our local law enforcement from assisting a federal agency in enforcing the law. Doing so is defeating ourselves.

Again, I urge you to vote against and defeat this Bill, support only legislation and actions that protect the lives and rights of the citizens of this county, state, and nation, and stand up against any intentions to the contrary.

Sincerely,
Timothy L. Steele
5120 Durham Road West
Columbia, MD 21044

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Line 26 of Bill No. 9 -2017 (p.3)





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Thu 1/12, 8:33 PM

michellekgross@gmail.com 



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First Name: Michelle

Last Name: Gross

Email: michellekgross@gmail.com

Street Address: 22 Bybee Court

City: Silver Spring

Subject: Line 26 of Bill No. 9 -2017 (p.3)

Message: Honorable Council Members: I facetiously request that the Council extend the bill to include other Federal laws and policies that adversely impact the quality of life in Howard County. Current: OTHER THAN VIOLATIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES. Proposed Extensions: OTHER THAN VIOLATIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEADBEAT PARENTS PUNISHMENT ACT OF THE UNITED STATES These laws interfere obviously interfere with the citizen-government relationship and communication about the immigration, possession, or marital status of a County resident is no business of anyone in or out of the County. Your support of the proposed extensions will create a welcoming atmosphere for residents with diverse status conditions. Michelle Gross

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Bill No.9-2017: Making Howard County a Sanctuary County

Feng Ouyang <foyang@gmail.com> on behalf of Feng Ouyang <fo15@cornell.edu>

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Dear Councils:

Concerning bill 9-2017 to be introduced on January 3rd, I wrote an inquiry and comment to the author, Dr. Ball on 12/27/2016. So far I have not received a response. As such, I am sharing that communications with you. I look forward to seeing you on the testimony.

Sincerely,

Feng Ouyang

Dear Dr. Ball:

My name is Feng Ouyang and I am a resident and voter in Howard County.

I was recently informed of your intention of introducing Bill No. 9-2017, which declares Howard County a Sanctuary county. I have read the bill and plan to go to the public hearing to learn more and to express my opinion. Meanwhile, I would appreciate it very much if you could clarify some background information for me.

Most importantly, could you highlight a few points where the proposed bill would change any of the current laws, ordinances and common practices? Or is the bill a preemptive affirmation of status quo, in anticipation of policy changes from the Federal Government?

Also, could you discuss any similar measures taken or under consideration in neighboring counties and in the MD-DC-VA area? Would the passage of this bill make Howard County a different environment from the neighboring counties, concerning immigrants?

I also have a technical question. In Section 12.2103, a number of exceptions was listed, where county employees are permitted to ask about citizenship, nationality or immigration status. The exceptions do not include application of social assistance. The fact is some Federal and State social assistance programs are managed by Howard County Department of Social Services. Some of the services (such as Food Stamp) require US citizenship to be eligible (with some exceptions). Perhaps social services should be included as the exception in Section 12.2103 of the bill.

Thanks in advance for your assistance in understanding the bill, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Feng Ouyang
[15154 Sapling Ridge Dr.,
Dayton, MD 21036](mailto:fouyang@gmail.com)

fouyang@gmail.com, 202-507-3009

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Please reject CB-9

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Z!Y <sql.warrior@gmail.com>

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CB9-2017

Hi,

I am resident of Clarksville, MD 21029. I have grave concerns on CB-9. I appeal all of you reject this proposal CB9-2017.

The proposal does not have solid plan. It would do zero help on promote unity of communities but would separate us. It's all about law and order.

Regards

-Zen

[12252 Running Fence Ln, Clarksville, MD](#)

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Thu 1/12, 10:27 AM

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CB9-2017

First Name: Thomas

Last Name: Young

Email: tyoung5041@yahoo.com

Street Address: 9314 gordon ct

City: laurel

Subject: CB9-2017

Message: I do believe all of you took an oath to the Constitution, president elect Trump has stated he will come after sanctuary providers. County elected officials have NO authority over Immigration Law. Article 1 section 8 of the Constitution gives this authority to Congress. Your emotion and opinion do not trump, no pun intended my immunities, privileges and rights as a Citizens of the USA. Also read FINA which states providing sanctuary is a felony that includes local government. I am opposed to this bill

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Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia

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Tina Horn <TinaHorn_CAE@hotmail.com>

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Millennials are more in favor of in-state college tuition for qualified children of undocumented immigrants (57 percent) than the general population (44 percent).

We want Millennials to stay in Howard County to protect our investment in Downtown Columbia and to raise their families here.

Source: https://opportunityagenda.org/millennials_attitudes_immigrants

Please vote yes on CB9.

Sincerely,

Christine (Tina) Horn
[10509 Tolling Clock Way](#)
[Columbia MD 21044](#)

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Council Bill 9




LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>

Thu 1/12, 2:50 PM

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I am writing in full support of Council Bill 9. I am almost certain that the vast majority of Howard County citizens would support a national immigration bill that gave legal status to undocumented immigrants, if such legislation were enacted by our national leaders. Until that day comes, it is incumbent on this exceptional county to do whatever is possible to protect our vulnerable neighbors from fear of deportation. The bill in front of you will provide some assurance that all of our citizens can count on equal protection under our laws. Thank you for looking at this legislation from the lens of our immigrant population, who are valued residents of Howard County. Linda Wengel, writing for myself.

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Support for Howard County as a Sanctuary County

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Denise Underwood-Hannagan <underhan@verizon.net>

Thu 1/12, 3:59 PM

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Hello,

My name is Denise Underwood-Hannagan and I live in the Wheatfield community at 4536 Rusty Gate, Ellicott City. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County for a number of reasons. Primarily, I feel like, as one of the richest counties in the nation, we need to set an example. Citizens of Howard County are proud to be a diverse people who stand for civility, decency, and acceptance, and to be free of prejudice, bigotry, and hate. This bill makes it clear that Howard County is a safe environment for people to share information without fear of detention or deportation.

It is my understanding that this bill abides by all county, state and federal law and does not break or condone breaking any laws. This bill clearly states that county resources should not be expended in enforcing federal laws of the Immigration and Custom Enforcement agency. It is the task of federal law enforcement officials--not our county officials—to enforce such laws.

As a person of faith, my religion compels me to care for the most vulnerable among us. Surely, those without documentation are highly vulnerable, especially if they feel unsafe working with or contacting local law enforcement or their local government. The idea that undocumented people would flock to Howard County because of this bill seems a bit dramatic and is a poor excuse.

As we enter a new era in Washington where acceptance and tolerance seem to be foreign to the new administration, it is key for counties like ours to fill the void. I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No 9-2017.

Peace,

Denise Underwood-Hannagan

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Howard County Parents Strongly Against CB-9



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Sincerely yours,

Zhen Zhang and Xinge Wang
Parents of Aiden and Kaylan Zhang (Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School)
Howard County Residents
Cell: 240-205-3986

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Sanctuary Bill



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First Name: Daria

Last Name: McGehee

Email: skipdariamc@aol.com

Street Address: 4140 Sharp Road



City: Glenelg

Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Message: SAY NO to Howard County Sanctuary bill. Please make certain all council members receive this message. This bill is not necessary and should not be passed. Illegal immigrants should not be enabled to register to vote or other privileges granted to citizens. I plan to be there Tuesday as well.

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"No" to CB-9

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Bill to make Howard County a sanctuary county

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First Name: Alice
Last Name: Pham
Email: alicekpham@yahoo.com
Street Address: 9650 Sandlight Ct
City: Columbia
Subject: Bill to make Howard County a sanctuary county

Message: I am writing to express my support of the proposed bill to make Howard County a sanctuary county. To say that there is no problem is to ignore the very real fears expressed by vulnerable populations such as the Latinos who have testified that, regardless of their immigration status, they are being harassed. Those who are undocumented, regardless of how young they were when they came, are terrified of being sent back to countries they don't know. Furthermore, other immigrants and even non-immigrant Moslems are in need of an affirmation that, whatever contacts they may need to have with county workers, their immigration issue will neither be questioned (even unnecessarily) or factored into their dealings. Finally, nothing in this bill interferes with the detention, arrest, or giving into ICE custody of anybody engaged in criminal activity. This issue is not in response to the election alone but to the whole atmosphere surrounding the recent campaigns and should not be seen as political or directed solely against the president elect. We, as a county with humane pretenses need to reassure all our residents that they will not be victimized in the current environment!

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Yunshan Ye <yunshanye@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,
Yunshan Ye

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Caiyun Zhao
Subject: Re: no sanctuary county

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Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
410-313-2001

From: Caiyun Zhao <caiyunzhaoye@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 6:40:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: no sanctuary county

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Caiyun Zhao

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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Chunsheng (Tricia) Zhao
Subject: Re: Object CB-9

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410-313-2001

From: Chunsheng (Tricia) Zhao <triciazhao@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:54:30 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
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To: Greg Soon
Subject: Re: Objection to CB9

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Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
410-313-2001

From: Greg Soon <gxsoon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:03:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Objection to CB9

Hi all,

I am a resident in Clarksville since 2004 and I have three kids in the Howard county public schools. I am very concerned about the CB9 bill designating howard county as a sanctuary county, or any proposals for the same purpose for the public schools.

As an immigrant myself, I understand the difficulties one could encounter while as a non-citizen. At the same time, it should be imperative to ensure the safety of the residents here, to respect the immigration system of the country to ensure a fair play and ensure proper vetting process, and to maintain the high education standard this county enjoys.

Please vote NO.

Guoxing Soon and Hong Lu

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Paul Miller
Subject: Re: Opposition to CB9-2017

Good afternoon Miller family,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Paul Miller <PRMMD@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:24:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members:

This letter is in reference to the proposed legislation, CB9-2017, to make Howard County a "Sanctuary County." My wife and I are totally against this proposed legislation and how it could be conceived in the first place is shocking. Choosing which laws to follow is not what we elected you to do. This is clearly a partisan reaction to the recent presidential election. It is time for division to end. What if another law such as obeying the speed limit was not enforced? The reaction is predictable. There would be more people exceeding

the speed limit with the associated increase in traffic accidents and deaths that certainly would result. With the proposed legislation, Howard County would become a magnet for illegal aliens and they would consume county benefits that they are not rightfully entitled to. This legislation would also be a magnet to the criminal element that would increase crime in the county. This action would divert funds from other needed services and taxes would certainly go up. This legislation is not the way to deal with the immigration problem. Let's work together to find a real solution that addresses the real problem and not partake in partisan political grandstanding.

Thank you for your attention.

The Millers

Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Hong Ding
Subject: Re: Please be opposition to CB9-2017, thanks.

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From: Hong Ding <hd111@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:56:14 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Please be opposition to CB9-2017, thanks.

Dear Council Member Mary Kay Sigaty,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed bill of CB9-2017 which calls for a making our Howard County a Sanctuary County.

While I am Pro-Immigrant, Pro-Diversity and Anti-Hate, we simply cannot place a beacon on Howard County for immigrants coming to the United States outside of the standing Federal Immigration Laws. This places the

county at risk for residents safety, loss of Federal Funding, paying more tax, uses and strains resources much needed for schools, police and other critical issues in the County.

And this bill is written to be contradictory, and unclear to the actual intent. The consequences may cause severe, reckless and place the county taxpayers at risk. By Charter, the first priority of council member is for the citizens in the county.

Thanks and please be opposition to CB9-2017,

Thanks,

Hong Ding

6432 Shannon Ct
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:06 PM
To: timothy140@verizon.net
Subject: Re: Proposed Howard County Bill No 9-2017

Good afternoon Mr. Steele,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Thank you for sharing your personal and professional perspective on this legislation. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: timothy140@verizon.net <timothy140@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:40:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan; timothy140@verizon.net
Subject: Proposed Howard County Bill No 9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members

I am writing regarding the recently proposed Howard County Bill No, 9-2017 to make Howard County a 'sanctuary county' as was reported in the Baltimore Sun and Howard County Times. As a taxpaying citizen of Howard County, I am voicing my objection and urge Council Members to vote against and defeat this bill.

First, I'm a firm believer that we are a nation based on laws stemming first from our Constitution and followed by the laws that have subsequently been passed. I believe it inappropriate and downright unconscionable of the notion that any individual, any legislature, or any of our law enforcement bodies to consider and choose the laws they want to abide by or enforce and which ones they don't. If there is a law then, by default, violating that law is an illegal act. Protecting, harboring, or even turning a blind eye on anyone committing an illegal act, in and of itself, is also an illegal act. On this count, I firmly believe that Howard County legislature and its law enforcement bodies of the police and sheriff department should be bound by oath to uphold the laws of this land. I believe the Howard County Council has an obligation, and has taken an oath, to act and pass legislation that protects the rights, civil liberties, and promotes the safety and security of United States citizens that are residents of Howard County. I can't arbitrarily decide I will abide by this law but not that one. If I do, I suffer the consequences of my violating that law (at least I should). So, how does any legislature that is voted into position 'by the people' contemplate what laws to uphold and which ones not to by way of forbidding cooperation by employees and our law enforcement.

Second, as a 37-year retired veteran from one of this nation's intelligence agencies, who worked during and the aftermath of 9/11, I find it travesty to think of my local legislature and law enforcement not doing anything and everything it can to protect the lives and rights of its law abiding and tax paying citizens. This nation learned a lot from that horrific event and the importance of all of our intelligence agencies and all levels of law enforcement to be able to share information and work together. We have been constantly reminded if we 'see something, say something'. How could this possibly be an appropriate mantra for the individual citizens of this nation only to have any of this nation's state or local legislatures contemplate a law that would bar county employees, including police, from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration authorities. Our intelligence agencies and law enforcement entities at all levels, (national, state, and local county), are all national assets. As such, they should be looking to cooperate with one another to the greatest extent possible. Like members on a football team, each play a specific position but collectively work toward a common 'goal'. If they don't they are easily defeated because they defeated themselves. We should not be putting our nation at risk because we contemplate a law that forbids our local law enforcement from assisting a federal agency in enforcing the law. Doing so is defeating ourselves.

Again, I urge you to vote against and defeat this Bill, support only legislation and actions that protect the lives and rights of the citizens of this county, state, and nation, and stand up against any intentions to the contrary.

Sincerely,
Timothy L. Steele
5120 Durham Road West
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:12 PM
To: fo15@cornell.edu
Subject: Re: Bill No.9-2017: Making Howard County a Sanctuary County

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. While I do not have the authority to answer your questions, I can assure you that the Councilperson will take them into consideration. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Feng Ouyang <fouyang@gmail.com> on behalf of Feng Ouyang <fo15@cornell.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:33:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill No.9-2017: Making Howard County a Sanctuary County

Dear Councils:

Concerning bill 9-2017 to be introduced on January 3rd, I wrote an inquiry and comment to the author, Dr. Ball on 12/27/2016. So far I have not received a response. As such, I am sharing that communications with you. I look forward to seeing you on the testimony.

Sincerely,

Feng Ouyang

Dear Dr. Ball:

My name is Feng Ouyang and I am a resident and voter in Howard County.

I was recently informed of your intention of introducing Bill No. 9-2017, which declares Howard County a Sanctuary county. I have read the bill and plan to go to the public hearing to learn more and to express my opinion. Meanwhile, I would appreciate it very much if you could clarify some background information for me.

Most importantly, could you highlight a few points where the proposed bill would change any of the current laws, ordinances and common practices? Or is the bill a preemptive affirmation of status quo, in anticipation of policy changes from the Federal Government?

Also, could you discuss any similar measures taken or under consideration in neighboring counties and in the MD-DC-VA area? Would the passage of this bill make Howard County a different environment from the neighboring counties, concerning immigrants?

I also have a technical question. In Section 12.2103, a number of exceptions was listed, where county employees are permitted to ask about citizenship, nationality or immigration status. The exceptions do not include application of social assistance. The fact is some Federal and State social assistance programs are managed by Howard County Department of Social Services. Some of the services (such as Food Stamp) require US citizenship to be eligible (with some exceptions). Perhaps social services should be included as the exception in Section 12.2103 of the bill.

Thanks in advance for your assistance in understanding the bill, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Feng Ouyang
15154 Sapling Ridge Dr.,
Dayton, MD 21036

fouyang@gmail.com, 202-507-3009

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Jim Bothe
Subject: Re: Bill No. 9 - 2017

Good afternoon Mr. Bothe,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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Thank you again for expressing your position to the County Council.

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From: Jim Bothe <jbothe@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:45:38 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg
Cc: Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Bill No. 9 - 2017

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am writing this letter to express my strongest opposition to Bill No. 9 - 2017, the so-called Howard County Sanctuary Bill.

I feel compelled to ask which part of illegal you don't understand. I certainly don't believe that everyone who is here illegally is bad, but if this bill becomes law, we'll be telling the world that everyone is welcome to live here whether or not they respect the laws of both our County and of our Nation. And if someone is unwilling to respect United States law, why should we assume they will respect Howard County law? I cannot imagine why we would want to send that message.

This bill is, at best, well-intentioned but ill-advised and fundamentally wrong. At worst, it is a temper tantrum style reaction to the result of the November Presidential election. The truth is likely somewhere in the middle.

I request that the uncommitted Council members vote in opposition to this bill. I further request that the drafters of this bill consider withdrawing it. Since at least two of you clearly feel very strongly about this issue, I recommend that you redirect your energies toward changing and streamlining the immigration process, understanding that proper vetting of naturalization candidates remains critical.

Sincerely,

Jim Bothe
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Mark Walter
Subject: Re: Oppose Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9

Good afternoon Mr. Walter,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Mark Walter <mwalter_60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 6:33:19 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg
Subject: Oppose Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9

Dear Councilpersons,

I am writing you to signal my **opposition** to Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9, the effort to make Howard County a Sanctuary County. This bill runs counter to the Federal Government policy of the states, counties, and cities to cooperate with the department of Homeland Security in reporting illegal aliens

especially accused illegal alien criminals. I will state that as a signatory to the U.S. Constitution that the Maryland state, county and city officials are sworn to uphold the laws of the Federal Government. This law you are considering is ILLEGAL and wasteful of the time that you are investing. This law will be challenged and defeated in federal courts. The cost of defying the Federal Government will expose the county to loss of funding for non compliance to the federal laws, as well as the lawsuits and legal cost. I as a taxpayer do not want to pay for your short sighted and reckless approach to solve a problem that you do not have the responsibility for. Immigration issues are a responsibility of the federal government. If you insist on pursuing this folly, I will be at the meeting to protest, and I will remember to vote against you on the next election cycle.

I want to hear from each and every one of you to hear your position and your arguments for and against this bill.

Sincerely,
Mark A.Walter
11978 Simpson Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029
mwalter_60@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Z!Y
Subject: Re: Please reject CB-9

Good afternoon Zen,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Z!Y <sql.warrior@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:42:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please reject CB-9

Hi,

I am resident of Clarksville, MD 21029. I have grave concerns on CB-9. I appeal all of you reject this proposal CB9-2017.

The proposal does not have solid plan. It would do zero help on promote unity of communities but would separate us. It's all about law and order.

Regards
-Zen

12252 Running Fence Ln, Clarksville, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Paul H
Subject: Re: Please vote against CB 9

Good afternoon Mr. Huang,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Paul H <myoldsmoky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:53:51 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Please vote against CB 9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I'm writing today to express my opinion against the CB-9 bill. It is a terrible idea to make Howard county sanctuary

jurisdiction.

We have grave concern over the foreseeable disastrous consequence that will inflict upon Howard County Education System if CB-9 is passed.

1. Incur Financial Burden and Budget Deficit

CB-9 does not explain how to generate additional revenue absolutely necessary to support the additional costs incurred in the educational system due to the passage of CB-9. CB-9 is recklessly and poorly drafted which totally neglects to plan how to balance the operating fund budget required by the School Board.

According to A Citizen's Guide to the Howard County Public School System FY 2018 Budget, Page 7, it admits, "A growing segment of our student population carries heavy burdens to school, including poverty, homelessness and language barriers, requiring increase services. Program budgets in these areas reflect the requirement for increased funding to meet these needs". On top of that, the chart of the Shifting Populations in 5-Year Increase, 2011-2016 displays an astonishing fact that the category of "FARMS" students has been grown 41% in the past 5 years.

We have a reasonable and assured expectation beyond doubt that a steady influx of such population would come even more from neighborhood Counties including other Sanctuary Counties because Howard County is well-known for its excellent public school systems.

How can the BOE finance budget be possibly balanced without the extra funding from Howard County, and how can Howard County budget be possibly balanced without the increase additional County tax? Tax dollars that ought properly to benefit the people who paid them will go instead to underwrite education services for those who are not entitled to be here in the first place.

2. Jeopardize the High Quality of Education Service

HCPSS has acclaimed a remarkably well-known reputation for excellence in education. HCPSS also has claimed its workforce as "World Class". However, we have serious concern that such vigorously earned supreme quality and reputation in education will be miserably undermined once CB-9 is passed. World Class teachers will be inevitably burned out to assist the growing segment of such student population.

All the hard-work fruits and harvest will be destroyed overnight!

All children are the same and deserve equal access and benefits of the Howard County school system. By focusing on protecting a selected group of children while jeopardizing the safety of the rest, this bill will do more harm than good. Secondly, children of undocumented illegal immigrants already have learning problems and our schools just don't have enough resources to handle any more without diminishing the educational experience of the legal residents. If this Bill is passed, the student population will be vastly increased and the current students will be harmed due to resource shortages.

We all feel completely disheartened to witness before our own eyes a once proud school system become undignified and shattered following the dismal path of other Sanctuary Cities school systems.

Based upon the above reasons and facts, we want to desperately make an appeal to you to vote "NO" to CB-9 derived motions in the board for the sake of the benefit of all the current student body in HCPSS.

Thank you.

Regards,

Paul Huang

4905 Alice Ave
Ellicott City, MD 21043
443-762-4833

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Sandy
Subject: Re: Objection of CB-9

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From: Sandy <sandys001@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 4:14:41 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Re: Objection of CB-9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

As a parent of children enrolling in Howard County public schools, I want to express my strong opinion to object CB-9.

As the parent group, we have great concern over the foreseeable disastrous consequence that will inflict upon Howard County Education System if CB-9 is passed.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Yunshan Ye
Subject: Re: No to CB-9

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Sincerely,
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Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
410-313-2001

From: Yunshan Ye <yunshanye@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:35:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
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Zhen Zhang and Xinge Wang
Parents of Aiden and Kaylan Zhang (Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School)
Howard County Residents
Cell: 240-205-3986

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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
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To: Mine
Subject: Re: "No" to CB-9

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From: Mine <y_tony99@yahoo.com>
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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Tina Horn
Subject: Re: Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia

Tina,

I appreciate your counsel on Council Bill 9-2017 as I evaluate all of the testimony.

Enjoy the summer-like weather today.....MK

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Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council Member
District 4
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

From: Tina Horn <TinaHorn_CAE@hotmail.com>
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 1:40 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia

Millennials are more in favor of in-state college tuition for qualified children of undocumented immigrants (57 percent) than the general population (44 percent).

We want Millennials to stay in Howard County to protect our investment in Downtown Columbia and to raise their families here.

Source: https://opportunityagenda.org/millennials_attitudes_immigrants

Please vote yes on CB9.


Sincerely,

Christine (Tina) Horn
10509 Tolling Clock Way
Columbia MD 21044

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Last Name: aburn
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Street Address: 36 joggins ct.
City: Baltimore
Subject: sanctuary status for Howard county

Message: I'd like to ask all of you to read my concerns. I am a victim of an illegal alien in baltimore. My injuries will keep me in pain the rest of my life.. Baltimore city is also a sanctuary city since they were openly invited by Mayor Blake and others, the homicides and crimes have tripled and among top3 in nation. Also Md is top 5 in country in foreclosures. People who cross our borders and into our communities are feasting off our systems. Did your ancestors have many children they couldn't afford and rely on others tax \$\$ to support them? I'm not saying all the crime and abuse of our tax \$\$ is mostly do to illegal aliens but they highly contribute to it. Heroin also is a huge concern because 85% of drugs cross our borders and death is higher in sanctuary states then anywhere else. I am a senior and unable to attend your hearing but i'm asking you not to destroy Howard county by contributing to it's destruction. I am not insensitive to their needs & they are welcome as long as they are vetted 1st. Checked out thoroughly and the gangs, mobsters can stay out. Maryland is also top 5 for heroin abuse. I'm sure some of you have family and/or friends who are addicted to drugs. We must build the wall and we must have strict control who is allowed in our country including Md and Howard county. Please check stats for Baltimore city & county as far as it's sanctuary status, crimes and drug use. Thank you. <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/crime/bs-md-ci-homicides-2016-20170102-story.html>

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Paula Seabright <psrh1995@gmail.com>

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Good morning,

I intended to email my support of CB9 to the council daily, but truth be told, I am overwhelmed right now.

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Thanks.

P. Seabright
Columbia, MD

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Bill 9-2017



Michael Glasgow <msglasgow9@icloud.com>

Fri 1/13, 4:10 PM

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CB9-2017

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Sincerely,

Michael S. Glasgow, Ph.D
5400 Vantage Point Road, Apt 1016
Columbia, MD 21044

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Objection to CB-9

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Sunki Choe

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Howard County sanctuary bill



Jen Hayashi <CalamityJen69@comcast.net>

Sat 1/14, 9:11 AM

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I write to you in strongest possible support of CB 9-2017. Now more than ever, in the climate that has created and promoted neo-Nazism and Donald Trump, Howard County must live up to its values and demonstrate the ideals of openness, diversity, and inclusion. I am counting on you all to do the right thing, and vote in favor of making Howard County a sanctuary county.

Thanks for your service to our community.

Jen Hayashi

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Oppose making Howard county a sanctuary county



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Sincerely,

Swapna Pamu

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Fw: objecting CB-9



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Based upon the above reasons and facts, we want to desperately make an appeal to you to vote "NO" to CB-9 derived motions in the board for the sake of the benefit of all the current student body in HCPSS.

Sincerely,
Haiyan Chen

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Anna Rubin <airubin@umbc.edu>

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Hello, my name is Anna Rubin and I live at [6268 Cobbler Court, Columbia, 21045](#). I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County, and here is why:

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I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No. 9-2017.

Sincerely,

Anna Rubin

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Dr. Anna Rubin
Associate Professor of Music

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Howard County should be a Sanctuary County



Ted Nolan <ted.wogget@gmail.com>

Sat 1/14, 11:12 AM

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Dear County Council and County Executive,

We are blessed in Howard County to a level of diversity we should be proud of. Raising my children in a county that has people of many different economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds has been a critical part of their education. My two children, ages 16 and 18, have grown up with friends from immigrant families, from poor and rich families, from families with single parents and LGBTQ parents. It stands as a stark contrast to my youth, spent in a homogeneous town in the very white state of New Hampshire. They have grown up learning the value of communication, the value of building bridges and the worth and dignity of ALL people, and that have learned these things by the experience of living in this wonderful county.

We must continue to be a safe and welcoming community and we need to extend our hands and county to all people. This resolution should send a message to the world that, in this time when fear and isolation seems on the rise, we stand on the side of love and compassion.

I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No. 9-2017.

Sincerely,
Ted Nolan

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Kathy Harris <Kathy@Harris.net>

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I support CB9-2017 and trust that our HO CO Council representatives will support this legislation.

Thank you,
Kathy Harris
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To County Executive Kittleman and County Council Members,

I strongly support CB9-2017, which establishes Howard County as a "sanctuary" county and hope you will also.

I have had many sleepless nights wondering about the people who will be negatively impacted by the latest election. When we cease to have respect and compassion for other human beings how long will it be before we become less human.

Thank you.

Lou Ann Prosack

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Safe Sanctuary



Conchita <cmking9@verizon.net>

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Hello, my name is Conchita King and I live at 6575 Freetown Rd, Col.MD. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County, and here is why:

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Sincerely,

Conchita M King

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I hereby submit a written copy of my testimony concerning Bill 2017-9, to be delivered on January 17, 2017.

Feng Ouyang

Testimony at Howard County Council Public Hearing

January 17, 2017

Concerning County Bill No. 9-2017
Feng Ouyang

Respected Council Members:

My name is Feng Ouyang, residing at 15154 Sapling Ridge Drive, Dayton, MD 21036. Today I would like to state my position of AGAINST County Bill No. 9-2017. I consider "sanctuary county" as an issue inappropriate for the County Council to consider.

After learning about the above-mentioned bill, I wrote to Dr. Ball on 12/27/2016 and, having received no reply, to the county council on 1/12/2016. Since I have not received any reply so far, I would like to repeat the email below, and expand further on one point.

The email reads:

Dear Dr. Ball:

My name is Feng Ouyang and I am a resident and voter in Howard County.

I was recently informed of your intention of introducing Bill No. 9-2017, which declares Howard County a Sanctuary county. I have read the bill and plan to go to the public hearing to learn more and to express my opinion. Meanwhile, I would appreciate it very much if you could clarify some background information for me.

Most importantly, could you highlight a few points where the proposed bill would change any of the current laws, ordinances and common practices? Or is the bill a preemptive affirmation of status quo, in anticipation of policy changes from the Federal Government?

Also, could you discuss any similar measures taken or under consideration in neighboring counties and in the MD-DC-VA area? Would the passage of this bill make Howard County a different environment from the neighboring counties, concerning immigrants?

I also have a technical question. In Section 12.2103, a number of exceptions were listed, where county employees are permitted to ask about citizenship, nationality or immigration status. The exceptions do not include application of social assistance. The fact is some Federal and State social assistance programs are managed by Howard County Department of Social Services. Some of the services (such as Food Stamp) require US citizenship to be eligible (with some exceptions). Perhaps social services should be included as the exception in Section 12.2103 of the bill.

Thanks in advance for your assistance in understanding the bill, and I look forward to your response.

I would like to expand on the first point in the email. So far I do not see any evidence that Bill 9-2017 will change any practice of the County Government and its employees. Therefore, I consider it a political gesture in response to the recent presidential election result.

In my view, it is inappropriate for the County Government to make a political statement on behalf of the Howard County residents. The County Council is elected to manage daily business and welfare of the County, not as our political representative. If the People do feel necessary to express an opinion, they should do it through referendum or other channels. I believe that this bill will not make Howard County safer and our community more harmonious. Instead, it will make it worse in these aspects.

I am a new immigrant, living in the United States for decades. When I first arrived as a student, I had \$500 in my pocket and did not know anyone personally. I am very grateful to people who helped me to settle and thrive in this new land, and vow to help others to do the same. Instead of being distracted by politics, I believe Howard County can make our community a more welcoming place to immigrants through solid actions. For example, the county can provide language assistance to immigrants using county services, provide transportation options to people without cars, and provide more diverse world culture and language programs in our schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you.

Feng Ouyang

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Sanctuary bill



Devon Drew <devonzch@gmail.com>

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I am a Howard County resident and very much in favor of supporting the sanctuary bill.

Devon DreW
Laurel, MD

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Testimony on CB9-2017....making Howard County, Maryland a "Sanctuary County"

By Joel Broida, Columbia Town Center/Howard County resident 5400 Vantage Point Road apt. 413 Columbia, MD 21044

From the beginning Howard County, Maryland like the whole of Maryland and the United States was and has always been primarily populated by immigrants, refugees, and survivors of one sort or another.

It should be pointed out that the Maryland Colony was founded and is documented in its charter as a place for religious freedom and religious toleration. And it followed that people came here from England beginning in 1633 to seek a better life and to be safe from one form or another of persecution and tyranny.

Now, in recent years new people have been coming to Howard County for many of the same reasons to seek a safe haven. Why have they come here? Well they have learned that Marylanders are decent people who understand their plight and care enough to welcome them and are willing to offer them assistance in this difficult period of their lives.

Why the preamble...because what we are witnessing today is not something new at all in this country of ours. It seems that hate, bigotry, and other forms of discrimination, be it of newcomers or residents of long standing, has been around for a long time. Mean spiritedness seems to be on the rise these days right here, yes in Howard County, Maryland.

Two Howard County Council members are proposing Council Bill (CB) 9-2017, a modest effort to raise concern and support for protection of some County residents whose existence is being threatened. The idea as I understand it is bring attention and seek help from the community for these residents. They too deserve the same kind of freedom and tolerance that was offered to persecuted English Catholic immigrants who came to Maryland in the 1630's. While today Muslims, African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics, and Jews are at risk right here in Howard County.

Voting YES for CB9-2017 is the only right thing to do, it is the very least this County Council and County Executive can do. Doing so is a sign that Howard Countians care about their neighbors who are at risk of detention and worse, deportation. Doing otherwise is a clear sign of mean-spiritedness and does not reflect well on who we are and should be in this community.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

Joel H. Broida

Written Testimony on CB9-2017. "Howard County as Sanctuary County" for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 hearing

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Making Howard County a Sanctuary





Norman Hazzard <normanhazzard@gmail.com>

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Dear Council Members,

I have read the statements on both sides of this issue. Despite the merits of the opposing views, I still favor voting to make Howard County a sanctuary for undocumented folks threatened with deportation because of the extreme threats made by the incoming administration. I urge you to support this bill. Thank you!

Norman D. Hazzard
[10764 McGregor Drive](mailto:normanhazzard@gmail.com)
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Howard County Council Bill No. 9-2017



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Dear Council Member,

Hello, my name is Albert Holm and I live at 10081 Fair Beauty. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County. In fact, I think that the bill should be expanded to insure the County provides a safe environment for residents of various religious beliefs as well as immigration status.

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Finally, we should never let fear guide our decisions. Fear of reprisal from the President Elect; fear of a wave of undocumented "others"; or fear of a changing culture and demographic. I hope you will join me and the thousands of other residents of our County who believe in making Howard a Sanctuary County.

Perhaps some aspects of Bill No. 9-2017 could be improved. I urge the members of the Council to work to firm up the bill and then pass it.

Sanctuary County????? Please read and consider the reasons I am against forming a sanctuary country. Think safety of our residents first, and forget your politics which can cause dangerous results.



Ruth Jean Loftus <rjloftus@verizon.net>
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and not at Waverly Woods Apts. in Woodstock, MD.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST TURNING HOWARD COUNTY INTO A SANCTUARY COUNTY. And here are my reasons, and I feel they are valid reasons for keeping our citizens safe.

If you can truly say that your intentions can keep Howard County and this area safe, please tell me how you are going to do that.

During those years our family encountered many thefts, as did some of our neighbors. I could make a good long list of the crime in this area of Maryland. I am not 82 years of age, and we have made many moves to accommodate my husband's work. In the towns I loved before we came here, first in Sprint Mount, PA, then in South Perkasio, PA, then in Lansdale, PA, then in Waynesboro, VA, then in Lawrenceville, VA, then in Altoona, PA, and finally to Columbia, MD. In these other places we just did not have the problem with theft like we found here over the years.

And now you tell me and the other residents of Howard County that you want to open the doors of our country in an illegal way to illegal immigrants. I think you are raving mad and out of your heads. You have lost your sanity.

1. First of all, it is illegal to welcome illegals and give them the protection of not being turned in by ICE.
2. Secondly, you need to do a lot of thinking about this because Howard County will become the place for the criminal types of illegals to look for haven. They know they won't be turned in. And so you have created a place for them to practice their criminal tendencies.
3. Many of these people will have difficulty getting work, and so they will be meeting their needs and their wants by stealing.
You have got to know that many of them will secure themselves weapons. Desperate people do desperate things, and remember they will fight for survival.

YOU CRAZY PEOPLE WILL BE CREATING THE CLIMATE FOR SHOOTINGS AND VERY LIKELY, DEATH TO SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS. You are out of your mind, and downright irresponsible. The record of resulting crime in

other areas where illegals find refuge are not encouraging. Ask the families of those who have lost loved ones at the hands of the illegals.

4. If you are up on your politics, you will know that the government will stop subsidies to the county. You will be cutting off your nose to do your little bit of Good Samaritanism which will not benefit the country at all, but put it at risk.

5. THIS IS A POLITICAL PLOY. YOU NEED TO START OBEYING THE RULES OF OUR CONSTITUTION, OUR NATION, AND OUR STATE. You are a lousy citizen if you do not support our president and our government, and those who are working to make this a better nation and a better world. UNITED WE STAND (AND SURVIVE AND THRIVE), AND DIVIDED WE FALL.

Ruth Jean Loftus
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Edited version of my argument against making Howard County a Sanctuary County - Please read and consider the validity of my reasoning.

RL

Ruth Jean Loftus <rjloftus@verizon.net>

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I have lived in Howard County, MD since Nov. 5, 1971, first at 5990 The Bowl in Oakland Mills, Columbia, and now at Waverly Woods Apts. in Woodstock, MD.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST TURNING HOWARD COUNTY INTO A SANCTUARY COUNTY. And here are my reasons, and I feel they are valid reasons for keeping our citizens safe.

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During our years in Columbia our family encountered many thefts, as did some of our neighbors. I could make a good long list of the crime in this area of Maryland. I am now 82 years of age, and prior to moving here, we made many moves to accommodate my husband's work. The towns I lived in before we came here were, first in Sprint Mount, PA, then in South Perkasio, PA, then in Lansdale, PA, then in Waynesboro, VA, then in Lawrenceville, VA, then in Altoona, PA, and finally to Columbia, MD in 1971. In the other places we lived, there just was not the problem with theft that was encountered here over those years.

I think you should also be well aware that this area has a lot of theft and crime. Why ask for more?

And now you tell me and the other residents of Howard County that you want to open the doors of our country in an illegal way to illegal immigrants. I think you are raving mad and out of your heads. You have lost your sanity.

1. First of all, it is illegal to welcome illegals and give them the protection of not being turned in by ICE.

You are abetting crime.

Also, without a vote of all our citizens in the area, don't you think it is being irresponsible and unfair for just a few of you to make this risky decision that should belong to all of our citizens? It is they you are putting at risk, after all.

2. Secondly, you need to do a lot of thinking about this because Howard County will become the place for the criminal types of illegals to look for haven. They know they won't be turned in. Their countries don't actually want them back (those nations would have to stand the cost of incarceration and maintenance for their criminals), and perhaps that is why once they are returned to their country, they find it so easy to return over and over again, and continually cause our nation trouble.

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RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com>

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Flag for follow up. Completed on Monday, January 23, 2017.

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I strongly urge the Howard County Council to vote in favor of Bill No. 9-2017.

Sincerely,

RoseMarie Meservey

9447 Brett Lane, Columbia, MD 21045

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RM

Ron Meservey <rtmeserv@gmail.com>

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Hello, my name is Ron Meservey, and I live at [9447 Brett Lane, Columbia, MD 21045](#). My wife and I have lived in the Village of Oakland Mills since 1983. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County, and here is why:

Last Spring the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, asked its subscribers who were teachers whether they had noticed any repercussions of the Presidential campaign in their classrooms. They reported an alarming increase in bullying directed at minority and immigrant students, leaving many terrified of being deported, or worse. I had hoped that Howard County was an exception, that our multi-ethnic community had been spared such forms of bigotry and fear. Sadly, I was wrong. Last December 20th, I attended the NAACP's "Safe Spaces" forum held in the Smith Theater at Howard Community College and chaired by Congressman Elijah Cummings. The event provided an opportunity for people belonging to minority groups targeted for hate speech during the campaign -- African Americans, Muslims, and undocumented immigrants in particular -- to express their sense of insecurity. I found it particularly painful to hear so many young people voicing doubts as to whether they would be allowed to pursue their educational and career aspirations, no matter how hard they worked and how excellent their grades. I left that forum asking myself what I could do to help. I believe this bill is one answer to that question.

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No to the sanctuary bill





Elaine Persons <elpersons@gmail.com>

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I do not support a bill that calls Howard County a sanctuary county. We are already acting that way. It does NOT need to be a bill, which is contradictory to established laws. If HoCo isn't enforcing the established laws to the fullest extent, it can continue that way without putting a controversial bill in place that will have Negative federal financial consequences.

Just leave it alone--don't set up this bill.

Thank you,

Elaine Persons

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Support sanctuary bill





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I am completely and passionately behind the sanctuary bill.

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Council Bill 9-2017 Justification




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My name is Tracy Burroughs. I respectfully support Council Bill 9-2017.

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Tracy Burroughs

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Support CB 9-2017, Sanctuary County



Jim Caldiero <jimcal87@gmail.com>

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Dear Council Members and specifically Councilman Weinstein,

As a member of PATH and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, my faith demands that I urge you to support the subject bill, CB 9-2017, and vote to make Howard County a sanctuary county.

Thank you.

James Caldiero

[4128 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21043](#), ph: 410-465-7452

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Dear Council Members,

I do not support the Sanctuary county bill for Howard County.

I do not support rewarding those who are breaking our laws.

Thank you,

Tanya Martof
Hickory Ridge

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from; Manda Ervin on Bill # 9-2017



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Honorable Council Members of Howard County; I have lived here since June 17th 1981, when I entered United States as a legal immigrant, political refugee. During the last 36 years I have witnessed many changes for better and for worse in this beautiful county. I am always on guard against any kind of extremism, I lost my homeland as the result of not paying attention to the consequences of the emotional and political actions.

Council Members; I have a friend who has illegally entered to this country and when I told her about how I and others have legally come here, she felt ashamed for how she and her fellow El Salvadorans have just walked in. She has told me about many people in her community who take advantage of the welfare system and how they have jobs and make good living, yet they also collect every free thing they can, from the government.

Ladies and Gentlemen; Please keep in mind that this country was made by your grandparents, who came and made this great country without any government help. This country is already providing abundance of job opportunities that no other country in the world does, and that is why we come here; for freedom and independence.

Attached is my formal letter that I hope you will take to heart.

With Respect
Manda Zand Ervin

From: Manda Zand Ervin
3538 Garrett Ct
Ellicott City, MD. 21042
Phone; 410 531 6198

Jan 15, 2017

To; The Respected Council members of Howard County:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter as an immigrant, who opposes the Bill # 9-2017. I fled my homeland Iran because of the Islamic takeover. It took 18 months for me, as a political refugee and the wife of an American citizen, to get a visa and enter to the United States, with a thick folder of my life history.

Honorable Council; there are many other Immigrant communities, right here in Howard County, who have waited in line, some as long as 11 years, before they could get permission, Visa, to enter the United States. Immigrants come here for freedom, and opportunity to work and be independent sovereign humans. I have lived in Europe, and I know that this is the only western country that provides abundance of opportunities to work, prosper and keep your human dignity.

Therefore, allowing only a certain group of people who have disrespected America's laws by entering without permission, and even offering them sanctuaries against the laws of your own country, is considered a great act of discrimination to us, the immigrants who suffered, but stood in lines, learned the language, and saved, to deserve the honor of citizenship of this great country.

We; the legal immigrants, protest against the Bill number 9-2017 on the grounds that it is not only discriminatory, but destroys the core principal of self-reliance and human dignity. Treating people like pets is against the laws of humanity.

This Bill looks more like a political activism, to train dependent voters by bribery, and not humanitarian by any means. Please do not vote for it.

With Respect

Manda Zand Ervin

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CB9 Testimony



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City: Elkridge
Subject: CB9 Testimony

Message:

Members of the County Council Testimony on CB9 After reading the Bill I found this to be another example of our representatives putting their head in the sand and not willing to address the real issue of undocumented residents in our county and country. The desire to ignore the status of undocumented residents only pushes them into the shadows and deprives them of the all the opportunities our country has to offer. For as long as the undocumented are enabled by our leaders to live this way it reinforces suspicion, mistrust and dislike on both sides of the issue only making the shadows they are forced to live in darker and larger. This Bill provides no solution for the undocumented and only insults those that respect and appreciate the law of the land by injecting phrases and labels of diversity hate and is hate bate. If you are an undocumented resident, then you are not here legally and you will always be looking over your shoulder or be at the behest of someone to keep your secret for you or hope a friendly government will be in power to manage your plight. Yes I suggested the government is managing this issue to help constituents, to either keep the undocumented in subservient working and possibly living condition. Enabling this behavior is only keeping our undocumented residents from living the full American experience of freedom. Yes the undocumented live much better here than where they came from and many of them are participating in our society. They work, attend places of faith, their kids are in public schools but the spector of deportation hangs over them and cripples their potential. Let me present a simple example of what is to live in the shadows. My group offers a soccer skills competition and we invite all to attend and compete. The competition is often held at churches and we held this one at a church with a large Hispanic and Latino population. We were exited at the turn out by all the families and many of the best performers were Latino. When it came time to present awards and record their information to move on to the next level of competition, they were gone, could not be found on the grounds. At first I did not understand but I discovered that some of these families did not want to be known or be on list or have a record of address. It is a small thing and just soccer skills, but this sort of opportunity is left on the table every day because of fear. This fear is real and did not start in the past year, it has always been with us, it was there when many of our ancestors came over and were kept at Ellis Island until they were deemed healthy, have some way to be taken care of (friends or family) or take care of themselves and not a threat to our society. How do we move beyond the fear? How do we bring the undocumented from the shadows? We ask for legislation to work within the laws of the land and ask that we have a process in place to offer documentation to all those that want to come out from the shadows. I am not talking amnesty but a way to provide identification that this person is allowed to be in this country after they have been vetted. Yes there would be conditions, one would have to check in every 6 months to a year until they have achieved citizenship if they like. Legislation should also be presented in the county to work with State and Federal officials offer or create a less expensive and less time consuming process to citizenship. I cannot support this bill I want a real solution to help not hide the undocumented residents in the county. Howard Johnson

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Susie's Letter to Mexico





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This message was sent with high importance.



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RE: Susie's Letter to Mexico -- link attached :)





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Sanctuary Bill




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Dear Council Members,

I support the sanctuary bill proposed. As a community we must stand together and support those who need it the most. It is understood that people that commit crimes, especially violent crimes are expected to be treated in accordance to the law. However, local government should not be enforcing Federal laws, which are enforced by Federal law enforcement. It can become confusing, promote unfairness and deteriorate race relations by targeting individuals in what maybe perceived as racism. Our county is better than that, and so is our state.

I trust that HowardCounty will continue to be a thriving county for the people that live and work here.

Thank you for your consideration,

Evelia Sosa

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[Columbia, MD 21044](mailto:marpesiapetreaus2@gmail.com)

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Pass CB 9 for the young people...



LINDA Wengel <lwengel@msn.com>

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Rereading President Obama's passionate farewell address, I am taken with the reason for his optimism in these troubled times, "this generation coming up - unselfish, altruistic, creative, patriotic"...."willing to carry this hard work of democracy forward." You have heard from these young people, high school and college students of Howard County, express their heartfelt concerns for their immigrant friends and fellow students. Pass this bill for them. Linda Wengel

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 jeanjoklik <jeanjoklik@verizon.net>
Sun 1/15, 5:36 PM
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Dear County Executive and members of the County Council,

I am a Howard County resident in Mary Kay Sigaty's district, writing in support of CB-9 2017.

I believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all people and find that the this bill represents a positive step for Howard County to ensure the safety and security of all residents. I am especially concerned for my immigrant neighbors - documented and undocumented who live and work in Howard County. This bill is not only symbolic - although I do appreciate the symbolism - it is a very real safety concern for all residents that people are able to report crime without fear of deportation. It is a safety concern for children and families who live with domestic violence to know they can call for help without fear of deportation. It is a safety and security concern that children attend school while their parents work. And fear of deportation should never be a reason why immigrant children are at home instead of in school.

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In beloved community,

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Ken Katzen <kkatzen01@gmail.com>

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Please vote in support of CB9. While I would encourage eliminating lines 6-11(especially lines 9-11) as unnecessary and divisive, the bill is an important statement of how much we value all residents of our county, fairness, justice, and safety.

Ken Katzen
Resident

Notice of Opposition to Council Bill 9 to provide Sanctuary status for illegal immigrants in Howard County and Proposal for Council Bill 10 to provide Sanctuary status to legal residents of Howard County for not paying property taxes



Paul Sabella <psabella@pathfinderpayments.com>

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In my view the current proposal to pass Council Bill 9 is not in the best interests of Howard County residents.

The Council was elected by the residents to act on behalf of the best interests of these citizens and this Bill is at odds with that mission. The Members who have proposed this legislation are acting on emotion or worse are playing politics with our County's future and they are not acting with the best interests of all of the residents of Howard County in mind.

I have a couple of simple questions for the Members:

1. How does this Bill 9 serve the best interests of the current residents of Howard County? Will the passage of this Bill improve our public transportation, our schools, our social services, our public safety? Will it improve our neighborhoods? Will it increase our income or property tax base?

If the answer to these questions are no then the conclusion is that the opposite will occur and it will make the conditions worse or more expensive for all of the residents who are currently paying taxes to support these important public and social services provided by the County for the residents.

2. Will the passage of Council Bill 9 place Howard County at odds with the Federal Government and put the County at risk to lose Federal funding or increase County expenses in opposing the Federal Government?

If the answer to this question is yes then the Bill is not in the best interests of Howard County residents. If the Federal Government were to act against Sanctuary Counties and Cities then Howard County could lose vital Federal funding or be forced to expend resources to fight the Federal Government. Additionally, many law abiding, tax paying Federal Government workers live in Howard County and passing this Bill would be very disrespectful to these residents. Many of these residents likely voted you into office.

How would this one particular resident react if this bill passed? For more than 20 years I have lived, raised my kids, worked, operated a business and invested in Howard County.

Well the answer is that I would leave Howard County. Yes. I would be compelled to leave. (not like the Hollywood actors who say they are leaving the US but would never actually leave...).

Howard County will lose a homeowner, and an employer, a real estate business owner, and a quality income and real estate tax payer.

It is only a 15 minute ride up route 32 to Carroll County and a 20 minute ride the other way to Anne Arundel County. Competition is great and these Counties will have a field day competing against Howard County in the future. Montgomery County made this mistake and Howard should not.

The great thing about America is that you can vote with your feet! If this Bill passes you can count on one thing for sure... Howard County will be choosing to replace tax paying, law abiding residents like me and my family, with illegal immigrant families. The only sensible reason that you can support this Bill 9 is that illegal immigrants must be better residents for Howard County than legal citizens of the United States.

If this Bill 9 were to pass and you wanted to make an effort keep me in the County then please consider my proposed Bill 10 which would allow me to become a "illegal resident" and please pass my proposed Bill 10 which would provide sanctuary status for illegal residents and allow County property owners to not pay their property taxes without consequences under the illegal resident protections it would afford.

And if you find my proposal for Bill 10 outlandish then you will clearly understand how I find your Bill 9.

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the Federal Government which has jurisdiction over this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Sabella
Howard County property owner and taxpayer
Columbia, MD 20144
And on behalf of
Pathfinder Payment Solutions, Inc
Howard County employer and taxpayer
Columbia, MD 21046
And on behalf of
River Run Enterprises, LLC
Howard County commercial property owner and taxpayer
Columbia, MD 21046

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Fw: I oppose sanctuary city legislation

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Tue 1/17, 11:17 AM

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Dr. Calvin Ball
Vice Chairperson
Howard County Council, District 2
Ph: 410-313-2001

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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

From: David Graham <dag14qb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 9:38 PM
To: Ball, Calvin B
Subject: I oppose sanctuary city legislation

Dear Councilman Calvin Ball,

As a local resident, I urge you to oppose sanctuary city legislation currently under consideration because:

- 1) Sanctuary policies threaten public safety and prioritize the interests of criminal aliens over legal residents. Too many lives have already been lost due to dangerous sanctuary policies.
- 2) Sanctuary policies waste taxpayer money by depriving federal immigration officers of much needed assistance. Local law enforcement officers are on the front lines when dealing with crime associated with illegal immigration, including drug- and gang- related crimes. If our laws are not enforced at the jailhouse door, when will they be?
- 3) Sanctuary policies would only increase illegal immigration to Maryland and send the message that illegal aliens—even those who commit serious criminal offenses—are welcome in the state.

Regards,
David Graham
119 W Naylor Mill Rd
Salisbury, MD 21801 

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:45 PM
To: jeanjoklik
Subject: Re: I support CB-9 2017

Good afternoon Ms. Joklik,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to testify at the Public Hearing tonight, you can either sign up online through this link: <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/otestimony/> or you may sign up on site. If you are going to testify, please read the testimony guidelines posted on the County Council's website here: <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Portals/0/Documents/CouncilMain/Press%20Releases/2017/Guidelines%20for%20Public%20Hearing%201-17-17.pdf?ver=2017-01-13-191704-533> This document includes pertinent information on changes made to the testimony process specifically for this bill.

If you are not able to attend the Public Hearing tonight but would still like to watch it, you may watch it 'live' on Comcast Channel 99 or on Verizon Channel 44. You may also stream it on your computer or watch the livestream at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>.

Thank you again for expressing your position to the County Council.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
410-313-2001

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