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## Sanctuary



Sylvia Burch <burch\_sylvia@verizon.net>

Mon 1/16, 8:28 PM

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Hello, my name is Sylvia Burch and I live at 9499 Hickory Limb in Columbia. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County.

I believe the bill to become a Sanctuary County is consistent with the open and diverse Howard County I've grown to love, and with the values I expect the County Council to uphold.

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.

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.

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.

Some have expressed that this bill would somehow make Howard County a beacon for undocumented people to flock to Howard County. In truth, our county is already a beacon for all people, if they can afford to live here. We have a great school system, amazing local resources, and countless amenities that set Howard County apart. This bill instead affirms the existence of those who already live here and will ultimately make our county safer by encouraging a greater relationship with and enforcement of local law.

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.

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

Respectfully,  
Sylvia Burch

## Baltimore Sun editorial on Sanctuary Bill in Howard County



Ron Meservey <rtmeserv@gmail.com>

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In case you missed it, below is the excellent Baltimore Sun editorial of January 7, 2017 endorsing the Howard County Sanctuary bill:

Local governments, and local law enforcement agencies in particular, shouldn't get caught up in the business of enforcing immigration law. That's the federal government's responsibility, and to the extent police and sheriff's departments get involved, they erode trust between officers and the community. If police are viewed as immigration agents, immigrants — even those with legal status in this country — may be reluctant to come forward to report crimes for fear that it could lead to deportation for them or loved ones. If that happens, it puts everyone at risk. It's true in big cities like Baltimore, and it's true in suburban jurisdictions like Howard County, where the County Council is now considering a bill to declare Howard a "sanctuary county."

There's more than a bit of politics wrapped up in the Howard sanctuary bill. It has been proposed by two Democratic council members and includes in its "wherefore" clauses loads of criticism of President-elect [Donald Trump](#)'s policies and rhetoric, and the reported rise in xenophobic and anti-Muslim hate speech that has accompanied his election. But what the legislation would actually accomplish in practice is likely modest; Howard County already does well on the kinds of issues the legislation seeks to address. Indeed, its biggest down-side may be that it provides too much of a sense of security for undocumented immigrants in Howard.

Specifically, the legislation says that county employees may not assist federal officials in enforcing immigration laws or help federal immigration officials to collect information about individuals; that county employees may not inquire about the immigration status of those they encounter in their official duties (except in instances such as voter registration or application for a passport); that they may not discriminate based on a person's immigration status; and that they must keep information about a person's immigration status confidential except as otherwise required by law.

It does not, however, prevent federal agents from enforcing immigration laws in Howard County. Nor would it necessarily even achieve some of its stated goals. As is the case with sanctuary laws in many other jurisdictions, the legislation includes various exemptions for activities "required or authorized by state or federal law." And a 1995 federal law says state and local governments can't prohibit their

employees from "sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." That is to say, some provisions of the law may be preempted before they are even enacted.

Still, local governments do have real discretion on whether they comply with requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain suspected undocumented immigrants who wind up in the local jail for a period of time after they would ordinarily be released so that they can be picked up by federal agents. Howard County stopped holding offenders beyond their release date solely because of an ICE detainer in 2014 and has no plans to change that.

[Proposal to make Howard a 'sanctuary' stirs confusion, controversy in teaser of future immigration debate](#)

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Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman said this week that he will veto the bill if it passes. His explanation was not that he wants Howard to be unwelcoming to people without legal immigration

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a raid in Howard County, they inform the police, not so the local officers can participate but so they can help minimize any disturbance to the community or risk of harm to bystanders. Mr. Kittleman also expressed concern that the Trump administration might seek to cut off grant funding to self-identified sanctuary counties.

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But 10th amendment protections against federal coercion of state and local governments would likely prevent Mr. Trump from yanking existing local grants. And the legislation could be amended to avoid conflicts with federal law and allow the minimal amount of cooperation the police department and ICE now exercise.

At heart, the executive's objection is a sense that this bill is a solution in search of a problem. "We do things right," he said in an interview. "It would be different if there was a problem." But what he may be discounting is the extent to which Mr. Trump's election has frightened many in the immigrant community, and the value of even symbolic reassurance.

For whatever practical limitations this legislation may have, and whatever political overtones it may carry, it is an important statement of principle that people of whatever immigration status should have no fear of cooperating with police, going to the library, getting a building permit or engaging in any other way with the Howard County government. It doesn't mean undocumented immigrants in Howard County are immune from deportation or that they are being given special rights, just that Howard's government is codifying its commitment to leave immigration enforcement in the purview of the federal government, where it belongs.

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# In Opposition to CB9-2017



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**Street Address:** 5245 West Running Brook Road, Unit 201

**City:** Columbia

**Subject:** In Opposition to CB9-2017

**Message:** Dear County Council Members, I am writing to express my opposition to CB9-2017 which calls for making Howard County a Sanctuary County. While I am pro-immigrant this proposed bill places the county at risk for loss of Federal Funding causing strains on our schools, police and other important county issue. Thank you for voting NO on Bill CB9-2017. Sincerely, Linda Furiate

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## Support Bill 9=2017



Bonnie Pope <bblpope@aol.com>

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To Our Howard County Council person

I am a resident of Howard County Maryland. I support council bill #9-2017.

Thank you.  
Sincerely  
Bonnie Pope

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## Sanctuary





Susan Scott <smcgscott@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 6:57 PM

CouncilMail; akittleman@howardcounty.gov 



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Councilman Fox,

I am in favor of Sanctuary status for Howard County. Please note that not everyone on your district is opposed to this Christian idea for justice and mercy for people in difficulty. My four grandparents were immigrants to this country, and I can only be grateful that they were not treated the way immigrants are treated today.

Susan Scott

[2346 Adam David Way](#)  
[Marriottsville, MD 21104](#)

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## Pass Council Bill 9-2017



Suzanne Henig <henig3@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 7:44 PM

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Dear Council Members Sigaty, Terrasa, Ball, Fox, and Weinstein:

I live in Howard County, co-own a business in Howard County, and vote in Howard County. And I want to make Howard County a Sanctuary County. Please pass Council Bill 9-2017.

Let's come together to reassure our neighbors who live in fear of the new administration's threats of deportation. Howard County is always boasting about its diversity so now it's time to walk the walk.

Passing this bill is the right thing to do. Let's not let fear keep us from doing the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Suzanne Henig  
9533 White Spring Way, Columbia  
Co-owner, Bob's BMW Motorcycles in Jessup

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## CB-9





Tracey Davidson <thefurnitureresolution@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 8:00 PM

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I'm writing to voice my strong support for CB-9, I'm grateful to Dr. Ball and Ms. Terresa for sponsoring it. I've lived in Howard County for 21 years and always believed this to be an open minded and educated community. Diversity was one of the factors in choosing to put down roots here. My child has received an excellent education here; attending school with students of all races, nationalities, faiths, and orientations has made it all the richer. As high school graduation draws nearer I've considered moving to a less expensive area, it makes financial sense. But I've made Howard County my home and love it's diversity, open mindedness and inclusiveness. I was shocked at the ugliness unleashed in our high school, and others, immediately following the presidential election. Clearly this election has made many feel comfortable with their racism and hate, even here. It's more important than ever to stand up against hatred and divisiveness. We must make a statement about our values. We lose nothing by passing CB-9. As one of the most educated counties in the United States we should be leading on this and setting an example that represents the true ideals of America.

Sincerely,

Tracey Davidson

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[West Friendship, MD 21794](#)



# CB-9 Sanctuary County - vote YES

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Bill Harris <billharris3@gmail.com>

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Hello, my name is Bill Harris and I live at [6066 Granite Knoll, Columbia MD 21045](#). **I am a member of PATH and the UU Congregation of Columbia**, and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County, and here is why:

This bill is a declaration of the warm, civil, 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Bill Harris  
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## Council Bill 9-2017



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AUDREY SMITH <asmith6164@verizon.net>

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I am sorry that I am unable to attend the testimony for Bill 9-2017 on Tuesday. I strongly support the bill and hope that it is successful in passing.

Audrey Smith  
[6164 Llanfair Drive](#)  
[Columbia, MD, 21044](#)

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JR 

Janet Ruck <janetruck@yahoo.com>

Mon 1/16, 8:24 PM

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County Executive Kittleman:

I'm writing to you to request that you consider testimony about CB-9 before making a decision. The citizens of Howard County should be afforded the opportunity to participate in the political process and provide testimony about this bill.

The hate-filled, anti-immigrant rhetoric of the presidential campaign has created fear within the community. We need to uphold the values that make Howard County the best place to live -- for all.

At a minimum, we need to remove all barriers to encouraging people to come forward when they witness crimes or are victims of any crimes. I think these are basic rights we should protect for all people regardless of status.

I understand that you do not want to jeopardize federal funding if this bill were to pass and also that you don't want to impede the progress made in building the relationship between local police and ICE. However, I hope that the bill can be saved in some form to ensure protection of human rights for all.

Please consider the testimony presented about CB-9 as well as the spirit of this bill. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this bill and the issues surrounding it.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Ruck  
concerned Howard County citizen

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## Council Bill 9-2017




Ernest L. Murphy <elmurf@verizon.net>

Mon 1/16, 3:25 PM

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Dear Council Members:

I am deeply sadden and frighten about the recent developments in our political landscape about the mean and harsh rhetoric about undocumented immigrants and their American offspring. Never would I have dreamed that the mean and satanic rhetoric would have made its way into the White House.

It is imperative that all decent and patriotic Americans who love this country and what it stands for do whatever we can to fight against this scourge that is in the White House.

For these reasons, I beg of you to give your wholeheartedly support for Council Bill 9-2017, creating a safe haven for undocumented immigrants and their families in Howard County.

I have lived in Columbia for the last 45 years and have voted every year since I lived here. I will be looking at how my Councilperson votes on this matter and will determine my future support based on how you vote on this Bill.

You have my full support and I hope that I can depend on you for yours.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Murphy, Ph.D.

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## testimony concerning CB9 2017



Ethan Criss &lt;Ethan.Criss@outlook.com&gt;

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I was born and raised in Howard County, Maryland. Currently, I work for **US Citizenship and Immigration Services** as an **Immigration Officer**, and thought I might weigh in on the sanctuary bill. Having adjudicated cases for Deferred Action, Childhood Arrivals, (Dream Act, both Initials and Renewals) as well as I-131 applications for travel abroad for DACA Recipients, I am in a unique position to give you an insider's look on the workings of the US Immigration System concerning undocumented persons.

Simply put, unless someone has done something terrible, (violent crime or sexual assault) ICE and the US Immigration system will leave them alone. Just being in the United States illegally is not going to draw ICE or even local law enforcement, nor will a person so identified be automatically removed.

Allow me to follow that by saying that I have absolutely no problem with illegal immigrants who come here looking for a better life. Having worked DACA initials, I can assure you that the majority of undocumented persons, children especially, think of the United States of their home and love this country. Many of the recipients of DACA did not even know they were born elsewhere until they either tried to join the military or attend college. It was only then that their parents told them of the circumstances surrounding their birth.

It is because of my work with these cases that I believe DACA to be an excellent program, for it has helped identify those undocumented persons who should stay verses those who need locked up.

Herein is my concern for **CB9 2017**. In order to help locate and arrest those persons who are violent criminals, it is very necessary for federal and state law enforcement to work together and coordinate their efforts. Having worked both DACA initials and removals, my co-workers and I have helped identify **gang members, violent criminals**, and persons of interest in such crimes as **murder** and **sexual assault**. Upon identifying them, we refer the case to our Basic Crimes Unit, who forwards the information to federal and local law enforcement.

My concern is that a bill such as CB9 2017 would frustrate the efforts of police to identify and arrest those who are a danger to everyone in their community, legal or illegal. Also, having worked as an Immigration Officer for almost two years, I can assure you that **ICE does NOT concern themselves with those whose only offense is being in the country illegally**. If ICE is reaching out to state or local law enforcement for information on an individual, I can guarantee it is because that person has done something horrific.

It is because of this reason that **I urge you to not enact CB9 2017**. It would be redundant and needless at best, as ICE and US Immigration does not concern themselves with those whose only offense is being here illegally, and it would be dangerous at worst, for it would cripple law enforcement in their efforts to identify dangerous felons and coordinate with ICE in arresting and deporting those who prey upon the weak and vulnerable.

For these reasons, I urge you to not adapt CB9 2017.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Ethan Criss

P.S. I have included my work contact information as proof of my credentials.

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## Sanctuary Bill CB9-2017



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**Street Address:** 9291 Broken Timber Way  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** Sanctuary Bill CB9-2017

**Message:** Dear Councilmember, I read with interest the article in the January 6th Columbia Flyer regarding Councilmembers Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa's proposal to make Howard County a "sanctuary county". Aside from the lawlessness that this proposal implies I am at a loss as to how it would contribute to the general welfare of Howard County. As proof of this, I cite the article in the January 13th Columbia Flyer about how they are expanding the food banks in Howard County. I don't believe these two events are a coincidence. I feel that Councilmembers Ball and Terrasa, as well as the entire County Council, should be more concerned about taking care of the needs of the current citizens of Howard County rather than making proposals that will only diminish the available resources for all. If enacted, the proposal would benefit a few at the expense of many. Please do not approve this. Sincerely, Thomas Fulcher

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Harriett Katzen <kkatzen01@gmail.com>

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Please vote in support of CB9. It is crucial that the undocumented members of our community feel that their safety and well being are of utmost concern to our community.



I encourage you to eliminate lines 6-11(especially lines 9-11). They are unnecessary and divisive. Without them the entire council may find the bill more in line with their beliefs. This bill is an important statement of how much we value all residents of our county, fairness, justice, and safety. Please do all you can to ensure its passage.

Thank you so much.

Harriett G. Katzen,  
Resident

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## Sanctuary Bill

 lindaleslie@verizon.net  
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing today to urge your support of Council Bill 9-2017. I had hoped to attend the hearing Tuesday evening to listen to testimony on the bill, but instead will be at our monthly scheduled Wilde Lake High School PTSA meeting.

In large part, it is my participation in the Wilde Lake community that has made me such a strong proponent of this legislation. The energy and creativity of this community, and the beauty of our student's vision for the future of our county and our country, make me a strong believer in our ability to bring together the diverse elements of our community (legal and undocumented) to build a better future.

I appreciate that some people are afraid that the legislation will put Federal support of the county at risk. I also appreciate that people have fears that the county will be inundated with dangerous criminals. However, I don't believe that these fears of what *might* happen outweigh our duty to do the right thing for the many Howard County residents who are quaking in fear at what the future might hold for them. I think especially of our students at Wilde Lake High School who may be here without proper documentation or who face the deportation of their parents and other family members. If we can't stand up for these most vulnerable members of our community, what does that say about our values here in Howard County?

I thank you in advance for the long hours you will put in to listening to my fellow citizens on this topic. I hope that as this dialog moves forward, we can also gain insight into the hopes and fears not just of the people who feel free to speak publicly, but also those who feel they must hide in the shadows. If we are truly #OneHoward, these voices are just as important.

Thank you. - Linda Leslie

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JB 

Janelle Bruce <jbruce@stjohnbaptistchurch.org>

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Good evening,

Please vote to make Howard County a sanctuary county! I support CB-9, and support making Howard a welcoming county where our neighbors feel safe, not targeted.

Thank you!

**Rev. Janelle Bruce, Esq.**

**Youth Pastor**

**St John Baptist Church**

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[Columbia, MD 21045](#)

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## Public testimony

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Stephen Thomas <sthomas486@verizon.net>

Mon 1/16, 2:48 PM

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Public testimony for bill CB-9. I would like to present my comments to the council on January 17.

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Address: [13438 Chris Mar Court](#)

[Highland, Maryland 20777](#)

phone: 301-854-2912

Cell: 301-852-3441

Please confirm.

Thanks

Steve

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## Sanctuary city





Rae Millman <raemillman@icloud.com>

Mon 1/16, 6:17 AM

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Flag for follow up. Completed on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

I support making Howard county a sanctuary city. I hope you will seriously consider making this happen. Rae Millman

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I'd like to share an interview from NPR with the new mayor of Richmond, VA.  
Here's an excerpt when he was asked about Sanctuary City:

STONE: Yeah, I think the election of Donald Trump makes a job as mayor more important than it has ever been before. I see myself as a guardian of progressive values. I've seen what fellow cities, like Seattle, have done in institutionalizing the fact that this is a city that's open to everyone. You know, that's a commitment I made, and that's a commitment I plan on following through on.

GARCIA-NAVARRO: Are you worried about the consequences? You could have federal funding taken away.

STONE: You know, as a mayor and as a chief executive, you always have to basically do a cost-benefit analysis. But I got into politics and public service to right the wrongs and to give the voice to a voiceless. I think if Richmonders are on the menu, I'm going to damn sure stand up for them.

[http://www.npr.org/2017/01/15/509937028/richmond-va-welcomes-youngest-mayor-in-its-history?utm\\_campaign=storyshare&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=social](http://www.npr.org/2017/01/15/509937028/richmond-va-welcomes-youngest-mayor-in-its-history?utm_campaign=storyshare&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social)

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Levar Stoney recently began serving as mayor of Richmond, Va. at age 35. He talks with Lulu Garcia-Navarro about his challenges and plans for the city in the next year.

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Sayers, Margery

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DrsJBStewart@aol.com

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I apologize your email got lost in the shuffle of hundreds of emails that have been sent to our office. The link below goes to the legislation on our website.

<https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/olis/LegislationDetail.aspx?LegislationID=2738>

I hope this provides you with what you are looking for.

Again, I apologize for the delay.

Margery

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

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**From:** DrsJBStewart@aol.com [mailto:DrsJBStewart@aol.com]  
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**Cc:** drsjbstewart@aol.com  
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Resending my request. Brenda Stewart

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Dear Ms Sayers,

I find it difficult to get to the link that has the full bill legislation of CB 9 as it is was originally written.



Could you kindly send me that link so I can read the legal document in entirety?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brenda Stewart [drsjbstewart@AOL.com](mailto:drsjbstewart@AOL.com)

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## Bill CB-9




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**Last Name:** Sweeney

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**Street Address:** 14338 Musgrove Farm Ct

**City:** Glenwood

**Subject:** Bill CB-9

**Message:** I am writing to express my concern over Howard County becoming a sanctuary county. It is an unnecessary bill. I vote against it.

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Dear Council Members,

As a long time Howard County resident, property owner and TAXPAYER I am here to inform you of my serious concerns about any attempt to pass CB9-2017 in its present state or in any form whatsoever. We are a melting pot society, always have been and always will be. But we are a country, state and county of law. Those laws cannot be ignored and brushed aside because a certain class of non-citizens chose to defy them, and their advocates wish them otherwise. As a third generation American I know well of my grandparents legal immigration to this country over a century ago. I have helped sponsor legal immigrants from Central America who applied for legal status, so I am aware of the culture and the issues surrounding immigration.

This wholesale blindness to existing laws will put Howard County at odds with Federal and State law, will jeopardize our standing in the state, and will put a HUGE strain on our public resources, most immediately on our public safety, health and education systems.

A [2013 report](#) from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) estimates that illegal immigrants cost local, state and federal government \$113 billion per year. Of that total, \$52 billion goes to educating illegal immigrants. Almost all of that cost falls on state and local governments. Federal spending on medical assistance to illegal immigrants totaled \$5.9 billion. Public assistance to illegal immigrants totaled \$4.6 billion. The FAIR report estimated that tax receipts at all levels of government totalled \$13.5 billion, with \$4 billion going to state and local governments.

**Public Education.** Government provides primary, secondary, post-secondary, and vocational education to individuals. In most cases, the government pays directly for the cost of educational services provided. Education is the single largest component of state and local government spending, absorbing roughly a third of all state and local expenditures. The average cost of public primary and secondary education per pupil is now around \$12,300 per year. Overall, federal, state, and local governments spent \$758 billion on education in FY 2010. (Heritage Foundation)

As a Maryland employer I can tell you first-hand that at least 70% of illegal aliens do not pay taxes, hire other illegal aliens as their laborers and operate outside of our existing labor and social welfare laws (social security, workman's comp etc.)

I implore you to vote against CB9 or suffer the consequences of your actions in the next election.

Respectfully,

Kurt Zanelotti  
Citizen, Employer, Taxpayer

P.S. Remember for whom you work. You are merely a servant of the citizens of Howard County and we are not your subjects.

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## Make Howard County safe for immigrants and Muslims

RF

Ruth Frost <ruthsfrost@gmail.com>

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As you may be aware, Trump and his supporters have increased threats against people of certain religions and citizenship status. He has called for the creation of a Muslim registry and the wholesale deportation of undocumented immigrants. This is terrifying. I believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. (This is the first principle of Unitarian Universalism.) Also, if we allow him to take action against Muslims and immigrants, who is next?

Please support Council Bill 9 to make Howard County a Sanctuary County for immigrants. Please also take the additional measures described in [Gavin Kohn's Change.org petition](#) to make Howard County safe for residents of all religious affiliations.

Best regards,

Ruth Simpson Frost

[Resident of Jessup, MD 20794](#)

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## Please support CB9-2017 Sanctuary County



Bob Schurter <bobschurter@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 11:36 AM

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Please support CB 9-2017 Sanctuary County

This bill is both an important public expression of the human rights principles that have defined Howard County and a necessary backstop against anti immigrant, anti Muslim legislation that seems likely to be coming from the Federal government.

Howard County is known nationwide as model of prosperity, equality and diversity. Although we are not perfect in any of these categories, we are well above the national norms and we need to keep working to maintain our standing.

Howard County residents believe in religious equality. We have residents of possibly every religion known on earth. Many of us have known the very real dangers of religious hatred. We need to do locally what it seems we will not be able to do locally.

Similarly, we are, more than most counties, a county of immigrants. Our residents come from all over the world and many have sad histories of economic, racial and religious intolerance in our homelands. We need to welcome all residents and we have the resources to do so.

Bob Schurter  
Columbia 20144

## CB9-2017 Testimony (OPPOSED)



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CB9 is a misguided attempt to signal how upset certain Council members are with the national election. I'll give these two Council members credit for honesty; they wrote a statement very similar to that in the legislation itself. As a result of the legislation will make Howard County less safe, protect criminals and cause the loss of federal funds.

The decision to cooperate with Federal law enforcement- or not- should be at the sole discretion of the Police Department. When our local police officers are able to leverage support from Federal law enforcement to remove law breakers from our community, they should be able to do so. Likewise, local police should be expected to cooperate with Federal law enforcement whenever reasonably possible. CB9 will remove all flexibility from local police which will place our community in danger. Local police should not be hamstrung by the County Council. Perhaps this is why Howard County Times reporter Fatima Waseem tweeted that Police Chief Gary Gardner opposes CB9.

I understand that some folks who are residing in Howard County are here illegally. Those folks are afraid of the incoming Presidential administration and this bill is an attempt to appease them. Some of these illegal immigrants have been educated in our public schools at our expense and have illegally voted in our elections, and Mr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa clearly hope to get their illegal vote in the next election. Others are MS13 gang members who promote drugs, child pornography and human trafficking. Frankly, those who choose to break the law should be afraid of getting caught. The reason we have borders and a national immigration policy is to make sure those who come to live in the United States share our values and respect our laws and customs. Additionally, we need to make sure that folks who come here are able to provide for themselves and are not here simply to take advantage of the social safety net that the government has created. Open borders and a social safety net are not possible to have together. Additionally, whenever I have sought employment, my employer performed a background check to make sure I was a citizen. Folks who cannot legally work for a living must break further laws when seeking employment. No doubt these illegal immigrants are using stolen identities, working under the table for cash, and other illegal means to circumvent labor and tax laws.

Additionally, passing CB9 may put Federal funding at risk. In fact, President Trump is nearly certain to put an end to sanctuary communities through federal funding cuts. In a press release, Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa said "we do not believe local policy decisions should be driven by anticipating federal retribution." Since the County Council appears to be so casual about Federal funding, clearly President Trump would be more than justified to pull the plug on any and all Federal funding to one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. Some of that Federal funding that would be cut is used to combat human trafficking, child pornography, etc. It says a lot about Mr. Ball and Mrs. Terrasa's view on those issues if they would put that funding at risk.

In short, I urge the County Council to recognize this bill for exactly what it is: an ill-conceived political stunt that will have real neagative consequences. Immidrants can be an asset to our nation, but they need

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## Vote yes for Bill No. 9-2017


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Julie Riddler <jriddler0528@gmail.com>

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Hello, my name is Julie Riddler and I live at 8425 Jenn Nicole Court. I am a member of PATH and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County, and here is why:

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.

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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.

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

Sincerely,

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Julie Riddler  
[jriddler0528@gmail.com](mailto:jriddler0528@gmail.com)

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## Make Howard County a Sanctuary City




Griffin Riddler <griffin.riddler@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 12:18 PM

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Hello, my name is Griffin Riddler and I live at 8425 Jenn Nicole Court in Ellicott City. I am a member of PATH and 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,

Griffin Riddler

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ES 

Ezra Silver-Isenstadt <ezrazsilveri@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 12:36 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a high school student in the county and as a natural-born citizen, I'm writing to express my strong support for CB9. I want all residents of the county to feel safe and to feel welcome. I also want everyone to feel comfortable reporting crime to the police.

I ask you to please vote yes.

Thanks,

Ezra Silver-Isenstadt

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## SUPPORT CB9-2017!





Melissa Huselton <msfennell@gmail.com>

Mon 1/16, 1:29 PM

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Dear county council members Weinstein, Ball, Terrasa, Sigaty, and Fox:

Today I reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the incredible work he had done to uphold the rights and humanity of all people. I feel compelled to reach out to you and urge you to vote in favor of CB 9- 2017.

In these times of rising hatred and fear, it is essential that Howard County declare its commitment to being a welcoming and safe place. If our undocumented neighbors have an emergency and need to visit the hospital or need help from the police they must be able to do so without the fear of being reported to ICE. This bill will reaffirm the dignity and safety of undocumented immigrants.

I'm proud to live in Howard County and I support living in a sanctuary county.

Respectfully,  
Melissa Huselton  
Columbia, MD 21044

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## RE: County Council Public Hearing - January 17, 2017

SM

Sayers, Margery

Tue 1/17, 10:00 AM

su kye <qfdsukye@gmail.com> 



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Thank you for the notification. I have removed you from the list.

Please know that you can send the council written testimony at [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov).

Sincerely,  
Margery

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

**From:** su kye [mailto:qfdsukye@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2017 9:43 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** County Council Public Hearing - January 17, 2017

Dear Margery Sayers,

I signed up to testify for the upcoming County Council Legislative Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. But I will not be able to make it because I am out of town. Would you please remove me from the list and reply the email to confirm it?

Thank you and have a good week.  
Jian Su

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DAVID LAST\_NAME <bhfoston@comcast.net>

Mon 1/16, 9:44 PM

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Hello All,

I would like a detail explanation on:

Economical Impact - How would HC benefit?

Social benefit?

As you are aware if a citizen commits a crime, the citizen has to do the time and fined. Sometimes deported. A natural born commits a crime, natural born has to do the time and fined and at times stigmatized.

CB-9 is serious business.

We need to spend our time and money in promoting after-school programs for all the kids.

Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston

Concerned Citizen

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CeCe McCullough <cecemccullough@comcast.net>

Mon 1/16, 10:09 PM

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## **Attention: County Council Members**

Please consider voting for CB-9. My husband and I have resided in Howard County over forty years and have watched it grow immensely. Thank goodness the positives outweigh the negatives. We have witnessed population growth allowing for the influx of persons from many different nations which in turn has provided us with greater diversity. Howard Countians have access to numerous services which other surrounding areas cannot boast. It is a relatively safe place to live, work and play.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Stand Up & Speak Out rally as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Long Reach HS. At both of these gatherings I listened to the student population verbalize their fervent fears of their families being broken apart as a result of deportation of undocumented loved ones. Over the past few months their fears have been heightened by increases in hatred and bigotry directed at races, religions and nationalities.

Please in light of all these insensitive actions, consider providing a safe haven for our neighbors and their children. This would in turn would not only send a message to the families but also to neighboring counties and states that Howard County cares and will stand on the right side of this issue.

Thank you,  
CeCe McCullough  
Stevens Forest Neighborhood

## Sanctuary bill



O'Malley, Beth <omalley@hood.edu>

Mon 1/16, 11:49 PM

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I am a 20 + year resident of Ellicott City, a clergy member, and member of PATH. I write in support of making Howard County a Sanctuary County.

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



Thank you for being willing to use your position to create a community that lives to its highest values of support and safety for all.

Rev. Beth O'Malley

8418 West Grove Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043

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## Fw: please say no to CB9-2017

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Ball, Calvin B

Tue 1/17, 11:36 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.*

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**From:** Lisa White <lmwhite12@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2017 7:47 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** please say no to CB9-2017

Mr. Ball ,  
Please say no to Sanctuary Bill CB9-2017. I support Howard County Executive, Alan Kittleman, and am in agreement with the statement he released earlier this month (below). Please vote against this bill. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa M. White  
(Howard County resident for over 50 years)

"Howard County has long been known for valuing diversity, inclusion, and civility. These have been guiding principles throughout my life and why I have championed efforts like #OneHoward and stood up against acts of hatred and bigotry. We in Howard County are a welcoming community that values diversity and inclusion of all people, which makes us a stronger community. We embrace our diverse cultural and religious beliefs throughout the year with dozens of community programs and events.

"While we have laws in place against hate crimes, we also know that no law or policy can prevent all acts of racism or prejudice. Council Bill 9 (CB-9), introduced by Councilmembers Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa, is a hollow political statement that provides a false sense of security, compromises our ability to keep our community safe, and could jeopardize federal funding for critical programs and services. For these reasons, I will veto CB-9 should it pass the County Council.

*"False Sense of Security.* As many have already pointed out, CB-9 will not protect undocumented immigrants from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and cannot prevent immigrants from being deported. As the Supreme Court has held, only the federal government has authority over all immigration enforcement. The Howard County Police Department is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of criminal law, and has never been engaged in the enforcement of immigration laws. This

bill's own language states it will not supersede any federal or state law, or any existing agreement between the County and any other federal, state or local government.

*"Compromise Public Safety Efforts.* Our police department has made tremendous progress working with ICE over the last several years targeting drug activity, child pornography and human trafficking. The County was successful in its effort to locate, arrest and prosecute MS-13 gang members in large part through assistance from ICE. In addition, our recent efforts to investigate child pornography and human trafficking crimes have been successful because of cooperative agreements with ICE. A serious concern is that passage of CB-9 could compromise the County's ability to keep our community safe.

*"Loss of Federal funds.* CB-9 will add language to the Howard County Code that could put us at risk of losing some critical federal funding. I am not willing to jeopardize existing programs and services which benefit all Howard County residents to adopt a label that would not change any of the policies and practices that we already have in place.

"My administration will continue to champion and preserve our values and we encourage residents to seek

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continue to be a welcoming, inclusive and safe community where we celebrate our diversity."

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**From:** Carole Murray <carole@murrayfinancialgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2017 8:12 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

RE: CB9-2017

Dear Council Member Ball:

Please do not ignore our plea to keep our county safe. Legal is what I have always been taught and followed. I am opposed to illegal anything.

I am writing to express my opposition to the above referenced bill which calls for making 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 loss of federal funding, uses and strains resources much needed for schools, police and other important issues in the County.

Furthermore, the bill is written to be contradictory and unclear as to the actual intent. The unintended consequences that exist are severe, reckless and place the county taxpayers at risk. By Charter, your first priority is to protect the citizens in the County, and therefore I am urging you to vote against CB9.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Carole Patrick Murray  
1501 Woodbine Road  
Woodbine, MD 21797

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:26 AM  
**To:** Ethan Criss  
**Subject:** Re: testimony concerning CB9 2017

Good morning Mr. Criss,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position and concerns on Council Bill 9-2017. I appreciate you 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.

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 for expressing your position and concerns regarding Council Bill 9-2017 to the County Council.

Sincerely,

Julia

Julia Singleton

District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty

District 4

410-313-2001

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**From:** Ethan Criss <Ethan.Criss@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2017 3:28:10 PM

**To:** CouncilMail

**Subject:** testimony concerning CB9 2017

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

I was born and raised in Howard County, Maryland. Currently, I work for **US Citizenship and Immigration Services** as an **Immigration Officer**, and thought I might weigh in on the sanctuary bill. Having adjudicated cases for Deferred Action, Childhood Arrivals, (Dream Act, both Initials and Renewals) as well as I-131 applications for travel abroad for DACA Recipients, I am in a unique position to give you an insider's look on the workings of the US Immigration System concerning undocumented persons.

Simply put, unless someone has done something terrible, (violent crime or sexual assault) ICE and the US Immigration system will leave them alone. Just being in the United States illegally is not going to draw ICE or even local law enforcement, nor will a person so identified be automatically removed.

Allow me to follow that by saying that I have absolutely no problem with illegal immigrants who come here looking for a better life. Having worked DACA initials, I can assure you that the majority of undocumented persons, children especially, think of the United States of their home and love this country. Many of the recipients of DACA did not even know they were born elsewhere until they either tried to join the military or attend college. It was only then that their parents told them of the circumstances surrounding their birth.

It is because of my work with these cases that I believe DACA to be an excellent program, for it has helped identify those undocumented persons who should stay verses those who need locked up.

Herein is my concern for **CB9 2017**. In order to help locate and arrest those persons who are violent criminals, it is very necessary for federal and state law enforcement to work together and coordinate their efforts. Having worked both DACA initials and removals, my co-workers and I have helped identify **gang members, violent criminals**, and persons of interest in such crimes as **murder** and **sexual assault**. Upon identifying them, we refer the case to our Basic Crimes Unit, who forwards the information to federal and local law enforcement.

My concern is that a bill such as CB9 2017 would frustrate the efforts of police to identify and arrest those who are a danger to everyone in their community, legal or illegal. Also, having worked as an Immigration Officer for almost two years, I can assure you that **ICE does NOT concern themselves with those whose only offense is being in the country illegally**. If ICE is reaching out to state or local law enforcement for information on an individual, I can guarantee it is because that person has done something horrific.

It is because of this reason that I **urge you to not enact CB9 2017**. It would be redundant and needless at best, as ICE and US Immigration does not concern themselves with those whose only offense is being here illegally, and it would be dangerous at worst, for it would cripple law enforcement in their efforts to identify dangerous felons and coordinate with ICE in arresting and deporting those who prey upon the weak and vulnerable.

For these reasons, I urge you to not adapt CB9 2017.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Ethan Criss

P.S. I have included my work contact information as proof of my credentials.

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**council bill 9-2017r**

**From :** STEVE <s.benton@comcast.net>

Mon, Jan 16, 2017 03:10 PM

**Subject :** council bill 9-2017r

**To :** mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov

Hello, my name is Stephen Benton and I have been a resident in District 4 (Scaggsville Rd, 20723) of Howard County since 1997 and a Maryland resident since 1951. My household consists of three eligible voting adults. We have many friends and relatives in Maryland with many of them in Howard County. I would like to comment on Council Bill 9-2017 introduced by Mr. Ball and Ms. Terassa. It feels as though this bill is being put forth to amplify two Council members personal distaste for the new incoming federal administration, not enhancing or benefiting Howard County's best interest. To pass a bill that outright states in bold letters that our County will not follow current federal law (a law which which has been on the books for quite some time) and any future immigration developments of unknown content whether beneficial or not to the illegal population seems juvenile at best, fiduciary irresponsible at its worst. Maryland and especially Howard County are very dependent on the federal government for not only supplying jobs directly or to contractors, but as a funding source,also. Possibly money may be withheld for job creation or grants. Furthermore, during my residence over the last twenty years and being a retired Howard County school bus driver, I have seen the population grow (not only becoming diversified as it should be but sometimes seemingly too many people). The required cost of improving the County's infrastructure and services may become overwhelmed for a declaration of a sanctuary county in bill form. If this bill is passed, it not only reflects badly on our County, but is an affront to all legal immigrants and citizens of America who have attained their status under the rule of law. This situation will be addressed eventually through federal legislation. Howard County should not join the misdirected "current trend of the day" to declare a sanctuary city or county by virtue of a bill stating so. Please table this bill or vote against CB 9-2017. I will follow this up with a copy being mailed through the USPS just in case you did not personally read this. Thank you, Stephen Benton.

