

Support for CB9



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Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Chiara D'Amore and I am a resident of Ms. Sigaty's district. I have called Howard County home since I was in the 4th grade. After leaving the area for college, graduate school, and my early career, my husband and I moved back to Columbia in 2008 in order to raise our children, who are now 7 and 3.

One of the primary reasons I wanted to return to this area to raise our family is because of the diversity that is intentionally supported and deeply valued in this community. In designing Columbia, James Rouse truly wanted to create a better place for people—all people—to live. Mr. Rouse believed we are at our best in communities where there is a sense of responsibility to one's city and to one's neighbor. He imagined and designed Columbia, the heart of Howard County, to be a place that fostered economic, racial, and cultural harmony. CB9 helps to codify this vision in the midst of tumultuous times in our county and country.

As a scientist, I believe firmly in the importance of facts and truth. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I agree with his assertion that "Nothing in this world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

Unfortunately we have seen a rise in both in recent times, as evidenced by a political culture of false information being passed as fact in order to use fear to garner power. We are seeing this from detractors of CB9. With this context, the reasons I support CB9 are as follows:

- Across the US there are nearly 400 sanctuary cities and municipalities that offer a variety of policies and protections for residents. While there is no legal definition that spans all of these locals, essentially the term refers to a locality that has chosen not to use its local resources to enforce federal immigration law. If the CB9 legislation passes in Howard County, it would legally direct county employees and police not to inquire about a resident's immigration status unless required by law (for example, checking legal authorization to work during the hiring process). The benefits of making what has been a policy position into law are that it prevents discrimination; ensures county resources are prioritized for local law enforcement efforts; and protects the county from exposure to potential liability. Importantly, it also reflects our values as a welcoming and diverse community and promotes trust between our community and government/police.
- This bill would not interfere with our police's ability to investigate crimes and enforce local and state law. Additionally, it does not interfere with ICE's ability to carry out deportation. Our local police would still be required to comply with any federal warrants for arrest. Separating local policing from immigration enforcement promotes public safety and promotes family unity and human dignity.
- Congress appropriates and authorizes the spending of federal funds, not the President. Nothing in this bill violates federal law, so Howard County should not be under any threat of losing federal funds. There is not transparency around any federal funding that Howard County receives that would be threatened if additional steps would be taken to further bolster the County as an inclusive, supportive, compassionate community.
- I have the privilege of being a Caucasian, able-bodied, straight, able-bodied, educated, upper middle class, U.S. citizen, of a non-threatened faith. I have MANY friends and colleagues who do not fit one or more of these categories. As I wrote in my November 20th Op Ed in the Baltimore Sun regarding Governor Hogan's lack of leadership around the rise of hate speech and actions, "There are children in Maryland who are now living in fear due to circumstances around which they have no control — the color of their skin, their accent, their religion, their disability, and so on. Friends of mine have been called the N-word for the first time in the diverse and inclusive community of Columbia. Other friends are afraid to wear any public indication of their religion due to harassment."

Now more than ever we need thoughtful, courageous leadership to protect our communities where state and federal leaders will not. I am appreciative that Dr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa put this bill forward and hopeful that both Ms. Sigaty and Mr. Weinstein will support it, making County Executive Kittleman's premature veto determination moot.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chiara D'Amore

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County Council Bill-9 2017



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Honorable Members of Howard County Council,

The proposed County Council Bill-9 2017 is ill advised in my opinion.

I am an immigrant and a naturalized citizen of this great country. It will be 40 years come August since I arrived in America and more than a quarter century residing in Howard County. To me the greatness of this country is not in its gigantic economy or its military might. Rather, it is in its promise of freedom and its spirit of government by the law.

I was from a developing country under an authoritarian government so naturally I am keenly aware the difference between ruling by men and ruling by the law. From my experience over the last 40 years the best protection for every body, immigrants and natives alike, is to honor the spirit of government by the law and stick to the practice of due process.

Charity is a great American tradition and I have no doubt a great majority of County residents are involved in helping whoever in need showing up at our door steps. But the helping does not extend to shielding the person from the law if law-breaking is involved. That is not different from if my child broke the law. Of course I would seek the best legal council for my child but it would be unconscionable for me to shield him from the law.

I thank you for your serious consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,
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Testimony for CB9-2017



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Below and enclosed you will find my testimony for the bill CB9-2017. I am in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,

Chris Krupiarz
Ellicott City
District 2

Testimony for CB9-2017
January 17, 2017

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I mention this tragic event because it represents a primary fear of this legislation. Take a group of people from any country, county, city, or state and there is a risk someone will commit terrible acts. This includes crimes, potentially, against my own family. If we act to remove that entire group of people, we remove the risk.

While we should never forget this shooting, an act that represents the worst side of human nature, we should also remember there is another side of human nature: our

common rights that know no borders.

I was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1966. My Mom was a nurse, my Dad a Personnel Director. Along with six brothers and sisters, we were a middle class family living in a middle class home with access to good schools.

What gave me this good fortune? God? Luck? Why wasn't I born in Aleppo or Port-au-Prince or Nuristan or Juba. I did nothing proactive to deserve this fate.

By focusing on the very few that may increase risk, we miss seeing the vast majority of immigrants who are simply seeking what I, and many of us here today, were lucky enough to be born with. And that is the human right of freedom from oppression and an opportunity to live, study, and work in a welcoming community. Our community.

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I am writing to ask that you approve CB9 and make Howard County a welcoming community for all. I am writing on behalf of my family of 5, Howard County residents for the past 17 years, and on behalf of the diverse community that you represent.

Thank you,

Anjula Batra

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Hi, I'm Gavin Kohn, a student at Oakland Mills High School, and I'm submitting this petition in support of CB-9 and its expansion on [change.org](https://www.change.org) that has over 600 signatures. The petition was started by Howard County students across the county a few weeks ago. We were asked to submit it yesterday, but Change.org was down and I was unable to access it until now. You can see the online version at the link below, or see a PDF with the petition attached. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Gavin

<https://www.change.org/p/howard-county-council-make-howard-county-a-sanctuary-county>

Make Howard County A Sanctuary County

Due to the local nature of this petition, please only sign if you are a resident of Howard County, MD.

Dear Howard County Council Members and County Executive Allan Kittleman,

The signatories of this petition request that you support Council Bill 9 to make Howard County a Sanctuary County and a safe community for all of our residents.

The signatories of this petition also request that you consider additional measures to protect the religious affiliation of residents in this community.

President- Elect Trump's statements calling for the creation of a Muslim registry and the wholesale deportation of undocumented immigrants deeply worry many people in Howard County and throughout our nation. As you know, Howard County has a very diverse population -- racially, culturally, economically, and in many other ways – and this diversity is greatly valued by many residents. The signatories of this petition fervently support and hope to continue the caring, diverse community that has proven to be a significant asset to our County's growth and civility.

In the past, Howard County has worked to end discrimination and create a safe community for people of all backgrounds. Other Maryland counties, including Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, have already taken action to protect their residents by becoming Sanctuary Counties. We want Howard County to follow this lead and support the security of all of our residents by also becoming a Sanctuary County through County Bill 9.

County Bill 9 is "AN ACT providing that certain individuals shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on citizenship status; requiring that certain information related to

citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County.” (County Bill 9 Proposed by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrassa)

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In addition to County Bill 9, signatories of this petition also feel that Howard County cannot be considered a Sanctuary County unless religious affiliation of residents are also protected. Therefore, we use this to bring the following claims to the attention of the County Council and County Executive in the hope that they will take immediate action to enact these as law:

Whereas the President-elect and his supporters have increased threats against people of certain religions and citizenship status, and

Whereas this information is not needed to provide services to students or residents in Howard County,

The religious affiliation of individual persons shall be immediately deleted from any and all county databases;

The religious affiliation of any individual person shall not be collected in the future by the Howard County School System, Howard County Police Department and Sheriff’s Office, any Howard County Department or Agency, any employee of Howard County government, or any entity contracting with Howard County government.

Furthermore, county funds will not be used to enforce, aid, or offset federal efforts to obtain demographic information related to the religious affiliation of any individual person.

Census data on religious affiliation may be taken only if the information is not linked to any individual person.

Signatories

Please comment on the county district or representative of your residence if you know that information.

District 1: Jon Weinstein

District 2: Dr. Calvin Ball

District 3: Jen Terrasa

District 4: Mary Kay Sigaty

District 5: Greg Fox

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B. Teresa B. Tropf <btbtropf@gmail.com>

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am a resident of north Laurel in Howard County. I am writing to urge your support of the CB-9, Sanctuary County Bill, coming up for a vote soon. Requiring law enforcement to ask about a person's document status will foster fear and distrust of police officers, who can only do their jobs effectively when the public trusts them. Fear and distrust will make our county less safe, as people will be too afraid of potential deportation to report crimes or assist in any investigations in their communities. Also, unless the question is asked uniformly of all people interacting with law enforcement and county officials, such a policy leads to racial profiling. This not only adds to distrust by the public, but reinforces racial bias in the police department during a time when most departments have been working to reduce such biases. I am not anti-police; I believe that law enforcement, when done well, is a crucial part of keeping our communities safe. And I believe that not passing CB-9 will undermine our officers' abilities to do that. Please pass CB-9 to encourage trust of and cooperation with law enforcement by all members of our community, regardless of their circumstances for being here. Thank you!

Sincerely,

B. Teresa Tropf

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 "where there is no vision, people perish" -proverbs 29:18-  
 "sometimes, the right person for the job... is a robot" -dr. dave akin-

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City: Clarksville
Subject: sanctuary bill

Message: I am inquiring on how our tax money is being subsidized to pay for the education of so many new immigrants to Howard County. The most recent data from Howard County and in particular our Clarksville's schools indicate that Asians comprises 49% percent of Clarksville Elementary 35% Clarksville Middle and 28.6 % River Hill High school student population. I wonder how many are undocumented. I am unclear why our students must be required to celebrate Chinese Lunar Holiday, Muslim and Hindu Holidays. This is a country where new arrivals to our country need to learn to assimilate and embrace a new culture. In many European countries such as Germany forced assimilations are required and failure to comply result in the expulsion of the new arrivals. Here in the United States, many of the undocumented students who recently arrived also are granted Dream scholarships to prestigious universities. Economic opportunities allow many foreign students to receive grants and scholarships. I will share with you that my daughters attended Howard County Public Schools were indeed excellent students but were often overlooked for scholarships because they were not considered to be a minority. So, I remain reticent on supporting our county leaders who continue to embrace so many foreign residents to our county. I would like to know how many fail to pay taxes but tap our social services at tax's payer's expense. Please let me know if there is a solution to the large foreign population who reap the benefits of Howard County residents. Sincerely, Will Phillips

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Support CB-9



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Dear County Executive and members of the County Council,

Please support CB-9.

I urge you to consider the facts when it comes to concerns about negative Impacts of this legislation. Look at other sanctuary cities so see if these fears are really founded. I believe they are not.

Then I urge you to consider all of the people in the county who are victims of crimes that aren't discovered and the criminals that are not persecuted because someone was afraid to report it or afraid to testify. Fear of deportation should not interfere with protecting the people who live here. People should be our first concern in Howard County and our Sanctuary status would be a step toward making everyone here more safe.

I stand in support of CB-9.

Anne Gonnella
District 1
Howard County resident for 18 years

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Last Name: Polimeni

Email: christopher.polimeni@verizon.net

Street Address: 6412 Uplands Road



City: Elkridge

Subject: OPPOSE CB9

Message: I am writing to voice my concerns about CB9. This bill does nothing beneficial for Howard County. At best this is feel good legislation, at worst it is harboring criminals. In the wording of the bill, it is clear that part of the reason is because of certain politicians displeasure with how the Presidential election turned out. There are three items I would like to point out in regards to this bill. 1)This bill aids and abets criminals. People have made a choice to break the law and come here illegally. What message does this send to the 1000s of residents who have done the right thing and gone through the immigration process legally? If they can do it, anyone can. Would it be ok for the Council to pass a bill to say we will not turn over criminals to the Federal Government for Tax Evasion because it is not a violent crime? What message does this send to our children? Shouldn't we be teaching them right from wrong? 2)This would put the County Police at odds with Federal Law Enforcement agencies. The police departments job is already tough enough, should we tie their hands more by not allowing them to enforce the law? Again, does this open the door for the Council to decide which crimes that people should be arrested for? 3) Federal Funding. No matter whose side of the election you were on, it is over and decided. The incoming President has said that he will not give federal funding to anyone who provides sanctuary to illegal immigrants. If Howard County does not receive federal aid for schools and roads, where will the funds come from? Does that mean you agree with higher taxes? What budgets will be cut to make up for the shortfall? So does the Council believe it is better to raise taxes just so we can become a Sanctuary County? The job of the County Council is to do what is best for the majority of the residents of Howard County. Making legislation that is directed at a small percentage of the population to protect them from laws they violated is absurd. If the Council wants to do something to help these illegal immigrants, provide them a means to become legal citizens. OPPOSE CB9 Sincerely, Christopher Polimeni Uplands Road Elkridge, Maryland.

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Subj: Testimony Against Howard County Being a Sanctuary County CB 9-2017

Testimony Against Making Howard County a Sanctuary County in Maryland

Testimony Against CB 9- 2017 of Howard County, Maryland

Writer

Dr. Brenda Stewart
(Howard County Farm Resident 45 years)

TWO MAJOR REASONS AGAINST MAKING HOWARD COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY

1. Risk Loosing Federal funding money to fund Loans, Grants, Contracts, Emergencies, Education, Research, Small Business Support, and Public Health.

Comments: - Universities face loss of funding if declared a sanctuary campus.

- Counties and cities that adopt immigrant-friendly policies run the risk of losing funding or face other federal sanctions.

Howard County this year received federal funding dollars of \$1,613,136 to fund organizations that help crime victims in our county.

Howard County received \$7.7 million dollars in federal funding to help restore and rebuild Ellicott City after the disastrous flooding of the City.

- Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services announced in 2016 that it was awarded \$201,524 in a federal grant money given by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

-Howard County can't afford to loose federal funding by trying to predict

what the funding priorities of the incoming FEDERAL Administration will be towards a sanctuary county. Trying to quickly pass local policy decisions at making Howard County a Sanctuary County could result in yanking federal funding to Howard County. This could paralyze every aspect of economic growth and funding upon citizens that live in Howard and their educational opportunities.

-Can anyone assure the citizens of Howard County that they will receive at least the same amount of federal funding than before becoming a sanctuary county? If not, what is the "rush" in trying to pass this bill before we know how it will impact our financial standing with federal support? Why not table this bill for now?

2. Creating Local Sanctuary Counties Conflicts with Federal Law.

- Comments: Howard County and other local governments don't set the nation's Immigration policies, the Federal Government does.
- Federal law out ranks county law when it comes to illegal status.
- Making a county a sanctuary can be interpreted as a matter of civil disobedience by those that attempt to over step and contradict federal laws.
- Those that urge such illegal practices may possibly be jeopardizing their own credibility as well as compromise their leadership status in the community when federal action is applied.
- Local governments cannot pick and chose to follow some federal laws and ignore others.
- By Federal law, state and local governments are required to cooperate with the immigration laws and policies of the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Brenda Stewart drsibstewart@AOL.com 410 442-2471

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Making Howard a Sanctuary County

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monique ellison <monique.ellison@gmail.com>

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Hello, my name is Monique Ellison and I live at 6060 Charles Edward Terrace. 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.

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.

I am an Episcopal priest, and as follower of Jesus Christ I feel compelled 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.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Monique A. Ellison

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Testimony in favor of CB 9



Daniel Kirk-Davidoff <dkirkdavidoff@gmail.com>

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Dear Council Members,

I have signed up to testify in favor of CB 9, but am not sure I'll be able to make the meeting, so am also submitting this written testimony.

I think it's crucial that Howard County weigh in on important national questions that affect us here. Our immigration system is a mess. While other countries are accepting hundreds of thousands of desperate refugees fleeing from war (Lebanon is currently housing 2 million Syrian refugees), we make it far too difficult for decent people seeking productive work and a safe life to come to our country. Meanwhile, we make it relatively easy for many business to hire the people who manage to enter the United States under very dangerous circumstances guided by folks who exploit them for money. We need to make it easy for people who want to come here to work to do so legally, and we need to prosecute people who exploit immigrants.

The way to protect ourselves from criminals who want to enter our country is to make it easy for people who want to be law-abiding, productive members of our community to enter our country. That will reduce the number of people entering illegally and secretively, and make the latter easier to identify and stop. For example, we wouldn't have to waste money housing nice people in detention centers.

A good way for Howard County to contribute to changing our national system to accomplish this, is to make clear that we won't freely participate in a system that punishes children and families who are doing no harm to our communities. We won't help the government detain and deport them. In this way, we encourage our federal government to find real solutions to our problems.

Best regards,
Dan Kirk-Davidoff

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Fw: opposition to bill

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Ball, Calvin B

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Dr. Calvin Ball
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Howard County Council, District 2
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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: Katrina Bender <katlbend@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Ball, Calvin B
Subject: opposition to bill

Re: CB9-2017
Dear Council Member Ball:

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. I am also a mother in the county and am concerned about how this could impact overcrowding in our schools, which is already an issue we are dealing with in certain areas of the county.

Furthermore, the bill is written to be contradictory, and is unclear as to the actual intent. The unintended consequences that exist are severe, reckless, and place the county taxpayers at risk. By Charter, it is the county council member's first priority to protect the citizens in the county.

Katrina Bender
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Dear County Council-

I support the CB-9 Sanctuary Bill in Howard County.

Monica Schneider Tristán.
ESOL Teacher
Hammond High School

No Sanctuary County



David Crawford <outlook_A952837B86FE6AD8@outlook.com> on behalf of David Cr

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I have read and examined CB 9 and I could not be more disappointed. Not only in the intent, but its language. We are a nation of laws and principles and this bill encourages lawlessness and attempts to repudiate those fundamentals. Immigration is not a new issue with our country. We all come from somewhere else. My family on my mother's side is a charter and founding member of St Mary's County (Dysons). The first settlement of Maryland. From my father's side Scotland (they came through Ellis Island). I encourage each of you to follow the direction and leadership of our County Executive Allan Kittleman. His published comments on this bill make good sense.

As a registered and voting Democrat I urge you to please come to your senses and not support this bill. Even as affluent as Howard County is we do not have limitless resources. We already have special needs students in our school system who do not receive all the help they need (my fourth grader). Additionally, our roads and infrastructure need repair. Have you driven the county recently? I am sure you do. Additionally, our police will continue to need more resources as my liberal brethren attempt to pass more "feel good, but ineffective" programs like CB-9 encouraging other law breakers to take up residence.

My wife recently went to an Urgent Care facility in Howard County and none of the patients spoke English. I wonder how many of them were citizens and had medical insurance? I talk to friends of mine that are nurses and this is now becoming the norm. It's the new normal. I seriously doubt any emergency room would fail to provide care and assistance to anyone who failed to display medical coverage. America is a generous nation. We are not those people nor do we wish to be. On the other hand we do not want to publish a "Welcome Sign" to those who boldly violate our laws and rob necessary resources from its citizens.

I recently had a back procedure performed at Howard County General Hospital. Procedure prep took an hour. The procedure took twenty minutes. Literally. My recovery time added another sixty minutes. Literally. I got the explanation of benefits from Cigna. The insurance company shelled out just under \$9,000 to the hospital for less than three hours of care. I wonder why? I am sure all the supplies and staff amounted to that. Really? Eventually, someone has to pay the outlays of the Hospital.

Also, what do you say to all the immigrants who followed a path to citizenship in our country and were successful? Former neighbors of ours in Greenbelt, Maryland, not exactly a conservative community, were proud of their new citizenship and the journey they traveled to accomplish it. Oops, not really necessary.

Sorry! Think of the message you are sending our children. If you don't like a law come to Howard County, Maryland because they choose to not only ignore federal law, but impede it. Local, state and federal officials need to work together. The exchange of information benefits all.

Lastly, the past eight years anytime someone in or out of my party did not agree with the current administration on policy they were castigated as some form of "Phobes." Sadly, I see it here again. Enough is enough. The name calling is unprofessional. This bill reads like a Political Science paper from a liberal university. We lost the election and it's time to grow up.

As a compassionate Democrat I get it, however, be responsible with our tax dollars. If you can't then maybe you need to work elsewhere. Many of us who do not favor this bill will be watching. I will see you January 17th.

Sincerely,

David M. Crawford

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I am in agreement with Dr. Stewart's statement below.

Instead of assisting undocumented individuals and spending our tax dollars on public hearings trying to side track federal laws why doesn't the council look at other issues where we can assist citizens of the county.

Any council member that votes for this bill should not hold an elected office. They don't have the best interest of the citizens of this county.

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Testimony Against Making Howard County a Sanctuary County in

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Testimony Against CB 9- 2017 of Howard County, Maryland

Writer

Dr. Brenda Stewart
(Howard County Farm Resident 45 years)

TWO MAJOR REASONS AGAINST MAKING HOWARD COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY

1.Risk Loosing Federal funding money to fund Loans, Grants,Contracts, Emergencies, Education, Research, Small Business Support, and Public Health.

Comments: - Universities face loss of funding if declared a sanctuary campus.
- Counties and cities that adopt immigrant-friendly policies run the risk of losing funding or face other federal sanctions.
Howard County this year received federal funding dollars of \$1,613,136 to fund organizations that help crime victims in our county.

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announced in 2016 that it was awarded \$201,524 in a federal grant money given by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

-Howard County can't afford to loose federal funding by trying to predict what the funding priorities of the incoming FEDERAL Administration will be towards a sanctuary county. Trying to quickly pass local policy decisions at making Howard County a Sanctuary County could result in yanking federal funding to Howard County. This could paralyze every aspect of economic growth and funding upon citizens that live in Howard and their educational opportunities.

-Can anyone assure the citizens of Howard County that they will receive at least the same amount of federal funding than before becoming a sanctuary county? If not, what is the "rush" in trying to pass this bill before we know how it will impact our financial standing with federal support? Why not table this bill for now?

2. Creating Local Sanctuary Counties Conflicts with Federal Law.

- Comments: Howard County and other local governments don't set the nation's Immigration policies, the Federal Government does.

-Federal law out ranks county law when it comes to illegal status.

- Making a county a sanctuary can be interpreted as a matter of civil disobedience by those that attempt to over step and contradict federal laws.

- Those that urge such illegal practices may possibly be jeopardizing their own credibility as well as compromise their leadership status in the community when federal action is applied.

- Local governments cannot pick and chose to follow some federal laws and ignore others.

- By Federal law, state and local governments are required to cooperate with the immigration laws and policies of the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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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: MARTIN VANDENBERGE <torintysmom@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Ball, Calvin B
Subject: CB9-2017

Re: CB9-2017
Dear Council Member Ball:

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. I am also a teacher in the county and am also concerned about how this could impact overcrowding in our schools, which is already an issue we are dealing with in certain areas of the county.

Furthermore, the bill is written to be contradictory, and is unclear as to the actual intent. The unintended consequences that exist are severe, reckless, and place the county taxpayers at risk. By Charter, it is the county council member's first priority to protect the citizens in the county.

Very truly yours,
Rebecca Vandenberg
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Sanctuary Legislation

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Lenora Booth <lenorabooth@comcast.net>

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Dear Council Members,

I urge you to vote for the sanctuary legislation. Howard County has a moral responsibility to be a place of sanctuary for undocumented immigrants who are trapped in an immigration system that is broken. This bill improves public safety by increasing community trust in the Howard County force and other county employees.

Sincerely,

Lenora Booth

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I want to share that I support Sanctuary Bill CB 2017. What makes Howard County the great county it is, is the rich diversity of its citizens. What will make it greater is in how we care for and about all residents of the county.

Rev. Ostein B Truitt



discover something new *together*

Rev. Ostein B. Truitt, D. Min.

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Dear Howard County Councilpersons:

I would like to thank Dr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa for introducing this legislation. It takes courage to go against the tide and do what is right and this legislation is right for Howard County. We won't be the first jurisdiction to introduce this legislation nor will we be the last. It is unfortunate that the tone at the national level necessitates such action but it does.

As a middle-aged white Roman Catholic and gay male living in Howard County and working as an HCPSS ESOL educator who works daily with our local immigrant students, I support the entirety of the bill. Particularly, I am comforted by your support of the families of the population I teach and strongly advocate for; those same students who came to me after Election Day and asked if I thought their families should move back to their home countries! Thank you for acting upon your belief, like mine, that America and Howard County, MD, values all people from diverse backgrounds as enriching, rather than threatening.

This is why we need the sanctuary bill, not just for the undocumented immigrants, but for all residents of Howard County, the State of Maryland and every corner of America to know that this is what we believe in and value here. This is Howard County where we choose civility. This is the home of Rouse's dream of an integrated diverse community, which is now in its 50th year. The passage of this bill assures me that the dream is still alive, that we choose civility and that we care about each and every one of our citizens. I think everyone, especially young people, should have the right to feel safe.

Howard County is already a GREAT part of the United States of America! We need no bans, walls, or other obstacles to overcome in order to achieve greatness. The greatest lesson we can teach or learn is the open-mindedness that comes from living in a diverse community.

Thank you in advance for your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

John W. Arnold

8372 Tamar Drive

Columbia, MD 21045

PLEASE READ - I HAD PLANNED TO OFFER THIS OPINION ON THE 17TH BUT FAMILY MED ISSUE REQUIRED ME TO CANCEL

Testimony Regarding Howard County CB9- 2017

Hi

I am James Hagan
12646 Golden Oak Drive
Ellicott City, 21042

Many of the arguments against CB-9 have already been adequately made. It is clearly a meaningless bill in the short term and a potentially very dangerous bill in the longer term. It has **no** positive attribute. It is a very divisive bill. It is an extremely **harmful** bill as it will disrupt the goal of Howard County to grow in an inclusive manner. I read somewhere that there are about 60000 relatively recent immigrants in the County...presumably a few among them are illegal. There are a few of everything in a large group. The immigrants have arrived because we have been an attractive community.

I live near Ellicott City, where, among other folks, the Korean population has grown significantly over the last few decades. What was the attraction to Howard County? I believe that these folks came to Howard County because they saw a stable community with good schools, an opportunity to earn a decent income and raise their families in a safe environment. Let us suppose that when they made their decision as to where to raise their family that they read in a brochure that Howard County is making a point of actively **inviting** illegal immigrants to town. Evenly openly offering to fight to hide them away! Can you imagine the family discussion when husband said to wife...hey, I have a great idea, lets pack up and move across the world to Howard County...they have issued an invitation to **illegal newcomers to sneak into town!** Sounds like a wonderful place to raise our family!

A good friend of mine was able to get out of Viet Nam under harrowing circumstances a number of years ago, circumstances that would make a good movie, and after living a year or so in a refugee camp was sponsored by a church group to move to Howard County. Originally unskilled, now he is a respected, successful business owner. **Can you imagine a person who survived being unlawfully imprisoned for more than a year, making a life threatening journey to freedom, then the refugee camp, knowingly moving to a community that prides itself on advertising for illegal newcomers?**

Opponents to CB9 are implied to be xenophobic, Islamophobic, racists according to an article in the Baltimore Sun when this bill was proposed. In shorthand, a basket of deplorables. The deplorable line has already been used recently...it doesn't even apply to the discussion and it shouldn't be allowed to succeed on a second try. Don't let the proponents of this measure frighten you into believing that only they and their proposed law can save you from the deplorables!

CB9 is an utter disaster...completely **counter** to the ambition of Howard County to grow a diverse group of citizens. It was an expression of disappointment in the outcome of the presidential election, which in itself is a very poor use of the County Bully Pulpit, and it needs to be withdrawn, if that is permissible, before we are further embarrassed. Please don't kick the can to the County Executive to veto it. You, the Council, need to recognize the flawed thinking and vote it down.
Thanks for you time.

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As a Howard county resident and voter I am in support of CB 9- 2017. Please vote in favor of the bill

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I am unable to attend the legislative meeting this evening, but I hope you'll take my position of support for CB-9 into account as you make your decision. I've been a resident of Howard County for almost twenty years, and I work as an instructor at Howard Community College.

I understand the concerns about this proposal, but there is a reason that so many other cities and counties have already enacted this legislation: it is the best course of action to ensure the safety of our citizens, documented and undocumented alike.

We cannot risk a victim, or the witness to a crime, staying silent for fear of retribution or, coming forward, and then becoming twice the victim.

Even if it is true that this bill does not DO anything and is, in fact, merely a symbolic gesture, there is nothing wrong with that. Symbols are powerful in and of themselves. And, in these turbulent times, when hate crimes and symbols of hate are on the rise, it's the perfect opportunity for us to put forth a symbol of tolerance and hope.

Let us reach out to our neighbors. Let us provide them sanctuary.

Sincerely,
Casey Cooke

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CB9- opposed



Tonya Tiffany <tntfitness@yahoo.com>

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Dear Council Members,

I will be brief out of respect to your time and the fact that you are being barraged with emails, phone calls and soon tonight- hours upon hours of testimony. I am a Howard County resident and an Unaffiliated voter who votes in both primaries and general elections. I do not support CB-9.

I could name at least 5 different reasons why and none of them are based on hate or fear, but I said that I would respect your time. So I will not go into them as by this time you will have heard them all.

Many Blessings,
Tonya Tiffany



January 17, 2017

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOWARD COUNCIL BILL CB9

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Testimony In Favor of Sanctuary Bill CB9

People of faith, are called on by their sacred texts and faith traditions, to love their neighbors, welcome immigrants and protect those who are most vulnerable. War, conflict, economic hardships and persecution have forced people to leave their homes, creating more refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced people than at any other time in history.

We are all immigrants, unless we are indigineous people, we are all descendants of economic or forced migrants, or we may have recently arrived in Howard County. We may have formal documents proving US citizenship, or we may be undocumented. Those who have citizenship may find it hard to imagine the fears, uncertainty and anguish that the undocumented face every day. We find ourselves in a political landscape that has fostered "xenophobia" targeting anyone considered to be an "other." Undocumented immigrants are exploited for their labor and economic contribution to the United States. They are denied their rights to collectively bargain for livable wages and safe working conditions, and they are shut out of access to the social services of which they support through their difficult labor.

Howard County has a moral responsibility to be a place of sanctuary for undocumented immigrants who are trapped in an immigration system that is broken and has created a perpetual second class of immigrant workers. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures the people of God are commanded to give the immigrants in their midst the same rights as native-born: In Leviticus 19: 33-34 *When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.*

There is frustration on all sides about the state of our immigration laws. We must work to channel that frustration into advocacy for the passage of a federal comprehensive immigration reform bill rather than contributing to the fear, ignorance and debate over immigration which has generated dangerous racial dynamics that have led to racial profiling and intolerance toward immigrants.

Immigration enforcement is the purview of the Federal Government and state and local law enforcement should not have the added burden of functioning as immigration agents. The Howard County police are effective at ensuring public safety in the county because they have worked and continue to work on building trust between police and the residents of the county. High levels of trust between law enforcement and local communities is essential for effective policing and study after study has shown that when local police are used as immigration agents their ability to ensure public safety is greatly diminished.

When all individuals can report dangerous situations without fear of being deported and separated from their families, safety is increased for all community members. This bill will have a practical and meaningful impact on the lives of the most marginalized in Howard County, undocumented children, who should be safe regardless of their parentage.

It is important in a political climate of xenophobia that cities and counties declare themselves to be places of sanctuary for immigrants. To stand by in silence while families are separated, individual freedoms are ignored, and the immigrant community in the United States is demonized is complicity to sin.

Voting for this bill means that the people of Howard County denounce and oppose the rise of xenophobic, racist, and violent reactions against immigrants in the United States, support all efforts to build relationships between people, instead of building walls, between diverse ethnicities and cultures.

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Support for CB9

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Margaret Yarbrough <theyarbroughfamily4@gmail.com>

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Hi,

I am writing to express my support for CB9. We moved to Howard County because of the open, fair and welcoming atmosphere. I cannot believe there is a question we would stand as a sanctuary county. To say money is more important than peoples lives is more criminal than being in this county illegally. To inaccurately state that illegal immigrants bring more crime is shameful! It is not an accurate statement and has been proven with supported data time and time again. Residents of the US are FAR more likely to commit crime and use drugs.

Allen Kittleman saying that they will bring drugs is as racist as when it came out of Trump's mouth. Support freedom and CB9.

Thank you,

Charles G. Yarbrough, Jr.

Columbia, MD

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M.L. Yarbrough <theyarbroughfamily@yahoo.com>

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Hi,

I am writing to let you know that I am for CB9. I believe Howard County is better than claiming inaccurately that illegal immigrants bring more crime and above putting money over people! I certainly hope you will do the right thing and be on the right side of history.

Margaret L. Yarbrough

Columbia

Opel Jones
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Testimony in favor of CB9-2017

AN ACT providing that certain individuals shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on citizenship status; requiring that certain information related to citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County.

Greetings! My name is (*name*)... I live at (*address*) ... and I come before you this evening to testify in support of CB9-2017. As I know there are upwards of 200 concerned citizens signed up to testify on this bill alone tonight, I will be brief.

After reading this bill (several times I might add) and researching other counties/cities to take the designation of "Sanctuary", I believe this is a value-added for our county, and to keep Howard County as one of the most desirable places to live in the country! As an African American, and where I grew up in New York City, it was an environment wherein citizens kept issues to themselves. Trust in the authorities was slim to none. Hearing stories of immigrants in Howard County choosing not to call the police for fear of possible deportation or harassment is not the #OneHoward that our County Executive preaches.

The safety I feel, even as a black man, even while detrimental rhetoric was spewed forth by our President-Elect, Donald Trump, even with flyers distributed on MLK Day by members of the KKK (I hope they were fake), in this amazing county I want all off my neighbors to feel. I have the utmost trust in Howard County Police Department, that I would not be stigmatized as a black man if pulled over, as my mom or dad may have feared 40 or 50 years ago. I know a couple of immigrants who do not share the same trust.

Make Howard County safe and "sanctuary" for all citizens, from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Opel Jones, I

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Howard County as Sanctuary County



Kendra Dunbar <kgdunbar.kd@gmail.com>

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Greetings. My name is Kendra Dunbar. I was born in Columbia, Maryland. Grew up and was educated through the Howard County School system and have moved back to Howard County (Columbia), after years away. I believe wholeheartedly that Howard County has a moral duty to be a Sanctuary County. It aligns with the ethos of equity and a commitment to human and civil rights that Howard County has always striven to articulate and lead in.

Please as a council embody those ethics and live up to the standards that we as citizens of Howard County in all of its diversity and resource aim to realize.

Sincerely,
Kendra Dunbar

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Agnes Reid <dunson10@hotmail.com>

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Dear Members: I am A strong advocate for making Howard County a sanctuary county for Dreamers. As an African American I can only imagine what my ancestors who fit the "runaway" slave category while running to survival and some semblance of freedom had to endure if their were no safe place or places for them. I askipped that you seriously consider voting yes to Cb9. Please don't listen to the rhetoric, listen to the data regarding crime rates and immigrants. DO THE RIGHT THING. Thank you. Agnes Dunson Reid.

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Kathryn Tillman <kbtilman@gmail.com>

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To all of my HC County Council Representatives:

I want to register my support for the **Sanctuary legislation**.

I taught ESOL students at OMHS for 19 years and have had close connections with the immigrant community in Howard County through my profession and volunteer work for more than 25 years. I know how important this bill is as a statement of support for the immigrant community. I also know that the national political climate is quite anti-immigrant at this time, and for this reason, the county's stance is more important than ever.

Thank you for the work you do.

Kathy Tillman
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Testimony of Ted Giovanis OPPOSING CB 9- 2017

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My name is Ted Giovanis
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[Highland, MD 20777](#)
410 531 1969

I am testifying in **OPPOSITION** to CB 9-2017.

My general view is as follows:

- I support diversity and immigration – immigration like my father’s family.
- I also believe we are a Country and County of laws.
- As a resident of this Country and this County you either buy into the adopted laws and rules or you don't.
- If you don’t like the laws, you have options.
- You can’t pick and choose among those laws you like and those you don’t - you take them all - the good and the bad.
- To suggest that we as a County support ignoring any particular law puts us on a very slippery slope.
- Ignoring immigration laws have many potential undesirable consequences that could impact public safety, absorb resources from other needed areas, etc.
- If we ultimately start directing resources for individuals in the County illegally, what county programs will be cut to come up with the needed funding – will those funds come from the school system budget; support for the elderly; where else?
- Perhaps those that support this legislation should disproportionately pay for any additional funding that is needed if this legislation increases the County’s costs. The list of those that testified in support of this legislation is a convenient place for the County to start.
- Much stronger arguments can be made for giving others a pass than the individuals targeted by CB 9.

- If you are going to pick and chose to allow someone a pass on any law they want - I'd like to volunteer. What about a pass for other citizens in attendance here tonight.
- You see once you start having specific exemptions or preferential treatment, it's a very slippery slope indeed.
- That's why it's also safer for elected officials to vote NO, than it is to vote yes on any legislation, CB 9 included.

It is for the above reasons that I **OPPOSE** CB 9-2017.

Theodore Giovanis

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I am testifying in **OPPOSITION** to CB 9-2017.

My general view is as follows:

- I support diversity and immigration – immigration like my father’s family.
- I also believe we are a Country and County of laws.
- As a resident of this Country and this County you either buy into the adopted laws and rules or you don't.
- If you don’t like the laws, you have options.
- You can’t pick and choose among those laws you like and those you don’t - you take them all - the good and the bad.
- To suggest that we as a County support ignoring any particular law puts us on a very slippery slope.

- Ignoring immigration laws have many potential undesirable consequences that could impact public safety, absorb resources from other needed areas, etc.
- If we ultimately start directing resources for individuals in the County illegally, what county programs will be cut to come up with the needed funding – will those funds come from the school system budget; support for the elderly; where else?
- Perhaps those that support this legislation should disproportionately pay for any additional funding that is needed if this legislation increases the County’s costs. The list of those that testified in support of this legislation is a convenient place for the County to start.

- Much stronger arguments can be made for giving others a pass than the individuals targeted by CB 9.
- If you are going to pick and chose to allow someone a pass on any law they want - I’d like to volunteer. What about a pass for other citizens in attendance here tonight.

- You see once you start having specific exemptions or preferential treatment, it’s a very slippery slope indeed.
- That’s why it’s also safer for elected officials to vote NO, than it is to vote yes on any legislation, CB 9 included.

It is for the above reasons that I **OPPOSE** CB 9-2017.

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Please stop grandstanding for your base and future elections and start governing for those of us who need services and happen to be here legally.

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The Hon. Allan H. Kittleman
Office of the County Executive
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Dear Mr. Kittleman,

Your stated opposition to Council Bill 9 does a great disservice to our community. Undeniably, Council Bill 9, seeking to declare Howard County a “sanctuary” for non-citizens, suffers from poor draftsmanship. Rather than address the Bill’s flaws, you rejected the Bill with an appeal to the basest of human instincts.

Traditionally, legislation, at every level of government in America, consists of a declaration of the policy addressed and the provisions implementing the policy. Unfortunately, the current version of Council Bill 9 contains as many clauses objecting to offensive speech as affirmative declarations of purpose. The language of the Bill indicates a hastily constructed counter to the bigotry revealed during the most recent Presidential campaign.

Plainly, much of the Bill involves a fruitless attempt to circumvent the law of Federal preemption. The Constitution dictates that immigration laws are exclusively the purview of the U.S. Government, and many of the Bill’s provisions represent little more than a failed attempt to circumvent this basic tenet of Federalism.

The Bill does succeed, and thereby merits your support, in precluding County officials from aiding Federal authorities in the enforcement of immigration laws. Whether based on high-minded principle or an assessment of resources, such a limitation is consistent with federalism and thus fully enforceable.

While Bill breaks from certain procedural norms, its clear purpose fulfills our Nation’s highest traditions. Council Bill 9 follows the greatest precedent in defining the American character. More than 150 years ago, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act to appease Southern slaveowners and their allied monied interests. The Act created a Federal crime, punishable by six months in jail, for interfering with the capture of a runaway slave.

In response, fifteen States officially declared their refusal to comply with the Act. The Northern States' defiance of Federal law established the legal fiction of States' Rights; led the Slave States to argue that the Union was nullified; and motivated the forming of a new political party, composed of people whose values compelled them to demand that America provide equal rights to all of its residents. This new party held its first convention in 1860, and its nominee, Abraham Lincoln, became the first Republican President of the United States.

Like the Free States' refusal to aid in enforcing slavery, Council Bill 9 is an official declaration that Howard County will not assist in enforcing our Nation's universally detested immigration laws. The reality is that, for thirty years, Maryland and Howard County officials have unofficially adopted this same practice. In essence, Council Bill 9 merely discloses this traditional response to immigrants in need of assistance.

In stark contrast, your declared opposition presents no new information and no competing principle. First, you claim that the Bill would give a "false sense of security" to those with dubious immigration status. In fact, strict enforcement of immigration laws has always impeded the investigation by law enforcement officers of horrific crimes. Fear of deportation constricts the willingness of immigrants to respond to requests for witnesses. Removing that fear may produce a sense of security, but only if the public goal is to prevent violent crimes.

Second, your stated opposition suggests that Federal law enforcement officials would no longer aid County police in bringing criminals to justice. In the precise case you cited, the truth is that Federal authorities aided the police in Montgomery County, a jurisdiction that has already declared itself a "sanctuary".

It is your third argument that most threatens our community. Your final attempt to justify your opposition to Council Bill 9 speculates that the Federal Government may respond by not funding certain programs. You have thus reduced a debate over principle to a money grab. Anyone sincerely concerned about threats to our American culture must accept that the greatest danger to the American Civilization is not the influx of strangers but our disregard for our fundamental values.

Since time of the Puritans' immigration to New England, Americans have been exceptional because of their choice to follow a moral code. Although rarely of material benefit, Americans feel commanded to welcome the stranger, to provide him with food and shelter, and to treat him justly. Council Bill 9 is an imperfect attempt to declare the County's official adherence to these values. Your stated opposition rests on a willingness to exchange these values for monetary gain. Our Nation's Founders, fully aware of the financial stakes, made the choice of creating a nation of principles.

We now must decide whether to reject or affirm the fundamental moral commandments that activated our Nation. It is my hope that you will reconsider your current position, work to improve the proposed legislation, and demonstrate the leadership that your office demands.

Sincerely,

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Dear Councilman Weinstein,

I am writing to you to let you know that we oppose CB9-2017 and hope you feel the same and will vote NO when it comes up for a vote.

On the face of it, the bill is an unnecessary attempt at “feel good” legislation, will hamper the effectiveness of the police in keeping the county safe and

Incur an unnecessary expensive drain on the county budget. We do monitor the voting records of our representatives and respond accordingly at election time.

Sincerely,

A.J Frattini



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My husband and I are seriously against CB9 for these reasons:

We live in a country of laws. Some of the major problems that we are currently experiencing in our country stem from the fact that some of these laws are not being enforced. Frankly, we need to return to a law and order society. American people value the rule of law above all. It would be nice to return to a society that respects the men and women that wear the badge. This bill is a slap in the face to our local police and to our constitution. The language in the preamble of this bill is a slap in the face to Howard County, that prides itself on civility. These statements are anything but.

In the discussion on immigration, I would like to quote our past Democrat President, Theodore Roosevelt where he stated that:

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. BUT, this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

"The immigrant who did not become in good faith an American "is out of place" in the United States. He has got to consider the interest of the United States or he should not stay here. He must be made to see that his opportunities in this country depend upon his knowing English and observing American standards. We must in turn insist upon his showing the same standard of fealty to this country and to join with us in raising the level of our common American citizenship." This includes following all of our laws.

This bill strains the resources of the legal citizens of Howard County. The undocumented immigrants are already accepted, and given many benefits available in HoCo. They already have equal access to many County benefits and services including hospitals, public schools, libraries and welfare, etc. Yet, unfortunately some of our own legal citizens are being denied these very same benefits. My own daughter, who has disabilities has been denied medical help, even though she had three surgeries last year, and \$20,000 worth of medical bills. She is only able to work part time as she is a college student with disabilities. Why isn't my legal daughter afforded the same benefits as 'Illegals'? My tax dollars are supporting these benefits.

This bill undermines the hard work of immigrants who have obtained citizenship legally. We have a legal immigration process for many reasons. This process controls the amount of people that enter our country and the type of job skills they bring with them. It protects the legal citizens of the United States. By people entering the country illegally circumventing this process you end up with large numbers of people who the government knows nothing about, which in this age of terrorism and limited resources we cannot afford to ignore.

This bill invites deviousness. If you cannot honor the laws of this land, you need to step down from your jobs. Below are more interesting thoughts that you ought to take the time to read.

Sanctuary policies defy federal laws to which state and local governments are bound. 8 U.S. Code § 1373 states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." [5] The Department of Justice requires that most recipients of federal grant money certify their compliance with all federal laws. [4] [6] Sanctuary cities, by not asking about, recording, and submitting to the federal government the immigration statuses of residents, are violating federal law and the rules for getting federal grant money. Just why, Calvin and Jen, are you suggesting that we defy the law? Isn't that contrary to your oath of office? If we do not follow our own laws, how are we to expect immigrants to respect our laws?

This bill compromises community safety: Our Howard County Police Department has made successful progress working with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in combating drug activity, child pornography and human trafficking over the last several years. This bill causes serious concern that the County's effort in cooperating with ICE may be compromised. This leads to a community more susceptible and vulnerable to crimes conducted by alien criminals. This bill makes Howard County a beacon for illegal immigrants. Sanctuary cities harbor criminals, creating a dangerous environment for US citizens. Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an undocumented immigrant, had seven felony convictions in the United States and had been deported from the country five times. Yet, the city of San Francisco declined to detain him for Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials officials and released him into the community. In July 2015, Lopez-Sanchez was charged with murdering Katie Steinle in San Francisco. [8] [9] Of 8,145 undocumented immigrants released from detention requests between Jan. 1, 2014 and Aug. 31, 2014, 5,132 (63%) had previous criminal convictions or were marked a public safety concern; 2,984 (36.6%) had felony charges or convictions; 1,909 (23.4%) had misdemeanor convictions or charges related to violence, assault, sexual abuse, weapons, or drug distribution; and 239 (2.9%) had three or more misdemeanor convictions. [18] Why would we bring this to Howard County?

Sanctuary policies prevent local and state police officers from doing their jobs. Sanctuary policies prevent police from investigating, questioning, and arresting people who have broken federal immigration law. Many crimes, violent and otherwise, could be prevented if local law enforcement in sanctuary cities could arrest undocumented immigrants for their first crime on US soil—illegal entry into the country—and turn them over to federal law enforcement. [14]

According to Heather Mac Donald, JD, Thomas W. Smith Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, many Salvadorian gang members living in Los Angeles entered the United States illegally, but because of sanctuary policies, LA police officers cannot arrest the undocumented immigrants for illegal entry. Instead, law enforcement has to wait for a second crime to be committed to get the criminals off the street. [14]

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According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement records, from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 2014, more than 8,100 immigrant offenders who were sought by ICE in sanctuary jurisdictions were released instead of turned over for deportation.

Just in this eight-month period, approximately 1,900 of these deportable convicts offended 4,300 more times, racking up 7,500 new charges. The subsequent crimes included murder, sexual assault on young children, violent rape, burglary, assault, dangerous drug offenses and drunken driving. More than 1,000 are still at-large in our communities.

Some will argue over whether immigrants commit more or fewer crimes than Americans (there's no solid evidence either way). That's irrelevant; the more important policy issue at hand is how we handle those immigrants who have committed crimes. ICE agents do not patrol the streets looking for illegal aliens; they depend on local officers to find out about those who are committing crimes.

If local officers will not turn over illegal immigrants who have already been arrested for something else, that means ICE agents have to go get them where they live and work — a much more resource-intensive process that also puts the agents and the public at risk if something goes wrong.

It is up to Congress and state lawmakers to take prompt action against sanctuaries. States can enact laws prohibiting sanctuary policies and direct agencies to notify ICE when they are aware

of deportable offenders.

Congress must clarify that sanctuary policies are not only unwise but contrary to law. They need to specify that local agencies must not obstruct, but assist when ICE seeks custody of a deportable offender, and provide legal protection to local officers who assist in enforcement. In addition, those state and local governments that persist in sanctuary policies must be barred from receiving federal homeland security and law enforcement funding.

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Realistically, if we open our borders and everyone on Earth who wished to live in America were permitted to with no delay or regulation our population would double, maybe triple, very quickly. That might be a very good thing, then again it might not. I do believe the U.S. should welcome people who want to come here and build a better life. But I also believe we must manage the flow of immigrants to ensure they can be properly assimilated to American culture. Our resources in this country are not endless and unfortunately we can't help everyone or solve all of the world's problems, no matter how hard we try. Many people in this category are honest, hard working people looking for a better life. But that doesn't change our laws. We cannot begin to pick and choose which laws we will or will not obey, or enforce.

Reasons to enforce our immigration laws:

This is an excellent article by Mr. Ed Garrison

It's time to raise the American standard of living. The real minimum wage has been declining for over a decade. Why has the market value of unskilled labor declined? Supply and demand. For years we have been artificially modifying the supply side by tolerating a massive influx of unskilled workers across our borders. We can reverse the trend by enforcing current immigration laws.

Conservative estimates place the number of illegal aliens in the U.S. at 10,000,000. Taking into

account minor children and the aged, that's still millions of people who are flooding our labor force. Remove them, and opportunities will abound for Americans. There's no job an American can't or won't do for a living wage. It is a cruel joke on the American worker to allow illegals to depress wages for many jobs below poverty level, and then to mock Americans for being reluctant to participate in the poverty.

Breaking the law is crime. Lawbreakers are criminals. Out of deference to the PC crowd, many like to use the term "undocumented workers"--as if illegals were merely missing a piece of bureaucratic paperwork. By the same logic, we can call a car thief an "undocumented driver." Our immigration laws exist for good reasons: to protect our safety, our national sovereignty, our standard of living, our health, and our culture. Those who break them may "want a better life for themselves," but then again, so do all who enrich themselves by disregarding the law. Many people who wish to immigrate honestly are waiting patiently. Granting privileges like driver's licenses and social security cards to illegals is a slap in the face to law-abiding citizens and immigrants alike. It's like opening an express window to give titles and owner's cards to car thieves, while making legitimate owners stand in line!

Open borders threaten our safety. Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, two things have become clear. First, we have enemies, and they are vicious and without conscience. Second, our enemies obviously believe that an attack from within is more feasible than an attack from without.

Even before the horrid events of September 11, our immigration laws had the primary purpose of protecting us. The use of visas and passports allows our government to monitor, and control who enters our country, and why.

Few illegal aliens are terrorists. But it only takes one! More importantly, the creeping ideology of open borders--the (usually unspoken) belief that treating foreigners who enter our country differently than we treat our own citizens is somehow "discriminatory" or "racist"--is creating a terrible dilemma: Either we cease to monitor the aliens (and open ourselves up for even worse attacks), or we create the "equality" of the police state by casting aside constitutional protections for citizens and monitoring everyone. The more resolutely we protect our borders against threats from without, the safer, and freer, we can live within them.

American culture is worth preserving. Culture is more than operas and Shakespearian plays--it's the sum total of the customs, beliefs, artistic creations, attitudes, goals, and norms that make a society what it is. It is passed down, as a treasure, from grandparent to parent to child. In other words, culture is what gives us our identity.

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The majority of the media elite believes that we need more multiculturalism and diversity; the majority of the population doesn't. Regardless of how anyone stands on this issue, the fact is that our society is already multicultural and diverse. Anyone who wishes to enjoy, and celebrate, the many cultures now coexisting in America need only visit any American city. By contrast, genuine American culture--the Founding Fathers, the story of the pioneers and the winning of the West, the Pledge of Allegiance, Columbus Day, the Bill of Rights--is under constant assault. Some of our country's detractors vilify all that is traditionally American, while

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We're a nation of 300 million; the Third World population is in the billions. Do the math. Our country seems large, but its population is tiny compared to that of the Third World. China and India alone have seven times our population.

For whatever reasons, our society has succeeded in creating immense wealth where many others have created only poverty. An American welfare recipient would still be "rich" by the standards of most of the world.

One can't blame the citizens of countries who produce much less wealth per capita than we for wanting to reap the benefits our forefathers have sown for us. But if we open the borders, our island of productivity and prosperity will soon disappear beneath a flood of Third World squalor.

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It's not your father's immigration. Previous generations romanticized immigration. The images are still with us: Starry-eyed Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Polish arrivees toting their bags and trunks onto shore at Ellis Island... The tablet at the base of the Statue of Liberty exhorting other nations to "Give me your tired, your poor..." The native-born American learning to love pizza and bagels.

That was then. This is now.

Yes, there are still many people in foreign lands who harbor the "American dream," and who seek to come here to realize it.

Millions of illegal aliens, however, have attitudes and motives very different from those of the immigrants in the fading black-and-white photos of yesteryear. It's not fashionable to speak the truth about this group. But the truth must be spoken.

What makes this new breed of "immigrants" different? To begin with, they're not "immigrating" at all--they're sneaking in. They don't have an "American dream" of building this country; rather, though still loyal to their home nations, they want to exploit ours economically. Many even dream of taking over regions of our country, and displacing us. There's already a word for this goal: Reconquista of Aztlan. If the members of this group don't intend to return home, yet have no loyalty to America, what should we call them? Certainly not "immigrants."

A 'colonist' is a better term. Today's colonists, like those of the past, want to build enclaves on American soil from which they can expand their own wealth and power, and that of their homeland, while drawing on the resources that were created by the native population. How can we welcome legitimate immigrants while keeping out colonists? By knowing who is coming here, and why, and only admitting those whose presence is in our country's best interests. In other words, by enforcing immigration laws.

It's an issue we can all come together on. Conservatives, traditionally, aim to preserve the valuable legacy of the past, and to protect freedom by limiting the power of government. Liberals seek to provide all citizens, even the most disadvantaged, with the opportunity to realize their full potential. Both have worthy goals, but often squabble over how to realize them.

Removing illegal aliens can give us the best of both worlds. We can preserve our traditional culture. And without resorting to costly and intrusive government programs, we can give our poor a genuine "hand up": as the glut of cheap labor dries up, those at the bottom rung of the economic ladder will suddenly find themselves able to climb higher without ruinous competition.

People of good will on the left and the right can only smile approvingly as the free market provides our unskilled and uneducated with a decent wage, and with a job market that welcomes instead of marginalizes them.

We can "live better than we did four years ago" and have a rebirth of national pride, as President Reagan wanted for us. And we can have a "New Deal" for our poor, a society where no American is left out, which were the ideals of President Roosevelt.

At last, we can come together. That's what patriotism is all about.

We either face tough issues now, or tougher ones later. Immigration issues are complex. We need a national debate--which, judging by the 2004 primary and general Presidential campaigns, isn't happening. Most Americans, when confronted with the facts, will probably continue to want what they want now: strict enforcement of our immigration laws.

It won't be easy. We'll have to find workable ways to deport illegal aliens without creating unnecessary hardships for those who have broken our immigration laws, and without creating severe dislocations for the unscrupulous employers who have benefited from their presence.

And, of course, we'll have to counter, with quiet reason, the voices of those who scream "discrimination" or "racism."

Some cringe at the challenges that await us.

These challenges, however, pale in comparison to those that future generations will face if we fail to act. Imagine an overcrowded, impoverished America with shrinking wages and expanding burdens on the social service system. Imagine an America where millions of Americans have been driven out of their neighborhoods by throngs of foreign colonists who neither speak our language nor understand the culture that created American prosperity—but who deeply resent the poverty that inevitably results from their own unwillingness, or inability, to live as true Americans.

Will Americans be forced to tax away their own shriveling wealth, and to transfer it to the aliens within our borders, if they wish to appease the colonists' anger? Will the shrinking American middle class merge with the alien underclass to form a new "peasant culture" while a tiny American elite trembles behind the walls of heavily policed gated communities? Or will full-scale cultural and racial war break out? None of these possibilities is appealing.

Nonetheless, a society is a reflection of the population that comprises it. If we, as an advanced society with a low birthrate, continue to import a Third World population with a high birthrate, we will become a Third World society, and will face the problems, which other Third World societies face as well.

Isn't it better to face the issue of illegal immigration now—and to do something about it?

... and the number one reason is:

We owe it to our kids and grandkids. Our children and grandchildren will marvel at the digitized archives of the TV shows of the 1950s and 1960s. They'll see a prosperous, free, united America—the envy of the world, a place anyone would be happy and proud to call home. This, they'll realize, was the legacy our grandparents and parents left us, the American citizens of the early 21st century.

How will the America we leave to our children stack up against the America our parents left to us? What will future generations think of us? Will we be known as the preservers and expanders of the beautiful legacy, or as its destroyers? By our actions or inactions, we're deciding which it will be. Right now.

Garrison gave us the most powerful and compelling reasons I have seen for each one of us to take actions for preserving our country. It behooves each of you to use your computer, telephone, radio station, TV station, letters to the editor of your newspaper and calls to every senator and congressman every week relentlessly to gain national focus on this immigration invasion. Democracy is not a spectator sport. This nation is in danger of becoming a Third World nightmare with all the corruption, disease, illiteracy, violence and balkanization known all over the world. We need a 10-year moratorium on all immigration to catch our collective breath and we need deportation of over 10 million illegal aliens in a slow and orderly fashion.

This is your nation and this is your time to take action.

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Message: I urge your support in making Howard County a Sanctuary City. Our law enforcement and county employees should be involved in helping its citizens, not breaking up families who are living here peacefully and contributing to our society. No human is "illegal"!

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Dear Councilperson Sigaty and other County Council representatives:

My name is Wendy Moomaw and I am located in district 4 of Howard County in Councilperson Sigaty's district.

I'm writing on behalf of support for the Sanctuary Bill CB9 and wanted to explain to you why its important to our County and to me, a small business owner in Howard County.

In my work as a leadership coach, I have learned that diversity of thought is what empowers us and what can deeply shift organizations and communities from the inside out. Please have a look at this article from the Harvard Business Review, November 2016 titled, "Why Diverse Teams Are Smarter" (<https://hbr.org/2016/11/why-diverse-teams-are-smarter>):

Here are a few relevant excerpts:

"Diverse teams are more likely to constantly reexamine facts and remain objective. They may also encourage greater scrutiny of each member's actions, keeping their joint cognitive resources sharp and vigilant. By breaking up workplace homogeneity, you can allow your employees to become more aware of their own potential biases – entrenched ways of thinking that can otherwise blind them to key information and even lead them to make errors in decision-making processes."

"The scientists think that diverse teams may outperform homogenous ones in decision making because they process information more carefully. Remember: Considering the perspective of an outsider may seem counterintuitive, but the payoff can be huge."

"Though you may feel more at ease working with people who share your background, don't be fooled by your comfort. Hiring individuals who do not look, talk, or think like you can allow you to dodge the costly pitfalls of conformity, which discourages innovative thinking."

It has long been known that government alone cannot advance the prosperity of business. However, government alone CAN stifle the prosperity of business. If you desire Howard County to attract businesses that long to grow, provide value and to be innovative to succeed in the 21st century, the Sanctuary amendment assures that you will be attractive to a wide variety of diverse job applicants when Howard County legislates its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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are a pivotal driver in our local economy ..." (source:
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/ellicott-city/ph-ho-cf-local-business-initiative-1112-20151104-story.html>)

The Sanctuary Amendment ensures that Howard County and its businesses are committed to diversity and inclusion and that by inviting diversity, Howard County values the growth of innovative businesses and also seeks to have a community that scrutinizes decision-making processes to ensure that the finest details are noticed and counted to better the community for us all.

Finally, the above Harvard Business Article about "Why Diverse Teams Are Smarter" closes with "creating a more diverse workplace will help to keep your team members' biases in check and make them question their assumptions" which makes organizations stronger and communities as well.

For this reason, I respectfully request your vote in support of CB-9, naming Howard County a Sanctuary County.

Peace and thanks,
Wendy

Wendy Moomaw
Small Business Owner, Moomaw PEP, LLC
Howard County Maryland

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Fulton, MD 20759
443-540-1901

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Please Vote Against SAncuary County Status and against 9-2017





Jim McDonald <jgmcd45@netscape.net>

Tue 1/17, 5:13 PM

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CB9-2017



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Dear Member of Howard County Council



Please vote this evening and always against Sanctuary County/ City Status for foreigners wrongfully in Howard County.

Please also vote against Council Bill 9 - 2017

Please remember that you have lawful citizens, poor, blacks and whites and they are the ones you need to protect.

Thank you.

Jim McDonald

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Howard County as a sanctuary




Ruth Vargas <ruth.vargas@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 5:28 PM

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I am in favor of Howard County becoming a sanctuary county. Undocumented workers should be able to contact police and use government services without fear of deportation. I agree with a bill that would prevent police and sheriff's deputies from inquiring about someone's immigration status unless they were investigating a crime that had been committed.

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I support County Council Legislation . Howard County a sanctuary for immigrants.



Dinorah Melendez de Cder <noya146@hotmail.com>

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I support this legislation because I consider every person must have the same treatment as everybody deserves no matter their ethnicity, race, immigrant status. Immigrants have become a part of American society. Give us a chance to show how much we care about being a part of Howard County Community. It is time to be together and stop racial differences and discrimination.

One of the characteristics of American culture is being friendly, kind and caring about other people suffering.

I am sure you will make the correct decision.

God bless you all.

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CB9 support

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Leanna Herman Wenderoth <ljhwenderoth@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 5:48 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Members:

I am reiterating my strong support of CB9. This measure serves to solidify Howard County's place as an inclusive, and welcoming place for our citizens. I have friends and neighbors who are fearful of being treated poorly by others, simply because people may *assume* they do not belong. Those people who are irrationally fearful of "others", and decide to take it upon themselves to harass and question the legal standing of others, with no rationale, should not be implicitly supported. By passing CB9, you send the message that it will not be supported.

Those who are here (legally or not!) have certain rights while on our soil, thanks to federal law- this proposal won't change that. Of course, the federal law enforcement (ICE) must still be able to do their job, and CB9 does NOT propose any change in that: it simply reaffirms the law. It denies prejudice or lawless persecution, which opponents think is justified because they "don't want an influx of illegals". This is baseless, and merely conjecture: no data supports that undocumented immigrants would travel to attain housing in HoCo, at the very least because of the expense!

Additionally, In spite of rhetoric from our president-elect, there is no precedent for loss of funding because of sanctuary status. The fear being created is unjust.

We need to stop allowing bigotry and fear run our town, county, and country, and encourage a measure such as this, which reminds its citizens of human compassion. This is the only way to denounce the uprising racist and xenophobic tenor that is coming up.

Please think about the big picture associated with this measure, and protect my neighbors, who are frightened of how they and their kids are being treated.

Thank you.

Regards,

Dr. Leanna Herman Wenderoth
Hickory Ridge, Clemens Crossing

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CB-9



Ann Chambers <chambers5376@verizon.net>

Tue 1/17, 5:53 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Council Members,

I would like to express my support for this bill. Howard County is known throughout the country as a supporter of diversity in this region, this state, this nation. In no way does this legislation violate any federal laws, nor does it propose to support anyone who violates the law. It merely allows a way for the undocumented to participate in the legal system without fear of their status being reported to ICE.

Please vote in favor of CB-9. Designate our county a Sanctuary County. Don't allow the questioning of a person's status prevent them from coming forward when they have information that might be of assistance to law enforcement.

Thank You,

Ann F. Chambers

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[Columbia, MD 21044-1910](mailto:chambers5376@verizon.net)

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Tracy Underwood <t2underwood@yahoo.com>

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Please support and pass CB9 tonight.

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CB-9 2017




Joe Luecke <jlluecke@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 6:16 PM

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CB9-2017

As a long time resident of Howard County I would like to voice my support for Council Bill 9 2017. I believe that it is important that all who live or work in Howard County feel safe to report on crimes or other public health and safety issues or to seek help from any county employees.

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Joe Luecke

David and Mary Marker
7131 Willow Brook Way
Columbia, MD 21046

We are submitting testimony in support of C.B. 9, to establish that Howard County is a sanctuary community. The purpose of this bill is to codify actions the County has undertaken in previous years. Just because it doesn't require "new" actions doesn't mean it is any less important. When County residents are feeling unease, or down right scared, it is very important for their local government to stand up and say "you should not be afraid of us." And it should be quite clear to everyone, from the Speak Out session held at Howard Community College and the many reports from the School System, that many of our residents are scared.

Not only is it the "right thing to do" to help your neighbors in their time of need, but it will make our community safer for all of us. When there are crimes committed in the County, we want all witnesses to feel comfortable talking with the police and fire departments. If they believe that contacting County employees could endanger their family or friends they will stay away rather than stepping forward.

This is an opportunity where you can step forward yourselves and both do the right thing, and make our County safer. Please support C.B. 9.

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CB9-2017 Testimony

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Amy T. Hairston <amyhairston10@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 7:26 PM

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CB9-2017

Good evening,

My name is Amy Hairston and I'm a resident of Columbia (Jeffers Hill, in Long Reach). I am currently viewing the public council meeting from the overflow room- thank you for accommodating the crowd tonight.

I grew up in Oakland Mills and returned to Columbia to raise my family in an area that is diverse, open-minded and accessible to many people. I cannot recall any formative experience that did not include someone who was an immigrant or from an immigrant family. As a teacher, I am grateful for those experiences, and they continue to inform my work with my students.

I currently work at a high school in Montgomery County with a population that includes 91% minorities, with about 15% of students in the ESOL program. I love teaching there, and I feel like I learn just as much from them as what I provide for them each day.

I ask anyone who is considering voting against CB9 to think about what that says to the young people in Howard County. Could you look them in the eye and say that they cannot live here? Or, that they don't deserve a quality education? Could you look a fellow parent in the eye and question their legitimacy as a resident here? If so, what would you do and say if you were asked the same thing? It seems dangerous and unnecessary to essentially allow discriminatory practices in our county to occur, when all we really want is a safe and welcoming place to raise our families.

I am proud of Howard County for being an open and welcoming place to this point in my life here. It would be a significant step backwards to not pointedly say that we are still that place, and that we will not be controlled by the fear and culturally blind assumptions that are washing over other parts of our country. Please support CB9 and support all people who wish to come to Howard County to provide their families with the best possible opportunities, as well as all families who are currently here and need reassurance that Howard County truly is the best place to live.

Amy Hairston

<http://amyhairstonmusic.webs.com/>

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Sanctuary county

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Do not support sanctuary county bill, if this passes we will relocate out of howard county to an area that better supports the views of the citizens

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James M. Graham III <jmgraham@qis.net>

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The Constitution of the United States delegates the issue of Immigration and the protection of our borders to the Federal government. The States and/or local governments cannot lawfully contravene legitimate Federal laws made in pursuance to the Constitution. Any resolution or legislation to the contrary is Null and Void from the onset and has no legal standing.

James and Dianne Graham

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CB9



George Draper <kai@udel.edu>

Tue 1/17, 8:37 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Councilmembers,

President-elect Donald Trump (hereafter referred to as “Trump”) has stated on multiple occasions that, as President, he would deport *all* unauthorized immigrants,

Trump has vowed to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program,

Trump has claimed that he would end the practice of extending automatic citizenship to children born in the United States whose parents are unauthorized immigrants,

Trump, without establishing that 2-3 million unauthorized immigrants have been convicted of a crime, promised to begin deporting 2-3 million criminal unauthorized immigrants immediately upon taking office,

Trump has vilified unauthorized immigrants from Mexico by characterizing them as criminals and rapists, a portrayal mitigated only by his absurdly weak qualification, “some of them, I assume, are good people,”

Trump has divisively portrayed Muslims as enemies of the United States by stating, “I think Islam hates us,”

Trump went so far as to propose “a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States,” and

Trump refused, during his campaign, to rule out requiring Muslims in the United States to register in a database.

These are facts that are not in dispute. I believe this gives Howard County sufficient reason to declare itself a sanctuary county. I therefore support Council Bill 9.

Sincerely,




Kai Draper

[4595 Bonnie Branch Rd](#)

[Ellicott City, MD 21043](#)

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CB9-2017

CB 9 – 2017 – “Sanctuaries Bill”

My family and I support CB 9-2017, the "Santuaries Bill" for Howard County. We believe it is important to demonstrate continued support for immigrants, documented or undocumented, and their families in our community. Today there is a climate of hostility and even hatred toward people of different races, religions and immigration status unleashed during the past 18-months by the rhetoric of the president-elect and many of his followers.

In Howard County, we pride ourselves on our "Choose Civility" campaign and our policies and practices that make us a "welcoming, inclusive and safe community." Rightfully, we pride ourselves on the fact that our police and public employees do not routinely inquire about the documentation of immigrants they interact with. The sanctuary bill reinforces this policy and does not require police or public employees to act any differently toward undocumented immigrants than we are told they do now, nor does it require them to violate state or federal law.

We are operating in a climate where the mass deportation of 11 million people is discussed seriously. Many of these people have contributed to our society, culture, American values and tax base for many years and may now be threatened with deportation. Their families are also threatened. People brought to this country by their parents as children, even if they have applied for protection from deportation through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, are at high risk of deportation.

Our national debate and social media routinely spew untruths and hate speech. Specific faiths are targeted with hate symbols and are insulted and vilified in public and on social media. People are rightly afraid. In view of this national climate, Howard County should step up to voice our desire to protect law-abiding and hard-working families in our community. There is great value in symbolism.

We should also remember that our national government has failed to provide comprehensive immigration reform and a clear path to citizenship for people who arrive in America because of war or genocide or even to escape extreme poverty in their own countries.

As a nation built by immigrants, shouldn't we do what we can to reassure those in our midst that we will not change our local policies and practices to harm them?

Betsy Singer

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Robin Slaw <slaw.robin@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 9:27 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Council Members Sigaty (in whose district I live and vote), Terrasa (in whose district I work), Ball, Fox, and Weinstein:

Please pass Council Bill 9-2017.

As the grandchild of immigrants, as the parent of children who had grandparents seek sanctuary from the Holocaust, as a person who can also trace her family back to the Revolutionary War, I am well aware that our country has been built by immigrants.

I moved in the summer of 2016 to Columbia in order to start a new job. I was thrilled to find an intentional community built in order to encourage diversity and fellowship. The plans that Rouse made when designing Columbia were inspirational, and my family and I are so glad to be here.

As a resident of Howard County, I fully support passage of the Sanctuary Bill CB 9-2017. 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.

This bill abides by county, state and federal law and does not break or condone breaking any laws. 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 member) 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 yours,

Robin Slaw

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[Columbia, MD 21044](#)

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Testimony by Email

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Sabina Taj <sabinataj@gmail.com>

Tue 1/17, 9:54 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Council Members,

While I have written in support of CB9 previously, I would have liked to be there tonight to give verbal testimony.

Unfortunately, I am out of town for work, but would like to testify in full support and implore you to pass CB9.

Thank you,

[Sabina Taj](#)
[Ellicott City 21042](#)

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Support CB-9

JB 

Janelle Bruce <jbruce0306@yahoo.com>

Tue 1/17, 11:29 PM

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CB9-2017

Good evening. I'm the Youth Pastor at St John Baptist Church where I serve over 300 youth and I am also an attorney barred in MD & DC. I strongly support CB-9. I'm baffled at the way Howard County prides itself on being a place of civility, inclusion, & diversity and yet there's a lack of support for this legislation. This legislation doesn't prevent the federal government from coming to this county and doing whatever they see fit when it comes to undocumented immigrants but it is saying Howard County employees will not interfere with civil processes regarding immigration. This bill is not about criminality as the ignorant and divisive rhetoric suggests. Just today I had a white man attending the hearing tell me to show him my papers. I'm a 5th generation Washingtonian & African American and yet treated as if I don't belong or need to prove myself to him. This is about protecting people from folks like him. This is about ensuring our children are not afraid to attend school on a day to day basis. This bill says we value all the people who are in HoCo, even undocumented residents, many of whom are tax payers who don't reap the same benefits as others with citizenship. This bill says we value all people within our community! Please vote in favor of the bill!

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Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Kathryn Tillman
Subject: Re: Sanctuary

Good afternoon Ms. Tillman,

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.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Kathryn Tillman <kbtilman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:31:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sanctuary

To all of my HC County Council Representatives:

I want to register **my support** for the **Sanctuary legislation**.

I taught ESOL students at OMHS for 19 years and have had close connections with the immigrant community in Howard County through my profession and volunteer work for more than 25 years.

I know how important this bill is as a statement of support for the immigrant community. I also know that the national political climate is quite anti-immigrant at this time, and for this reason, the county's stance is more important than ever.

Thank you for the work you do.

Kathy Tillman
9467 Hickory Limb
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410-309-1052

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:14 PM
To: M.L. Yarbrough
Subject: Re: Support FOR CB9

Good afternoon Ms. Yarbrough,

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: M.L. Yarbrough <theyarbroughfamily@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:54:23 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay; Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail
Subject: Support FOR CB9

Hi,

I am writing to let you know that I am for CB9. I believe Howard County is better than claiming inaccurately that illegal immigrants bring more crime and above putting money over people! I certainly hope you will do the right thing and be on the right side of history.

Margaret L. Yarbrough

Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Chiara D'Amore
Subject: Re: Support for CB9

Good afternoon Dr. D'Amore,

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 the time and thought you put into your passionate testimony. 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: Chiara D'Amore <chiaradamore@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:56:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB9

Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Chiara D'Amore and I am a resident of Ms. Sigaty's district. I have called Howard County home since I was in the 4th grade. After leaving the area for college, graduate school, and my early career, my husband and I moved back to Columbia in 2008 in order to raise our children, who are now 7 and 3.

One of the primary reasons I wanted to return to this area to raise our family is because of the diversity that is intentionally supported and deeply valued in this community. In designing Columbia, James Rouse truly wanted to create a better place for people--all people--to live. Mr. Rouse believed we are at our best in communities where there is a sense of responsibility to one's city and to one's neighbor. He imagined and designed Columbia, the heart of Howard County, to be a place that fostered economic, racial, and cultural harmony. CB9 helps to codify this vision in the midst of tumultuous times in our county and country.

As a scientist, I believe firmly in the importance of facts and truth. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I agree with his assertion that "Nothing in this world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Unfortunately we have seen a rise in both in recent times, as evidenced by a political culture of false information being passed as fact in order to use fear to garner power. We are seeing this from detractors of CB9. With this context, the reasons I support CB9 are as follows:

- Across the US there are nearly 400 sanctuary cities and municipalities that offer a variety of policies and protections for residents. While there is no legal definition that spans all of these locals, essentially the term refers to a locality that has chosen not to use its local resources to enforce federal immigration law. If the CB9 legislation passes in Howard County, it would legally direct county employees and police not to inquire about a resident's immigration status unless required by law (for example, checking legal authorization to work during the hiring process). The benefits of making what has been a policy position into law are that it prevents discrimination; ensures county resources are prioritized for local law enforcement efforts; and protects the county from exposure to potential liability. Importantly, it also reflects our values as a welcoming and diverse community and promotes trust between our community and government/police.
- This bill would not interfere with our police's ability to investigate crimes and enforce local and state law. Additionally, it does not interfere with ICE's ability to carry out deportation. Our local police would still be required to comply with any federal warrants for arrest. Separating local policing from immigration enforcement promotes public safety and promotes family unity and human dignity.
- Congress appropriates and authorizes the spending of federal funds, not the President. Nothing in this bill violates federal law, so Howard County should not be under any threat of losing federal funds. There is not transparency around any federal funding that Howard County receives that would be threatened if additional steps would be taken to further bolster the County as an inclusive, supportive, compassionate community.
- I have the privilege of being a Caucasian, able-bodied, straight, able-bodied, educated, upper middle class, U.S. citizen, of a non-threatened faith. I have MANY friends and colleagues who do not fit one or more of these categories. As I wrote in my November 20th Op Ed in the Baltimore Sun regarding Governor Hogan's lack of leadership around the rise of hate speech and actions, "There are children in Maryland who are now living in fear due to circumstances around which they have no control — the color of their skin, their accent, their religion, their disability, and so on. Friends of mine have been called the N-word for the first time in the diverse and inclusive community of Columbia. Other friends are afraid to wear any public indication of their religion due to harassment."

Now more than ever we need thoughtful, courageous leadership to protect our communities where state and federal leaders will not. I am appreciative that Dr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa put this bill forward and hopeful that both Ms. Sigaty and Mr. Weinstein will support it, making County Executive Kittleman's premature veto determination moot.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chiara D'Amore

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Chris Krupiarz
Subject: Re: Testimony for CB9-2017

Good afternoon Mr. Krupiarz,

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Sincerely,
Julia

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410-313-2001

From: Chris Krupiarz <lof7@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:02:11 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CB9-2017

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

Below and enclosed you will find my testimony for the bill CB9-2017. I am in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,

Chris Krupiarz
Ellicott City
District 2

Testimony for CB9-2017
January 17, 2017

My name is Chris Krupiarz and I am a resident of Ellicott City.

On July 1st, 2015, Kathryn Steinle was shot and killed by Juan Lopez-Sanchez on Pier 14 in San Francisco. Mr. Lopez-Sanchez was an undocumented immigrant from Mexico who had been deported five times. He had also been arrested for crimes including heroin possession and manufacturing narcotics.

I mention this tragic event because it represents a primary fear of this legislation. Take a group of people from any country, county, city, or state and there is a risk someone will commit terrible acts. This includes crimes, potentially, against my own family. If we act to remove that entire group of people, we remove the risk.

While we should never forget this shooting, an act that represents the worst side of human nature, we should also remember there is another side of human nature: our common rights that know no borders.

I was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1966. My Mom was a nurse, my Dad a Personnel Director. Along with six brothers and sisters, we were a middle class family living in a middle class home with access to good schools.

What gave me this good fortune? God? Luck? Why wasn't I born in Aleppo or Port-au-Prince or Nuristan or Juba. I did nothing proactive to deserve this fate.

By focusing on the very few that may increase risk, we miss seeing the vast majority of immigrants who are simply seeking what I, and many of us here today, were lucky enough to be born with. And that is the human right of freedom from oppression and an opportunity to live, study, and work in a welcoming community. Our community.

Last fall, I read an essay written by Jason Motlagh for Outside magazine entitled "A Terrifying Journey Through the World's Most Dangerous Jungle." This piece tells the story of the Darién Gap between Colombia and Panama. There, travel a large number of migrants from Asia, Africa, and other parts of the world. In the article, Mr. Motlagh writes:

"Some ugly myths have taken root in the United States that these people are predisposed to be criminals, a dormant threat to our national security and a gathering drag on our economy...Yet,

somehow people of all stripes keep angling for our faraway borders with their dreams intact, risks and distances be damned.

Inevitably, through sheer force of will and a lot of good luck, some of the ones stranded in Colombia will make it to Panama and on to the United States. Maybe they'll be spared the onerous jungle crossing; maybe they will get a berth on an airlift; or maybe they are bushwhacking a new route through the darkness of Darién Gap at this very moment, their feet and gazes in lockstep forward against the inertia of fear and cynicism, driven by visions of something better.

They are our past, our present, and our future.

And they are worthy."

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Agnes Reid
Subject: Re: CB9 initiative.

Good afternoon Ms. Reid,

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.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Agnes Reid <dunson10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:22:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB9 initiative.

Dear Members: I am A strong advocate for making Howard County a sanctuary county for Dreamers. As an African American I can only imagine what my ancestors who fit the "runaway" slave category while running to survival and some semblance of freedom had to endure if their were no safe place or places for them. I askipped

that you seriously consider voting yes to Cb9. Please don't listen to the rhetoric, listen to the data regarding crime rates and immigrants. DO THE RIGHT THING. Thank you. Agnes Dunson Reid.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:14 PM
To: Kendra Dunbar
Subject: Re: Howard County as Sanctuary County

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From: Kendra Dunbar <kgdunbar.kd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:11:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County as Sanctuary County

Greetings. My name is Kendra Dunbar. I was born in Columbia, Maryland. Grew up and was educated through the Howard County School system and have moved back to Howard County (Columbia), after years away. I believe wholeheartedly that Howard County has a moral duty to be a Sanctuary County. It aligns with the ethos of equity and a commitment to human and civil rights that Howard County has always striven to articulate and lead in.

Please as a council embody those ethics and live up to the standards that we as citizens of Howard County in all of its diversity and resource aim to realize.

Sincerely,
Kendra Dunbar

Sayers, Margery

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Maria Gordon
Subject: Re: Your non response for my question

Ms. Gordon,

We have searched Councilperson Sigaty's entire email account and cannot find your previous email. Perhaps, it was misdirected. Would you send another email (please do not forward) with the same content? We will respond when it has been received.

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Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4
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410-313-2001

On 1/17/17, 12:02 PM, "Maria Gordon" <mtgordon65@verizon.net> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I sent an email to every individual in the County Council last week regarding why or why not you would be voting for CB9. I understand I am not the only citizen who lives in Howard County, Maryland however, I am disappointed no response or attempt was made. In any area of my life, whether personal or professional, I give the individual an email response the respect of any answer; even a non response letting that person know you email was received.

At this point I did research on my own and hope you vote against it. Unless you can show me why this is a good and prosperous reason to do so in our County, I do not want it to move forward.

Please learn to get back to your citizens when there is a question. If you cannot I am sure you have staffers who are able.

Maria Gordon

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Fw: Expression strong opposition on CB9-2017

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Ball, Calvin B

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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: Jianwu Wang <wangjianwu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Ball, Calvin B
Subject: Expression strong opposition on CB9-2017

Dear Dr. Ball,

I'm a resident of Howard County. I want to express my strongest opposition on CB9-2017.

I'm an immigrant myself. But I'm strong believer that immigrants should join the community legally. Howard County is a great place. Making it a Sanctuary County will hurt its safety, life quality, economy and many other things.

Please consider withdrawing the bill and your sponsorship.

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Best wishes

Sincerely yours

Jianwu Wang
wangjianwu@gmail.com