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Karen Gray <karenLgray@verizon.net>

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Dear Council Members,

I would like to express my support for Council Bill 9. I was on the fence on this measure, but the last few days have changed my mind. While I wasn't sure if the bill was necessary, the vitriol and anger expressed by some opponents have convinced me that it is very necessary indeed. People should not be judged, stereotyped, or vilified because of their citizenship status. This bill would help to prevent that from happening by codifying what I understand is now standard policy.

It is very important to me that Howard County not be steered by fear, anger, and prejudice. It should instead stand up for basic human dignity.

Please support Council Bill 39.

Thank you,

Karen Gray

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I want to share that I support Sanctuary Bill CB 2017. I have grown up in Howard County and what makes us wonderful is the amazing diversity of people living here. It is now more important than ever to support all who come to and live in Howard County that is why I support this bill.

Thank you for your time,
Candace Truitt

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CB-9 Testimony Procedures




Dave Dobbs <dobbsda@gmail.com>

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Chairman Weinstein,

Thank you for providing a civil and orderly proceedings for the emotional CB-9 bill being discussed. Keeping an excited crowd and verbose speakers in check was a daunting effort and I appreciate your even temperament and fairness in dealing with the events. In addition, pronouncing all the different names must have been tough and everyone I spoke with appreciated your best effort.

I also want to thank the Council for hearing all the testimony, even into the early, early morning hours so that all the folks who wanted to be heard had the opportunity. I hope you take the heart-felt comments for what they mean, but adhere to the rule of law and honoring your oath of office before making your decision.

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Thanks you,
Dave Dobbs
2nd District
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FW: Testimony from Lisa Moulden

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Feldmark, Jessica

Thu 1/19, 7:26 PM

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Just to fill you in on what happened...

From: Feldmark, Jessica**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:23 PM**To:** 'Lisa Moulden' <moulden.lisa@yahoo.com>**Subject:** RE: Testimony from Lisa Moulden

Dear Ms. Moulden,

I apologize for the trouble you had with our online sign-up system. We worked with our IT department today to try to figure out what went wrong. As far as we can tell, it appears that when your husband attempted to sign up to testify, you were still logged in under your account. Rather than signing up separately, he ended up editing your user profile to change it to his name. That is how his name ended up on the list and yours did not.

I am very sorry for the confusion and that you didn't have a chance to deliver your testimony in person. Thank you for taking the time to email it. I know the Council appreciates the benefit of hearing your position.

Once again, I'm very sorry. We are looking into clarifying the instructions within the system and the text of the automatically generated emails to try to prevent this type of situation in the future.

Thank you.

Jessica Feldmark

Administrator

Howard County Council

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From: Lisa Moulden [<mailto:moulden.lisa@yahoo.com>]**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:01 AM**To:** CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>**Subject:** Testimony from Lisa Moulden

Dear Council Members,

I attended the hearing on Tuesday, January 17th, intending to present my testimony, but I was informed too late that I was not on the list. I submitted my request on January 4, 2016 at 5:59 p.m. and the confirmation is below, so I expected to be called to testify. I am submitting my testimony below and I am deeply concerned that I did not have the opportunity to present it in person. I signed up my husband at the same time and he was able to give his testimony. Please give mine equal consideration. I timed it and it is 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

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Testimony from Lisa Moulden:

Thomas Jefferson said, "The greatest danger to the American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution."

With the proposal of this bill, you are saying to us, the law-abiding citizens of Howard County, that you will not abide by the law.

I see this bill as nothing less than a declaration of war. You want to invite criminals to my home and neighborhood. You care more about people who have no interest, or incentive, to obey our laws. Howard county will become a magnet for illegals. The increase in crime rates in sanctuary cities cannot be denied.

You are declaring war on the residents of Howard County when you put my family at risk for diseases that have become epidemic among illegal populations. The Howard county hospital emergency room is a travesty now with ridiculous wait times, and you're going to bring in illegals and a multitude of documented diseases that my family will be exposed to as we sit in the ER for even longer periods of time.

And who will pay for these illegals? Don't tell us that our taxes won't be raised. The residents of Montgomery county would be happy to respond to those empty promises.

Montgomery county used to have one of the highest educational rankings in the country – but no longer. You are declaring war on our incomparable standard of education, but you want us to lower it for the benefit of people who will not care about anything other than the free benefits you give them. Howard county's exceptional education standard will be a thing of the past.

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and freedom for granted. I know now that being an active and informed citizen is not just a right, it is a duty.

I will no longer be an inactive citizen. I will closely follow the political careers of my elected officials, because make no mistake – you have declared war on us. *You are bringing danger to my doorstep.* You have shown me that you cannot be trusted. When you see yourself as above the law, it is time to stand up and take action.

You will be showing the residents of Howard County who you care more about – us or illegals - and where you stand on obeying the law, when you vote on this bill.

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Dinah O'Berry <dinahoberry@hotmail.com>

Thu 1/19, 11:34 AM

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Dear Council Member,

My name is Dinah O'Berry and I live at 10101 Windstream Drive, Columbia. I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County.

This bill is a declaration of the warm and welcoming atmosphere of our diverse county that stands for civility, decency, and acceptance and the right to be free of prejudice, bigotry, and hate—values that the citizens of Howard County expect our county to uphold.

CB 9 ensures a safe environment for people to share information with school or government workers or officials without fear of potential detention or deportation. 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. It 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 to enforce such laws. This is not our county's task.

Some have claimed that this bill would somehow make Howard County a beacon for undocumented people to flock here. In truth, our county is already a beacon for all people. We have a great school system, amazing local resources, and countless amenities that set Howard County apart. This bill 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,

Dinah O'Berry

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In support of CB-9



Cheryl Zaron <cheryl.zaron@gmail.com>

Thu 1/19, 1:02 PM

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Below is a message I sent to Mr. Weinstein this morning voicing my support for CB-9.

Thank you for your time,
Cheryl Zaron

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cheryl Zaron** <cheryl.zaron@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 19, 2017 at 9:29 AM

Subject: CB-9

To: jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov

Dear Mr Weinstein,

I'm writing to voice my support for the upcoming vote on CB9. I live in Ellicott City, in your district. When I first read about the bill, I thought it was all for show and it didn't really have an impact on our community. I thought that I understood Mr. Kittleman's position on wanting to protect federal funding. But after reading and hearing the testimony over the past two nights, I have changed my mind.

I can not support the fear and hatred that comes from so many that are against this bill. I made a specific decision to live in Howard County and to raise my children here. One of the major reasons was the great diversity and welcoming feel of this community. I am proud of the way my sons see the world because of all the people they are exposed to. They do not fear people because of an accent or the color of their skin.

I do not believe this bill will increase crime. I believe it will lead to more communication and trust between law enforcement and immigrants.

I'm not sure where you stand on this. I've seen the attack flier put out about you from the opponents of this bill. They asked "Is he for us or against us?" In my mind, "us" is everyone in Howard County.

Thank you for your time.

Cheryl Zaron
4017 Starwreath Way
Ellicott City

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Weiwei Jia <weiwei.jia@rjmengineering.com>

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I am AGAINST this bill (CB9-2017).

I am a resident that lives on 3468 Walker Drive, Ellicott City. I have heard that one of the councilmen has proposed a Sanctuary Bill for Howard County. I noticed that this kind of "Sanctuary" label usually attracts illegal immigrants to come and reside in these counties or cities. Along with that, crime rates usually increase. Examples include our neighboring counties or cities such as Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Baltimore City and Washington DC. There has been data and news regarding the increased crime rates due to illegal immigrants in these places as certain gang group tends to recruit young illegal immigrants: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/24/dc-officials-blame-illegal-immigration-for-crime-spike/>

I have chosen to live in Howard County, because It is a safe places for me and my family. Howard County has low crime rate and great schools. I certainly do not want to see Howard County going downhill like that.

I am an immigrant myself, but I studied and worked very hard to come to the US, which is very similar to most other legal immigrants. The legal process is not easy, but it's the right way. The government should encourage people to come in through legal means, not by offering protection to those who have come here illegally, especially the criminals.

Adding the "Sanctuary" label to our county doesn't help anybody. It will bind the hands of our police officer that had worked hard to keep crime rate low. It will attract more criminals. When the federal funding is cut off, the county will either have to raise taxes and increase financial burden to the tax payers or have to cut off certain services to the law-abiding citizens.

So I hope that you will vote "NO" to this Sanctuary Bill for Howard County (CB9-2017).

Thank you!

Weiwei Jia

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Jeff van den Broek <jvdb26@yahoo.com>

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am registering my 'NO' to this bill.

Thank you,

Jeff Vandebroek
Highland, MD

Testimony of James N. Purcell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Directors, US Association for International Migration, before the Howard County Council, Re: Bill No. 9-2017, January 18, 2017
(jpurcell7@verizon.net)

My objective is to put the sanctuary cities debate on a higher plane. It is part of a much bigger issue that is playing itself out around the world.

For nearly 50 years, I have worked as a humanitarian diplomat to promote the principle of safe, orderly, and legal migration. Working in the U.S. and with other governments around the world, I have sought to establish and promote national and global migration regimes that are open, generous, diverse, that provide opportunity, and that are legal.

I have found that the greatest enemy of efforts to promote orderly and safe migration are governments, local, state or national, that tempt people (rejected or unvetted asylum seekers, visa overstayers, or those who decide to avoid the legal migration route altogether) to skirt the system, to work around the system, to gain immigration advantages. Sanctuary cities – counties – are a noteworthy example.

My cumulative experience demonstrate that legal refugee and migration systems have proven adequate for national and global needs and can fulfill them in ways that protect the human rights of all applicants. It is therefore, not necessary – in my opinion – to establish faux-migration systems, like sanctuary cities, counties or states to guarantee protection or human rights for legitimate migration populations. Let me illustrate.

At the end of the Vietnam War, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance asked me to head up an effort to create a rescue mechanism for the millions of Southeast Asian allies (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian) left behind after American troops withdrew. That led to creation of State's "Refugee Program" which I led for most of the next decade. As Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee Program, I was the head of the American refugee program, involving multiple federal agencies, state and local governments, NGOs, multilateral organizations and partner governments.

Over the next decade, we resettled almost a million refugees in the United States and almost that many were resettled by other governments. The U.S. also helped hundreds of thousands gain political asylum in this country or to return those who did not qualify. We convinced doubting government heads, legislative bodies, NGOs, state and local governments, etc, that we could manage the social, political, and economic consequences of this vast movement of people in beneficial ways for our societies. We established vetting procedures that ensured that those who migrated met legal requirements for admission. After many hours and days of contentious testimony before the U.S. congression and multilateral organizations, we achieved consensus on humane and lawful admissions programs.

We assisted people like many of those we have heard about over the past two days. These were people fleeing persecution for reasons of religion, race or national origin, forced out of their homes because of war, corruption, or natural disasters, enterprising young people seeking to expand their horizons and world view, people seeking to better provide for their families, and a host of other legitimate reasons. They made incredible contributions to our societies. And, they came legally.

I was introduced to the notion of sanctuary cities almost four decades ago, in Central America. Some religious and academic groups opposed to Reagan administration policy in Central America convinced large numbers of people - who did not qualify for refugee or asylum status - to clandestinely flee to the United States and seek safety in secure places beyond the reach of U.S. law, which they called sanctuary cities. Our efforts to convince the Central American governments to undertake needed reforms to keep their citizens at home, or to convince protected populations to return and seek legal entry, were undermined by the so-called sanctuary cities. Why should they take the risk? I had the same reaction to - and experience with - many other sanctuary cities established during that period.

After the State Department, I was nominated by President Reagan to become the U.S. candidate to be Director General of the IOM in Geneva. I won a five-year term in 1988 and was renominated by President Clinton in 1993 for a second term.

My job there was to work with the world's governments to "again" promote the safe, orderly and beneficial movement of people between governments and societies. Over my time there, we helped over four million relocate from danger, poverty, corruption, or to find better opportunities elsewhere. We found many governments and societies willing to become their brothers' keepers, and to do so lawfully.

Unfortunately, migration trends are worsening today. Populations of endangered people around the world are rising to epic proportions. The number is now estimated at 65 million and rising; it has doubled in the last three years. Governments in all regions are beginning to react defensively, setting up walls or other defensive barriers to keep people out. Previously welcoming doors are slamming shut. That's obviously a reaction to terrorism and a growing concern that governments and societies can no longer control their borders and protect their citizens and economies.

How do we counter these negative trends? We must work to assure citizens in this country and around the world that, even as we reach out to help the multitudes of deserving people around the world, we can identify and keep out harmful or unlawful elements - and that we can admit those our economies need or who need protective assistance.

Why so much concern about rejected or unvetted asylum seekers, or migration system abusers? Just look at Germany today. About 1.2 million unvetted asylum seekers came last year. The result: Germany and the rest of Europe fractured, migration barriers cropping up throughout Europe and around the world, societies turning inward.

At the initiative of President Obama, the world's government met at the UN in New York last September to discuss these growing world problems. They agreed to work on, over the next two years, and hopefully approve two new global compacts addressing these growing problems. One compact will be devoted to refugees and the other to migration. This is where we should be putting our energy and attention.

We can do better. We must do better. Side initiatives, like CB-9, diminish - and trivialize - efforts to make needed course adjustments in migration regimes and approaches. I do not support CB-9.

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I support CB9



Kate Copanic <kate@copanic.net>

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Good afternoon,

I have been watching the testimonies from home and I wanted you to know that I too SUPPORT CB9. I have been a resident of Columbia and teaching in a Howard County middle school for 11 years now and I was drawn to this community because of the progressive and welcoming reputation it has.

The ugliness and xenophobia displayed in some of the opposition's testimonies saddened me and I do not want those attitudes defining our county. I do not believe that it is our job to give information to the federal government about immigration status. I want our undocumented residents to feel safe to report crimes, without fear for their families. I want all residents to feel stronger ties and connection to the area. I also hope for a day when it will be made easier for people to get the documentation and status to stay, but that's another issue.

I was sad to see the glaring dichotomy of positions of red and green at the testimonies. I hate to see the split of people get worsened and I wish everyone chose to dress normally. I shouldn't be able to look at someone and immediately know their opinions on the matter because it shuts down dialogue. It presents an "us versus you" mentality, which makes it hard to come to any resolution without a feeling of win or lose. We need to do better than this in Howard County.

I hope you will consider the pros and possible cons of this bill and make the decision to support CB9. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Katherine Copanic, Columbia

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City: Clarksville
Subject: More thoughts on CB9-2017 and 2018 election

Message: Dear Council Members, I testified against CB9 on 1/17 and watched others' on 1/18. Again, thanks a lot for your time (two loooong nights). To those of you who may be thinking about running for re-election or higher position in 2018 mid-term election, this bill has deeply divided our community and voters. For myself, I voted for Clinton and am one of those "70%" who voted against Trump in Howard County. However, if this bill gets passed, I, like many others, would firmly vote for anyone who does NOT endorse/support this bill in 2018. In another word, this bill is so critical to us otherwise undecided voters in the middle, and will push us to one end for sure. And we will have every reason to show up and vote in 2018. Dear future candidates, please consider whether this is going to be a political "gain" or actually a loss to your voter base. As we have seen at the hearings, you will need a lot of voters on BOTH sides to win. The "70%" is simply NOT there as you may have expected. Thanks for your attention! Hang

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Support CB9 - HoCo Resident in District 5




Jennifer Hopkins <piccolag8r@hotmail.com>

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Hello,

I am a Howard County resident in Ellicott City in District 5. I wanted to register my support for CB9.

Thank you,

Jennifer Hopkins

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CB9-2017

To members of the County Council and to the County Executive,

I am writing to you in support of Council Bill 9 on the occasion of Martin Luther King, Jr's national day of celebration and remembrance. I just read these words, and I want to share them with you:

Dr. King assured us that the arc of moral universe bends toward justice, but only if we stand up and speak out for what is right. (Rep. Mark Takano)

Someone added:

That arc doesn't bend itself.

It is my responsibility to speak out because I believe in this legislation. And because I believe in #One Howard. I believe that all in our county should be included, respected, and valued. **All.**

But I have seen some of the most angry, racist, derogatory language containing the grossest generalizations from those who are fighting the designation of Howard County as a Sanctuary county. Their hateful and selfish language alone proves how much this legislation is needed. I'm guessing these folks haven't signed the #OneHoward Pledge. Their accusations and slurs are the farthest thing from it.

The contrast between the lofty ideals of the pledge and the wholesale rejection and vilification of people who are living and struggling in our county could not be more stark. We cannot have it both ways. Either we are #OneHoward or we are not. We must lead in a way that respects **all** in our community.

Instead of rejecting this legislation out-of-hand, I urge the council to listen to community input and work to make CB-9 a worthy example of our county's shared goals and inclusiveness. I encourage the County Executive to work with them.

Above all, I expect our County's leaders to respect this for the serious issue that it is, rather than deflect from its importance by suggesting this is an exercise in political gamesmanship. You have an opportunity to show empathy and wisdom and strength by creating legislation that will protect people who are already our neighbors, coworkers, friends, classmates of our children. They are Howard County, too.

Please don't let them down.

Sincerely,

Julia McCready
5745 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, Maryland 21045

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Subject: Opposition to the adoption of proposed bill CB9-2017.

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LJ Buehler <ljbuehler@verizon.net>

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Council members, I oppose the adoption of CB-9 for the following reasons:

1. Federal laws are promulgated that establish when to contact immigration agencies during the processing of criminals. Local government should not attempt to establish procedures that call for disregarding federal law, policies, or agreements.
2. Laws are established through a rigorous process. You get to participate in that process, however, once codified, one doesn't get the ability to pick or choose which laws you want to observe.
3. By the adoption of CB-9, you put the Howard County Police Department in an untenable position of not enforcing certain already established laws.
4. Columbia, a city recently selected as the best place to live in the U.S. by a major magazine, didn't gain that distinction by being a "sanctuary city." Instead it earned that award by being represented by hard-working, tax paying residents.
5. Howard County, while generally affluent, does not have unlimited resources. Simply put, resources devoted to illegal immigrants in the County detract from those available to law-abiding citizens.
6. If CB-9 were to be adopted, the loss of federal government funding may ensue (as mentioned in testimony by HCPD Chief Gary Gardner). Additionally, he spoke of potential loss of working alliances with certain federal agencies charged with investigating crime if Howard County were to become known as a "sanctuary county."

Lawrence J. Buehler

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Sanctuary bill, CB9





Tricia Cecil <triciacecil@gmail.com>

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CB9-2017

Good afternoon,

Please be advised that I fully support the Sanctuary Bill (CB9). I am a Howard County resident and a Howard County government employee.

Best

Tricia Cecil

[5925 Stream Valley Lane](#)

[Elkridge, Maryland](#)

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Kerrie Kang <kerriekang@hotmail.com>

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I live in Elkridge, MD and I support CB-9. The overall concept seems in line with what we pride ourselves on as a county- choosing civility and "OneHoward."

Kerrie Kang

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Laura Stitt <tiggertoo95@verizon.net>

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I am writing you to express my support of CB9. Please vote yes!

Laura Stitt

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NO to CB9-2017



Greg Dahle <gdahle@hotmail.com>

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proposed CB9 legislation. I feel confident that once all of the testimony and facts are considered by all council members regarding this bill, it should die by a majority vote in opposition. If it doesn't, it will most certainly be vetoed by our County Executive.

However, I still believe it important to express my views about how troubling it is that we currently have elected officials that would seriously consider proposing legislation that would label our great county as a "Sanctuary County" given there's **absolutely no benefit to those that you represent by doing so.** We as taxpayers gain nothing, but stand to lose a lot.

Make no mistake, there has been a drastic increase in serious criminal activity and financial strain experienced by other municipalities throughout the country that have passed similar legislation. At the end of this week, we will have a new federal administration that will deny our county federal funding that might be needed to address a variety of serious issues we may encounter at any time, and some that might actually be created by this proposed legislation. **All very serious risks at least a couple of you are willing to take simply for political posturing, pandering, and potential electoral advantages for your political party in future elections.**

When I originally proposed, and Councilman Fox, and former Councilmember Courtney Watson, kindly cosponsored [CB30-2011](#) (28 minutes into [legislative session](#)), an act allowing for a 100% property tax credit for all of our county's non profit 100% volunteer swim clubs, at a cost of about \$50K per year out of an overall budget of \$1.5B, despite multiple local municipalities having previously enacted this same legislation, the council previously enacting [CB59-2005](#), and the **zero nay** unanimously supported [SB982 CH446](#) state enabling legislation allowing the county to do so; it was voted down by Councilmembers Ball, Sigaty, and Terrasa. I find it very difficult to understand how at least two of them would now be willing to risk losing \$1.2M alone, that ICE alone contributes annually to the county's general fund, to help their constituents live safely. **And that would be just the beginning as the new federal administration begins systematically, and deservingly, defunding all "sanctuary cities" throughout our great nation.**

I really don't care how you try to spin this, that you're simply not willing to allocate county resources to offer federal immigration authorities assistance, despite their willingness, and financial contributions, to help keep those that helped you get elected, your tax paying constituents that contribute to your campaigns and salaries, safe, it's blatantly partisan and horrible for the county. **This proposed legislation puts an embarrassing beacon on our community encouraging those that commit illegal acts to flood into our communities.** We are a nation of immigrants, but we are also a nation of laws, and those laws are meant to protect your tax paying constituents. You might not like the laws, and you can work with our congressional representatives to change the laws, but you can not arbitrarily pick and choose the laws you feel are worth following, while ignoring others. This is when societal order begins to fall apart.

The results of the most recent Presidential election have made it quite clear that the majority of **Americans have officially rejected the political ideology of borderless countries**, as evident by the Democratic party losing countless seats, and states, all over our great nation, for the past 8 years, including, most recently, our local County Executive position, Maryland State Governor, and Republicans now have the majority in the House, Senate, and now the Presidency. So, keep up the great work, I'm quite sure Councilman Fox is looking forward to more Republicans joining him on the council as your seats are up for re-election. Here are a few links you should probably review below.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/421286/immigration-boon-democrats-ian-smith>

<http://www.dailywire.com/news/9521/report-crime-spikes-sanctuary-cities-hank-berrien>

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<http://www.dailywire.com/news/10155/9-things-you-need-know-about-illegal-immigration-aaron-bandler>

<http://www.fairus.org/issue/examples-of-serious-crimes-by-illegal-aliens>

That's just a few, I could send you many more, but I hope you understand my position now.

Sincerely,

Greg Dahle
District 1 Ellicott City, MD

Please support CB9



Barbara Winter Watson <bwinterwatson@gmail.com>

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Action Items



Dear Council Members,

I have been a Howard County resident since 1996.

Please see my message below to Jon Weinstein.

I believe it is important for all five council members to read this message.

I urge you all to support CB-9.

Sincerely,

Barbara Watson

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Winter Watson <bwinterwatson@gmail.com>

Date: January 17, 2017 at 3:30:57 PM EST

To: jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov

Subject: Please support CB9

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

I am a constituent in your district.

My family moved to Howard County in 1996, and we are proud of the diversity, respectfulness and acceptance demonstrated by our residents and local government.

The more I learn about CB9, the more confident I am that this bill deserves your support and vote.

Despite the negative and misleading information being circulated, CB9 will protect vulnerable people within the county and help (not hinder) law enforcement.

CB9 will give all victims of crime greater courage to work with law enforcement in the fight against gang activities, human trafficking and other forms of abuse and exploitation.

The fear and stress among immigrants, regardless of legal status, is real, especially given the uncertainties of the next President.

I realize voting for CB9 will draw the ire of some, but there is a growing body of individuals -- including myself and my neighbors -- who support CB9 and will do what it takes to help you win reelection.

Please vote to ensure veto-proof passage of CB9.

Thank you for serving our district!

Sincerely,
Barbara Watson
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Susan Jacobson <therapy@susanjacobson.com>

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Friends,

I both reside and work in Ms Sigaty's district, and I want to let you know how strongly I support CB9. I don't believe that its passage will inundate our beautiful county with immigrants; I believe it will protect county employees from having to become federal investigators and our fellow countians who may be undocumented, from harassment and exile.

Susan Jacobson, LCSW-C, CGP

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"Sometimes a person has to go a long distance out of the way in order to come back a short distance correctly"

Edward Albee, Zoo Story

Please vote FOR HC9



Kim Birnbaum <ksmiles@myfastmail.com>

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I am a caucasian woman who is Jewish and raised here in Howard County. My husband, also raised in Howard County and also caucasian, and I decided to raise our kids here because of the diversity of the community. The lessons we learned growing up with classmates and friends from a variety of races, cultures, and religions, enriched our childhood. They helped shape our core values regarding equality, civil rights, respect, tolerance, and being a good person.

Our kids are being raised in a diverse neighborhood, in a diverse community, with a beautiful rainbow of peers at school. My daughter has become close with 2 friends who are Latina and I believe are first generation Americans. How will they and their loved ones be treated in this xenophobic environment? Will their parents be forced to produce their papers for inspection as they try to go about their daily lives? Will they live in fear of acts of bigotry? If they are undocumented, will they live in fear of being discovered by overzealous xenophobes eager to expose them for "invading" the community. This bill could help them and others like them.

Most of us do not have ancestors who are native to this country. It is hypocritical as well as heartless to not care for the well being of undocumented residents, who are just trying to improve their and their family's lives. It is wrong to force some citizens to produce proof of their legitimacy based on their ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, etc.

As a Jewish person, I am obviously alarmed at talk by the incoming president about requiring citizenship papers for inspection, building a wall, and xenophobic as well as racist statements, appointments, and proposed policies. Time and time again, history repeats itself, yet we seldom seem to learn from it. It is outlandish to think that by turning away refugees our country will be safer. There was a lot of "us" and "them" talk at the hearing. It is naive to think that terrorists can't look like "us." It is a deadly miscalculation to think that by denying safe harbor to those in need will somehow make those turned away less likely to hate and attack America later on.

I frankly do not care how many people showed up to the hearing brandishing their bigotry with pride, spewing intolerance, stereotypes and fear-mongering. We must stand up to all of this. You have all been elected to represent your constituents, not just the angry white

mob that showed up to the hearing. This law can be ammended slightly if need be to ensure it does not interfere with police ability to do their job. It is a humane and decent gesture in a hostile climate. It is horribly sad to me that this is not being received as the no-brainer it ought to be, but at how contested it is. The testimony proved the need for the bill, and also Allen Kittleman wrong, clearly we do have these problems in Howard County.

Judith Kim Birnbaum
Elkridge, MD

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Subject: CB9

Message: To the members of the County Council: We are waiting to express our support for CB9 and to urge your support of this measure as well. Although we have lived in Howard County for only 18 months, one of us attended the hearing on Tuesday evening, and we believe that CB9 is in the best interest of the County. Additionally, we believe it would be reflective of the County that we now call home. Respectfully, Robert and Constance Lynch District #1

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These two articles from today's New York Times just might offer some ideas to you, the Howard County Executive and the Howard County Council, in coming up with an approach to providing meaningful actions to helping undocumented immigrants residing in Howard County.

Spending time this week in a sea of angry "YES" and "NO" signs, both sitting in the George Howard Building as long as I could tolerate it and then going home to continue watching the proceeding on Channel 99 doesn't strike me as a satisfactory way to help Howard County residents in need.

I would urge you to take some quality time out of your busy schedules to read and think about the attached articles to rethink your approach and I would urge you all consult with experts in immigration law. Then take a clean slate out and set about developing some new and creative ways to solve the problems at hand.

It is time to make peace, not war and reframe from name calling....my life is too short for wasting time and effort on strife and bickering, how about yours? My feeling is that resorting to compromise can actually offer a win, win solution.

Thank you for your continuing effort to work on the big things, the important things that matter....people who have chosen to reside in Howard County.

Joel Broida

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/18/nyregion/new-york-sanctuary-cities.html?smprod=nytcore-ipad&smid=nytcore-ipad-share>

New York's attorney general on Thursday will give legal guidance to local governments on how they can resist cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/18/nyregion/a-passport-stamp-gives-dreamers-hope-as-the-trump-era-looms.html?smprod=nytcore-ipad&smid=nytcore-ipad-share>

Students who came to the U.S. illegally as children traveled recently to Mexico. Upon return, their passports were stamped, giving them proof of legal entry — which one day could come in handy.

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January 19, 2017

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF CB9-2017

Councilmember's,

I am a Marine Corps Veteran with service from 2000-2011; the oldest of eight children; a Tucson AZ native, raised back-and-forth between Tucson Arizona and San Diego California. My Father is the youngest of 12 children and a legal permanent resident alien. We are Spaniard, Chiricahua-Apache, and Pueblo Indian. I joined the Marine Corps and moved my family to the east coast -- the opposite side of the country -- to ensure my wife and children would be raised far far away from the destructive influences of illegal immigration and drug smuggling.

Unlike anyone who has testified before you on this matter, I have grown-up with the very real consequences of drug smuggling and illegal immigration. I was raised with drug smugglers, coyotes, and illegal aliens. I've survived, the poison and cancer, which accompanies smuggling, illegal immigration, and drug trafficking. My uncle was mowed down with automatic firearms for his interaction with cartels. Throughout the 70s and early 80s members of my family and family friends smuggled drugs across the border, sometimes using heavily loaded small planes flying within a couple hundred feet above the ground. During my youth my family name was a death sentence in parts of Mexico. I grew up in fear and hatred of the crimes being committed by my illegal alien family members, and family friends. Thus, I am categorically opposed to even the perception of sanctuary for illegal aliens.

Ball and Terrasa, you may genuinely have the best intentions but you are, either, at best unwittingly or at worst intentionally, fostering a community situation supportive of the same criminal element I fled the southwest to protect my wife and children from.

Of all The testimonies I heard over the last two nights, not a single person in favor of this bill has testified of any firsthand experience living with drug smugglers, illegal aliens, and coyotes along our western border. What we have had are a number of brazen illegal aliens testify at this hearing with entirely zero fear of being deported for breaking our immigration laws. They even go so far as to identifying themselves as "undocumented citizens" in an attempt to normalize their criminal behavior. These testimonies are proof positive that illegal aliens in our community already have zero fear of our police officers, no respect for our rule of law, and zero fear of prosecution or deportation.

The politically motivated divisive speech, used to justify CB9-2017, appears to be nothing more than self serving political posturing and pandering to anti-Trump voters. Further, it is dangerous and irresponsible to continually associate President Donald Trump with unfounded allegations of xenophobia, Islamophobia, racism, and sexism. No American citizen should be called Xenophobic Islamophobic, racist, or sexist for

wearing a T-shirt in support of the President of the United States of America. These baseless accusations and divisive language only succeed in further polarizing our community. It fosters derision, hostility, ridicule, and bullying of patriotic children who are guilty of nothing more than respecting and supporting the President of the United States of America. No child should be afraid to show open support for our President.

As evidenced by the previous testimony of several illegal aliens, you do not need to codify this inflammatory language to help illegal aliens feel safe and at home in Howard County. If Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa wish to help illegal aliens perhaps they can start holding town halls and community outreach programs to inform illegal aliens of current Howard County Police policies for dealing with immigration status issues. You can have a greater impact with outreach efforts informing illegal non-English speaking immigrants of current Howard County police procedures than by making the foolish assumption that non-English speaking illegal-immigrants are going to take the time to read and understand this bill. Even if you do enact this bill to affect the changes you have spoken of then you are still going to need a massive outreach effort to inform non-English speaking illegal immigrants that Howard County advocates violation of Federal immigration laws.

Board members, by voting yes on CB9-2017 you are setting a dangerous precedent, subverting the rule of law, and condoning criminal violation of U.S. immigration laws under the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act. A yes vote on CB9-2017 also has far reaching nationwide implications for the safety of border patrol agents and law enforcement officers in all states between Mexico and Maryland. You are, in effect, sending out a nationwide call for illegal aliens to travel across the country to take up residence in Howard County Maryland.

I strongly urge you to vote no on CB9-2017.

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//Signed//

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Article from NOLO/AllLaw

By Ilona Bray, J.D.

(<http://www.alllaw.com/articles/nolo/us-immigration/crime-enter-illegally.html#>)

Is it a Crime to Enter The U.S. Illegally? Illegal entry (or "improper entry") to the US carries criminal penalties (fines and jail or prison time), in addition to civil penalties and immigration consequences (deportation and bars from future entry).

Whether it's by crossing the U.S. border with a "coyote" or buying a fake U.S. passport, a foreign national who enters the U.S. illegally can be both convicted of a crime and held responsible for a civil violation under the U.S. immigration laws. Illegal entry also carries consequences for anyone who might later attempt to apply for a green card or other immigration benefit. The penalties and consequences get progressively more severe if a person enters illegally more than once, or enters illegally after an order of removal (deportation) or having been convicted of an aggravated felony.

What Is Illegal Entry?

The immigration law actually uses the term "improper entry," which has a broad meaning. It's more than just slipping across the U.S. border at an unguarded point. Improper entry can include:

- entering or attempting to enter the United States at any time or place other than one designated by U.S. immigration officers (in other words, away from a border inspection point or other port of entry)
- eluding examination or inspection by U.S. immigration officers (people have tried everything from digging tunnels to hiding in the trunk of a friend's car)
- attempting to enter or obtain entry to the United States by a willfully false or misleading representation or willful concealment of a material fact (which might include, for example, lying on a visa application or buying a false green card or other entry document). (See Title 8, Section 1325 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C.), or Section 275 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (I.N.A.) for the exact statutory language - www.uscis.gov/laws/immigration-and-nationality-act.) Criminal Penalties

For the first improper entry offense, the person can be fined (as a criminal penalty), or imprisoned for up to six months, or both. For a subsequent offense, the person can be fined or imprisoned for up to two years, or both. (See 8 U.S.C. Section 1325, I.N.A. Section 275.) But just in case that isn't enough to deter illegal entrants, a separate section of the law adds penalties for reentry (or attempted reentry) in cases where the person had been convicted of certain types of crimes and thus removed (deported) from the U.S., as follows:

1. People removed for a conviction of three or more misdemeanors involving drugs, crimes against the person, or both, or a felony (other than an aggravated felony), shall be fined, imprisoned for up to ten years, or both.
2. People removed for a conviction of an aggravated felony shall be fined, imprisoned for up to 20 years, or both.
3. People who were excluded or removed from the United States for security reasons shall be fined, and imprisoned for up to ten years, which sentence shall not run concurrently with any other sentence.
4. Nonviolent offenders who were removed from the United States before their prison sentence was up shall be fined, imprisoned for up to ten years, or both. What's more, someone deported before a prison sentence was complete may be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment, without

any reduction for parole or supervised release. (See 8 U.S.C. Section 1326, I.N.A. Section 276.) Civil Penalties

Entry (or attempted entry) at a place other than one designated by immigration officers carries additional civil penalties. The amount is at least \$50 and not more than \$250 for each such entry (or attempted entry); or twice that amount if the illegal entrant has been previously fined a civil penalty for the same violation. (See 8 U.S.C. Section 1325, I.N.A. Section 275.) Immigration Consequences of an Improper Entry

A person who comes to the US without permission of the immigration authorities is inadmissible. To learn more about inadmissibility, see Who Can't Get Into The United States? In practice, that usually means that if the person became eligible for a green card or other immigration status, he or she would be ineligible to adjust status within the United States. By leaving the U.S. and applying from overseas, the inadmissibility problem could be solved – unless the person had already stayed in the U.S. for six months or more without a right to be there. In that case, he or she would run into a separate ground of inadmissibility, based on "unlawful presence" in the United States. (For more on how that affects your possibilities of obtaining a green card, see Legal Options for an Undocumented Immigrant to Stay in the U.S.) If a person was removed from the U.S. (deported) on the basis of a conviction for an aggravated felony (other than illegal entry or reentry), then the improper entry itself is considered to be an aggravated felony. (See 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43)(O).) Having one of more aggravated felonies on one's record is a huge problem, because aggravated felonies bar a person from virtually all immigration benefits, and are a grounds of deportability (under 8 U.S.C. 1227, I.N.A. Section 237).
