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Howard County Sanctuary Bill (CB9-2017)




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Dear All,

I am a resident of Howard County and I am writing this petition on behalf of several residents in this county who are clearly disturbed by this Bill. We have vested interest in this county and have our family members who are immigrants or US citizens working here legally day and night, contributing to the welfare of this county. We need to give better education to our kids with better living conditions and as such, it is important that we retain all the residents here in this county in the coming years. We are not against immigrants as I am an immigrant as well, who came to this country legally.

We are all very concerned about the CB9 Bill as it will have many detrimental effects for our residents, schools, home value, peace and safety of the neighborhoods. This will affect the future of our kids as many of these illegal immigrants are not law obeying individuals. We are not against immigrants but against illegal immigrants who are a potential threat to our way of living.

Hope our elected council members would pay attention to our complaints and do the needful to keep the county safe and prosperous.

We urge you to vote "NO".

Sincerely,
Thamban

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Support for CB-9



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I write in support of CB-9. Howard County welcomed me as an 8-year-old immigrant child of doctors, and I am proud to call it my home today. I was dismayed to hear the voices of hate, xenophobia, and ignorance spewed at the hearing, on Nextdoor, and on Facebook. Immigrants past – legal and illegal – built this country, and immigrants today – both legal and illegal – continue that tradition. Immigrants pay taxes. Immigrants contribute to the well-being of our country. Immigrants are not malignant, disease-laden criminals. It is horrifying (and heartbreaking) that my neighbors – seemingly benign and kind people – feel such hatred for and fear towards other human beings, including children.

CB-9 reflects the values of justice, charity, inclusiveness, kindness, and civility that we, as a community and as people, must promote. For that reason, and many others, the bill should be passed.

Peggy Chu
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I want to share my strong support for this bill. Our neighbors and fellow workers need to feel safe. Many fled abusive environments and entered illegally because in many places legal immigration is not accessible. And deportation (outside of criminal activity) is cruel. WWJD? What would Jesus do?

Sincerely,
Laurie Bulka
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My testimony of Jan. 17 on Council Bill 9-2017



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I'm a citizen of the United States who is (like maybe all of us in this room, unless anyone here has forebears who were Native Americans) also descended from immigrants. One of my ancestors, I'm told, invaded Indian Territory by landing on this continent on the Mayflower. Be that as it may, I've never expected that this should give me special privileges or that more recent immigrants should be discriminated against in some way.

At any rate, I support Council Bill 9 and all of its whereas clauses that lead to the declaration of Howard as a sanctuary county. I do suggest amending the bill by eliminating the words "or authorized" on page 4 in three different places. They appear on line 1, line 14, and lines 17 to 18. These words, it seems to me, leave too much room for ambiguity in deciding whether there is federal or state preemption over the terms of this county bill. That preemption is required in some instances should, I believe, be sufficient.

If this bill becomes law and is no more than symbolic, it is symbolic or something I would like Howard County to be: a place where (unlike when I came here in 1961) bigotry is frowned on and all people are treated with respect and without discrimination. Thank you.

Ken Stevens

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Make Howard a Sanctuary County



Mary Ka Kanahan <mkkanahan@comcast.net>

Fri 1/20, 1:09 PM

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Dear Council members,

Hello, my name is Mary Ka Kanahan and I live at 9547 Michaels Way in Ellicott City. 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.

As a person of faith, my religion compels me to care for the most vulnerable among us. Surely, those without documentation are highly vulnerable, especially if they feel unsafe working with or contacting local law enforcement or their local government.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Mary Ka Kanahan

Re: Howard County Council Bill No. 9-2017 (CB-9)

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we are writing to express our vigorous objections to Howard Council Bill 9 (CB-9).

Listed below are some of our comments and reasons for opposing the proposed legislation:

- We are proud immigrants who came to the United States and obtained our citizenship by observing and respecting the laws of this great republic. This country we all love, was populated and built by legal immigrants who follow the laws of this country. We waited for years, studied the constitution and the laws and customs of the United States to take the exam, and finally took an oath of allegiance to the US to become naturalized citizens. The process for most of us was long and arduous.
- Council Bill No. 9 appears to be a "solution looking for a problem" and this Bill seems to be intended to create a problem to justify its introduction and consideration by the Council. If there truly were a problem all of us would be outraged, public hearings scheduled, testimony from law enforcement and those affected would be sought and considered. Then after the problem has been properly identified, and with public support, a bill could be developed and introduced. **Instead the approach here has been to create the illusion of a local problem and then apply a controversial national solution to remedy it.** The sponsors of this Bill have polarized this community unnecessarily for their own purposes and have raised an issue that has only brought unfavorable attention to the Council and this community
- Our country is a nation of laws. The law gives us order. We can't have a civilized society, or a nation, if the highest officials in government choose to obey some laws while ignoring others for political posturing. CB-9 will facilitate and encourage illegal immigration. It is unfair to legal immigrants, who waited in line, followed the rules and showed respect for the law.
 It breeds disrespect and disregard for the rule of law and the constitution. Declaring Howard County as a Sanctuary County wrongfully promotes the idea that illegal immigrants do not have to strive to apply and follow the legal naturalization procedure including criminal background check, citizenship test, medical exams, and oath taking etc. since they can obtain all the benefits living in Howard County as a Sanctuary County regardless their citizenship.
- Howard County has always been known for its diversity, inclusion, and civility. We welcome all individuals, so there is no need to pass a new bill to try and prevent all racism and prejudice when we already have so many diverse programs that support all members of the community. We also have strict laws in place against hate crimes, and we know that no bill or law can prevent every isolated act of racism or prejudice. In fact, looking closer at this bill, it seems more to be politically motivated while actually ignoring the history of our community.
- The fact is that the undocumented immigrants are already warmly-embraced, welcomed, accepted, included, treated and given many benefits available in Howard County. It is absolutely unnecessary to extend more benefits to them by officially declaring Howard County as a haven for illegal immigrants.

- It will impose additional costs on the residents of Howard County — citizens and legal immigrants — that they shouldn't have to bear. Tax dollars that ought properly to benefit the people who paid them will go instead to underwrite hospital, police, prison and education services for those who are not entitled to be here in the first place. The Bill may also negatively affect federal funding for Howard County.
- The Bill will attract new incoming undocumented immigrants including illegal immigrant criminals from nearby neighborhood because we have great community and excellent public schools. It will promote crime and thus jeopardize our citizens.
- The following census data for Howard County, MD derived from the Howard County Economic Development Authority, and census.gov fails to establish Howard County as a hotbed for “xenophobia, Islamophobia and racism” as apparently alleged in the language of Howard Council Bill 9 establishing a need for the proposed legislation.

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Asian	55,161	17.6%
Hispanic/Latino	20,372	6.5%
Foreign born persons	59,862	19.1%
Language other than English spoken at home	72,085	23%
Persons living in HC with a foreign ancestry-representing 23 different nationalities	285,207	91%

The population of Howard County, according to the census data, increased by 34% over the last decade and is expected to continue, increasing the population to approximately 328,000 by 2035

If a Bill will cause so much fear and anxiety among the majority residents and further cause severe division among them, it's not a good bill. It will eventually bring problems, if not disasters, to the society. Please carefully consider all the negative consequences of this Bill and vote “No” on February 6.

Thank you very much.

Your respectfully,

Yuezhou Jing and Yan Zhou
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Fri 1/20, 1:39 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I strongly feel CB9 is a great ideal, but is too broadly written and therefore it is terrible legislation. Watching much of the testimony over two days has convinced me the bill, as worded, will create far more problems than it would solve.

I had hoped PATH would work with you to strengthen the bill and eliminate its many expectable unintended consequences.

Unless the bill is significantly amended and tightened up, I urge you to defeat the bill.

The foreseeable gains from passage of the bill, as crafted, whether it is vetoed or not, are insignificant compared to the acrimony, passage of the bill will foster among the county's residents (documented or not). I believe the potential backlash against immigrants (documented or not) will be ugly.

I encourage you to participate in the PATH action on January 29th to hear from more of your community. Unfortunate a prior commitment will prevent me from attending.

A very complex issue can't be effectively addressed with broad, quickly formulated legislation. Take time to understand all the facets and offer a bill that accomplishes your objectives and can be understood and supported by most of our residents.

Sincerely,
Phil Barnes

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Fri 1/20, 1:40 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Amr Rawi, a resident of Howard County. I am in full support for the proposed CB9 bill.

Sincerely,

Amr Rawi

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Bill CB-9 support

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Bonnie Orrison 2 <borrison@comcast.net>

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Dear Councilmember

I urge you to vote for Bill CB-9.

But first, I would suggest you strike out the WHEREAS's. They are incendiary and insulting, and of course divisive. And a couple present a picture of Howard County not easily supported – a tradition of leadership on human rights? – not so much in this county's long history. And certainly not in the light of such hateful responses to this bill. I wonder if some of that response is due to the WHEREAS's.

Second, this bill is not really a Sanctuary commitment – it is not protection against State and Federal prosecution, only a statement against county persecution. But that is enough to offer support and a sense of caring to our county residents who are undocumented. They and I ask you for that much.

And, if it is a concern for crime and terrorism that you have, then you must know that people who feel safe and respected are more likely to report incidents of criminal activity and suspicions of potential disasters. We need everyone with good intentions to be able to participate in keeping our county [and country] safe, secure and viable. Please help our undocumented residents to be able to do so.

Bonnie Orrison

5060 Blacksmith Drive 21044

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I support CB-9!




RogerGabin <rmgabin@verizon.net>

Fri 1/20, 4:04 PM

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I believe that the Make Howard County a Sanctuary County effort demonstartes a caring & sensitivity to the hard working people trying to make a new life.

Roger Gabin

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Neither the illegals nor the citizens (by birth or naturalization) would benefit from CB-9 2017.

With CB 9 2017, the illegals would be continuously suppressed, abused, and exploited while causing commotion in our County.

Jennifer, instead of choosing these options:

- * Use your resources free of charge to help the illegals work their way towards residency and citizenship.
- * Encourage our President to give amnesty.
- * Help to re-instate an abolished law - residency to people who have kids born here. (These people have American kids and they have to provide for them).
- * Travel abroad and experience foreign rules (learn by experience)
- * Work with our Immigration Officers to learn the options.
- * Work with other Law Enforcement Officers

* Encourage the illegals to learn English. English is the International Law of Business

* Work with your Constituent

You choose to draft and present CB 9 2017 which misleads the illegals thus giving them a false sense of security and undermines our democracy.

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referring to yourself as being all the phobias you described in CB-9 2017?

I heard of CB- 2017 on January 14, 2017 at the CDC meeting and was caught off guard. Then on Monday I received an email from Greg Fox. Seems as though Greg is doing your job. Thank you Greg.

Jennifer, you failed to represent and work with your constituent honestly on more than one occasion.

All I want is a safe, happy and healthy environment for both citizens and illegals.

To be short, I cordially ask you to step down as being District 13 County Council and **NO to
CB 9 2017.**

Thank you.

Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston
Concern Citizen

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COUNCIL BILL 9



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Fri 1/20, 8:49 PM

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Wanted my voice to be heard. Hope you are seeing what is happening in San Francisco. They are being sued because an illegal immigrant reported his car stolen in 2015 and the lawyer is saying that they violated the sanctuary city ordinance. The man had two outstanding violations in his past. One was a 10 year old outstanding warrant for deportation and the other was a conviction for drunken driving. My question is why are these people above the law? If a U.S. citizen had outstanding convictions, they would be dealt with. But if an illegal immigrant has any, they are given a free pass because of the sanctuary city ordinance.

If Howard County becomes a sanctuary county, we will be opening up law suits from both sides. If an illegal commits a crime against a Howard County resident, the resident could sue for their actions. Nothing good can come from this bill.

I am not against immigration. In fact it is healthy for the U.S. But there are ways to become a legal resident of the United States. We are entitling these people who are breaking the law by coming here illegally and then also allowing them to sue for rights that only legal residence have.

I am sharing my email with tons of Howard County people. I am not alone with my opinion.

Thank you for hearing my response to Bill 9.

Debbie Kuhn
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No "Sanctuary" Designation for Howard County




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Fri 1/20, 9:28 PM

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An influx of illegal immigrants would burden the county's resources. Just ask Lou Berletta, former mayor of Hazelton, PA, and now US Congressman. Hazelton saw an increase in the public school population, increase in the prison population, and a greater demand for social services without the benefit of greater tax income to cover these expenses.

Charlotte Tull

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Howard County as a Sanctuary County



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Fri 1/20, 10:35 PM

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Some people can only see one thing about an immigrant who is here in the county without any documentation--they are here illegally. Such folks don't see a person who works hard, a person who has a family, a person who has relatives dependent on them, a person who has a dream for a better life.

Please give your support to CB9-2017, so that Howard County can stand with those who see undocumented immigrants as persons. Many other counties and cities have joined this cause. Let's join with them.

Wendel Thompson
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Re: No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

Y Yan <yansun0222@hotmail.com>
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Councilmember Mr. Fox's strong position on voting against this bill as well.

Okay Mr. Weinstein, after 2 days public hearing, you have learned and examined all those reasonable concerns and questions about this bill from most of citizens of this great county. This bill will eventually bring problems, if not disasters, to the county. Please cast your conscientious vote to against this bill to prevent those from happening on Feb 6.

Regards,

Sun, Yan

From: Weinstein, Jon <jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Yan
Subject: RE: No Sanctuary Howard County - Vote Against CB9-2017

Dear Sun Yan,

Thank you for your email regarding CB9-2017. I appreciate your thoughts and concerns about this legislation and will consider your position along with the input of others in our community.

For answers to your specific questions on the bill, I refer you to contact the bill's sponsors, Councilmembers Ball (cball@howardcountymd.gov) and Terrasa (jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov).

Again, thank you for contacting my office and sharing your opinion on this legislation.

Respectfully,

Jon

Jon Weinstein, Chairman
Councilman District 1

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Ball, Calvin B

Sat 1/21, 10:06 PM

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

From: LM Dong <sanyuan567@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:26 PM

To: Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen

Subject: No to CB9

Dr. Ball and Ms. Terrasa,

Although I do not live in your district (5801 Clipper Lane, Clarksville), I write to let you know my strong objection to CB9 which you proposed.

As an legal immigrant and a US citizen, I support legal immigration. But I am against illegal immigration. If our county provide sanctuary to illegal immigrants, it rewards people who broke the law. CB9 would attract people like the man in this story in today's news to our county:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/01/19/man-who-allegedly-stole-1-6m-in-gold-flakes-in-nyc-arrested-in-ecuador-was-reportedly-deported-4-times.html>

Man who allegedly stole \$1.6M in gold flakes in NYC arrested in Ecuador; was reportedly deported 4 times

I fear that people like the man in this story may become my next door neighbor once Howard county become a sanctuary county for illegal immigrants. I fear for the safety of my child, my family, and my property.

Please withdraw CB9!

Li Ming Dong

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From: J Zhuo <jiachen.zhuo@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:17 AM

To: Ball, Calvin B

Subject: Please Withdraw Bill CB9

Dear Dr. Ball,

As an Immigrant myself, I love Howard County so I strongly oppose bill CB9.

Bill CB9 will encourage more illegal immigrants to move here, and to move to the US. If you truly believe that there is flaw in the US immigration law, then PLEASE work on the legislation to fix it, NOT by-passing it and work against the federal immigrant office.

To encourage breaking the US immigration law is also an injustice to anyone who did not take the short cut, but come here LEGALLY, and took the long and painful process to become legal permanent resident or citizens.

A few things will happen if CB9 is passed: higher crime rate, county budget hike, lower school performance. These changes are what we are seeing in our neighboring county Montgomery county, now rated the 2nd most illegal immigrants friendly county in the US. Is this really the direction that Howard County is going?

I hope you carefully consider all the consequences that the county will be facing. Please withdraw bill CB9. We will forever thank you for your decision.

Best regards.

Jiachen Zhuo, PhD
Resident in Highland, MD