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Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing to you today to ask that you vote in favor of - and advocate for - The Sanctuary Bill.

As the # of hate crimes and instances of divisive political rhetoric skyrocket, this is a chance to Choose Civility and show our neighbors (and the whole county) that Howard County is a welcoming and progressive place.

Even if this is merely a symbolic gesture, symbolism is just as important as concrete action. And this symbol could be the difference between a victim coming forward or staying fearful and silent. Additionally, accepting this legislation encourages both the county and the state to move forward with more consequential legislation.

Mr. Ball & Ms. Terasa are correct when they say "CB9 - 2017 will make HoCo stronger and safer for all of us."

Sincerely,  
Casey Cooke  
6011 Wild Ginger Ct  
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## Support CB 9



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Sun 1/22, 11:44 AM

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Hello members of the County Council,

I support CB 9

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## CB9-2017 testimony



May-Lis Manley <mlmanley4@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 12:42 PM

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Council and Mr. Kittleman,

I attended the January 23rd hearing on CB9-2017, and it dismays and saddens me that so many county residents oppose CB9. I fully support CB9.

My grandmother was an illegal immigrant. She came to this country for food - not fancy restaurants, just plain staples - because she couldn't get that in her country. The risk of entering this country illegally provided hope to live, also something not available in her country.

My grandmother never committed a crime. She worked cleaning houses and cooking for families. She married and raised two daughters who went to their local college. One became a nurse, and one became a nutritionist. They never committed crimes.

My grandmother had eight grandchildren: one graduated from Harvard, and one got an MBA from Wharton Business School. The rest include a lawyer, a sheriff's deputy, a journalist, a certified financial analyst, a physical therapist, and a navy contractor. We never committed any crimes.

Similar story with a friend who entered this country illegally.

There is no evidence that crime increases in a sanctuary zone. My work colleagues in Montgomery County laugh at Howard County because it is not at all progressive, even though Howard County wants to think it is.

Mr. Kittleman's position that CB9 is unnecessary because the county acts "as if" it is a sanctuary falls short. If we're acting "as if," then have the guts to go all the way and pass sanctuary legislation.

As a friend texted me yesterday, "I thought Kittleman was a better man than that." Let's be a better county than that and pass CB9. We won the lottery of birth - let's share it with those less fortunate.

May-Lis Manley  
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## PATH Action to be a Sanctuary County




Harold Burgess <HaroldBur@msn.com>

Sun 1/22, 2:16 PM

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I, Harold Burgess support CB 9.

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## In Favor CB-9




Silvia Avila <silviaavila779@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 2:21 PM

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I'm in Favor of the CB-9 because that will give us the confidence to report any racial bullying on status or for any preferred color just like its been happening at local schools.

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## Fw: Sanctuary status for immigrants

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Ball, Calvin B

Sun 1/22, 2:34 PM

Sayers, Margery 

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

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**From:** Kathy Jenkins <kwjenk@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** Re: Sanctuary status for immigrants

I am 100% against this initiative and am shocked that this is even coming up. I don;t know one person in the county that wants this. We don't want to take on this burden. I will move out of the county if this happens. and for the record I am registered Democrat, but am not a liberal, I don't think we need to take car of everyone in the world. I will vote republican if necessary. And I did vote for our county Executive and will support a Veto of this measure!

Also appalled that we are so late in even hearing aobut this. Had to hear work of mouth, you all should be ashamed of yourself.

Kathy Jenkins  
410 245-3436

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## In favor CB-9





Joshua Hernandez <joshuamachito@icloud.com>

Sun 1/22, 4:21 PM

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Yo estoy a fovor x la razón q necesitamos salir de la sombra y q no nos ignoren y q se den cuenta q somos personas q venimos a trabajar y a buscar un futuro mejor para nuestro bien y el de nuestros hijos.

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CB-9



Susan Garber &lt;buzysusan23@yahoo.com&gt;

Sun 1/22, 5:10 PM

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# Four Suspects in Gang-Related Murder Case Are Illegals

Members of notorious MS-13 gang charged with killing of N.J. man were based in 'sanctuary' county  
by [Kathryn Blackhurst](#) | *Updated 09 Jan 2017 at 8:15 AM*

Four of the five suspects charged in the gang-related murder of a New Jersey man in October are in the U.S. illegally, according to multiple news reports released this week.

Authorities believe the five suspects are associated with Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), a criminal gang that hails from Los Angeles, California, and boasts a strong presence in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Prosecutors say the suspects, whose ages range from 16 to 21, used Facebook to lure their victim from New Jersey to Maryland. At least three of the suspects entered the country illegally, and a fourth carries a federal immigration detainer, which indicates he is set for deportation. Fearing the risk that the suspects would flee the country if given the chance, authorities are holding them without bond.



***“The state feels strongly that for everybody’s safety, every conspirator in this case should remain incarcerated.”***

“This is all MS-13 related,” Montgomery County Assistant State’s Attorney Marybeth Ayres said at a court hearing Thursday for one of the suspects, according to The Washington Post. “The state feels strongly that for everybody’s safety, every conspirator in this case should remain incarcerated.”

Reynaldo A Granados-Vasquez, 21; Jose Israel Melendez-Rivera, 18; Katerine Solorzano-Aparicio, 17; Neris Moreno, 19; and Jackelin Leiba-Esperanza, 16, have

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federal authorities of crimes committed by illegal immigrants.

Reynaldo A Granados-Vasquez, 21; Jose Israel Melendez-Rivera, 18; Katerine Solorzano-Aparicio, 17; Neris Moreno, 19; and Jackelin Leiba-Esperanza, 16, have been charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in connection with the homicide of Jordy Mejia, 22. Leiba-Esperanza has been charged as an adult.

Authorities say the five suspects conspired to lure Mejia from New Jersey to Maryland by communicating with him using a fake Facebook account for a person named Shaila Smith, whom Mejia thought he would be meeting. Mejia informed his mother of the meeting on Oct. 15 before setting out to meet Smith. On Oct. 18, his mother filed a missing persons report when Mejia failed to return or return communication with her. After arriving in Maryland, authorities say the suspects killed Mejia and buried his body in a shallow grave. Hikers discovered the body Nov. 12.

Mejia's murder represents one of the most recent cases in a string of murders reportedly carried out by MS-13 gang members. Since it originated in Los Angeles during the 1980s, MS-13's influence and violent activities have spread throughout the United States, Central America, Mexico, and Canada.

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# I am against CB-9




Vanessa Hernandez <vanessah00@icloud.com>

Sun 1/22, 5:10 PM

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Hello, I am against CB-9 due to the fact people will get intimidated if such crime has happened to them and will not want to report it. I do not agree with officers doing the federal governments job. I think its good for the police officers doing their job with protecting the citizens but there should be a boundary with the privacy of these minorities that should be respected because after all they are people as well.

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## Support for CB 9





sullivan.2nd <sullivan.2nd@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 5:12 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Howard County resident and I support CB 9. The humane course of action would be for us to make Howard County a Sanctuary County.

Sincerely,

-Stephen D. Sullivan II

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## No Sanctuary Status CB9-2017



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no-reply@howardcountymd.gov

Sun 1/22, 5:55 PM

renayang315@yahoo.com 



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**Last Name:** Yang  
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**Street Address:** 2716 water Wheel Ct.  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** No Sanctuary Status CB9-2017

**Message:** Subject: NO Sanctuary STATUS CB9-2017 : I vehemently oppose the bill to make howard county a sanctuary county. We will lose Federal funding, it will increase crime, increase property taxes, and lower property values. Look at Montgomery County, whose property taxes just went up 8.9%. There is NO good reason to have this. It is a directly violation of laws that there are places that don't enforce immigration laws!!!

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## In Favor CB-9




**Beto Man** <njuc09@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:00 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I support CB-9. Every resident deserves to be protected and treated with respect regardless of immigration status. However, I agree all immigrants should seek a path to legalization.

# Re: Support CB 9



Katja Fort Rhoden <katjafort@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:05 PM

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Action Items



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I would like to amend my statement below and add one more item.

Let me clarify that I'm concerned for the safety of all Howard County residents not just "citizens."

And please see attached copy of an exchange I had on December 20 - my communications are in blue. I have personally experienced that people with uncertain immigration status fear reporting crimes.

I would be happy to exchange more information about this experience if it is needed.

Thank you again,

Katja Fort Rhoden

DEC 20, 9:16 AM

Hey there lady - can you help me help a friend?

Happy to look into it

What's going on?

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She lives in MOCO -

The man she hired to film her daughter's kinceanera took her money and ran off

She's scared to get help because of immigration status

Is there a police office or agency that you can recommend for her to contact - they must be bilingual

Yes - absolutely

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 21, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Katja Fort Rhoden <katjafort@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
> Mrs. Sigaty

>  
> I am writing to ask you to support CB 9.  
>  
> I believe it represents the values that made Columbia and Howard County great, we have always been leaders and trend setters. CB 9 represents the vales that make our community the best place to live.  
>  
> I was born in California, my father is African American and my mother is German American, and I was raised in Columbia. Based on my ethnic features, I have been told more than once to "Go Back Home" for the safety and civility of all citizens please support CB 9.  
>  
> Bring Back The Values of The People Tree.  
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> Thank you for your service.  
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> In community,  
>  
> Katja Fort Rhoden  
> 11009 Apple Orchard Ct

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## Fw: Sanctuary status

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Ball, Calvin B

Sun 1/22, 6:08 PM

Sayers, Margery



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

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**From:** crankitup3 <crankitup3@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** Sanctuary status

As a resident of Howard county, I am appalled that you care so little about the residents. Apparently, you care even less about your oath of office. I hope that the pendulum swings back to the right and that you find yourself facing charges for being an oath breaking, typical scumbag politician. Shame on you. You are an embarrassment and have no business saying that you represent the good people of Howard county. You do not.

I pray that your liberal socialist plan fails.

I look forward to you being voted out of office.

I am...

A disgusted Howard County resident

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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## Path action to a sanctuary county.





Shahid Popo <shatterpo2@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:28 PM

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I support CB9

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## In favor CB-9




Hector Aguilera <haguilera2525@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:29 PM

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I am in favor because I believe this law will help people feel secure, trust the Howard County authorities, at the same time as I believe that the third best county with quality of life in the United States of North America, ratified by Magazines of national prestige, has to respect its citizens without pointing out that they are immigrants or citizens, without despising the minorities for their religion, belief or skin color. May God bless all Howard Conty citizens and that our county politicians make the right decisions for the betterment of all citizens of the county.  
God bless everyone

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## support Howard County sanctuary

JB 

Jeffrey Boutwell <[boutwell.jeffrey@yahoo.com](mailto:boutwell.jeffrey@yahoo.com)>

Sun 1/22, 6:34 PM

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**From:** Jeffrey Boutwell <[boutwell.jeffrey@yahoo.com](mailto:boutwell.jeffrey@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** January 22, 2017 at 6:31:35 PM EST  
**To:** [akittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:akittleman@howardcountymd.gov)  
**Subject:** support Howard County sanctuary

Dear Mr. Kittleman,

I'm writing to support the Howard County sanctuary issue. The level of hatred and derision against immigrants and those of color being generated by Pres. Trump and his Cabinet is appalling, nativist and frankly anti-American. I've appreciated your leadership of Howard County and hope you'll continue to do all you can to restore decency to our civil discourse.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Boutwell  
[5489 Ring Dove Ln, Columbia MD 21044](mailto:Jeffrey.Boutwell@howardcountymd.gov)

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in favor of cb-9

MR

Melissa Rosa <melissarosa10@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:39 PM

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God bless everyone

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Martha Benitez <losbeltran4@yahoo.com>

Sun 1/22, 6:50 PM

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I'm in favor because it will protect immigrants and celebrate diversity

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MA 

Mary Adu <ladiesq43@ymail.com>

Sun 1/22, 7:10 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I strongly support CB 9 because local governmental entities should not act as immigration agents. That is the responsibility of the federal government. It does not rest with immigrants to secure our borders. That too is the responsibility of the federal government. In addition, the harm caused by the forced separation of families would be irrevocable. Immigrant children, American-born and otherwise, would be separated from their parents and, for some, the only country they have ever known. We are a nation of immigrants, and we honor family values. We should not be in the business of breaking up families.

Mary M. Adu

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Member, St John Baptist Church

## CB9-2017 testimony



Marina Adler &lt;adler@umbc.edu&gt;

Sun 1/22, 7:19 PM

CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Terrasa, Jen

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this email relates to my support for CB9-2017. I believe this legislation is necessary for the protection of residents and appropriate in the spirit of our county. Due to travel out of country I have not been able to attend your meetings and give testimony in person.

I am a Professor for Sociology at UMBC, who has studied immigration issues extensively. I am also an immigrant (and naturalized citizen) and a resident of Howard County. As such I would like to share my professional and person view of the proposed legislation.

As you may know there is regional variation in pro-immigrant policies in various states and countries of the USA. Usually inclusionary policies are more likely in areas where there is racial and economic diversity, rather than in rural areas. For example, MD has 3 sanctuary jurisdictions: Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and PG Country (see attached figure). That means they have laws, regulations or policies that protect undocumented immigrants from being reported to ICE if they come in contact with police. The policies prohibit law enforcement agents from reporting immigration status to ICE. For example if an undocumented person is stopped for a traffic issue or an undocumented person calls police because of domestic violence, police will not report them to ICE. This has no influence on the actions of ICE if they discover that the status of a person is undocumented and thus, leads to deportation. It merely means that the police does not ask about and disclose the status.

I am sure that most Howard County residents are educated on the fact that our immigration system currently is fundamentally broken and that much of undocumented immigration is in fact caused by US policies in Latin America. Thus, to become a sanctuary county - like some other MD counties - should be the logical next step to protect hard working immigrants, who pay taxes and already have to deal with the fear of discovery by ICE, from additional risks. We are all safer when everyone feels free to report crime and abuse to the police without negative consequences.

Anyone who has witnessed recent rhetoric by the new president of the US must understands that it is up to tolerant communities like ours to protect immigrants from harm. We cannot be bystanders. We have to be allies in the fight for the values this country stands for.



Thank you for your consideration.  
Best wishes,  
Marina Adler

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Marina Adler, PhD  
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>>The most violent element in society is ignorance.<<

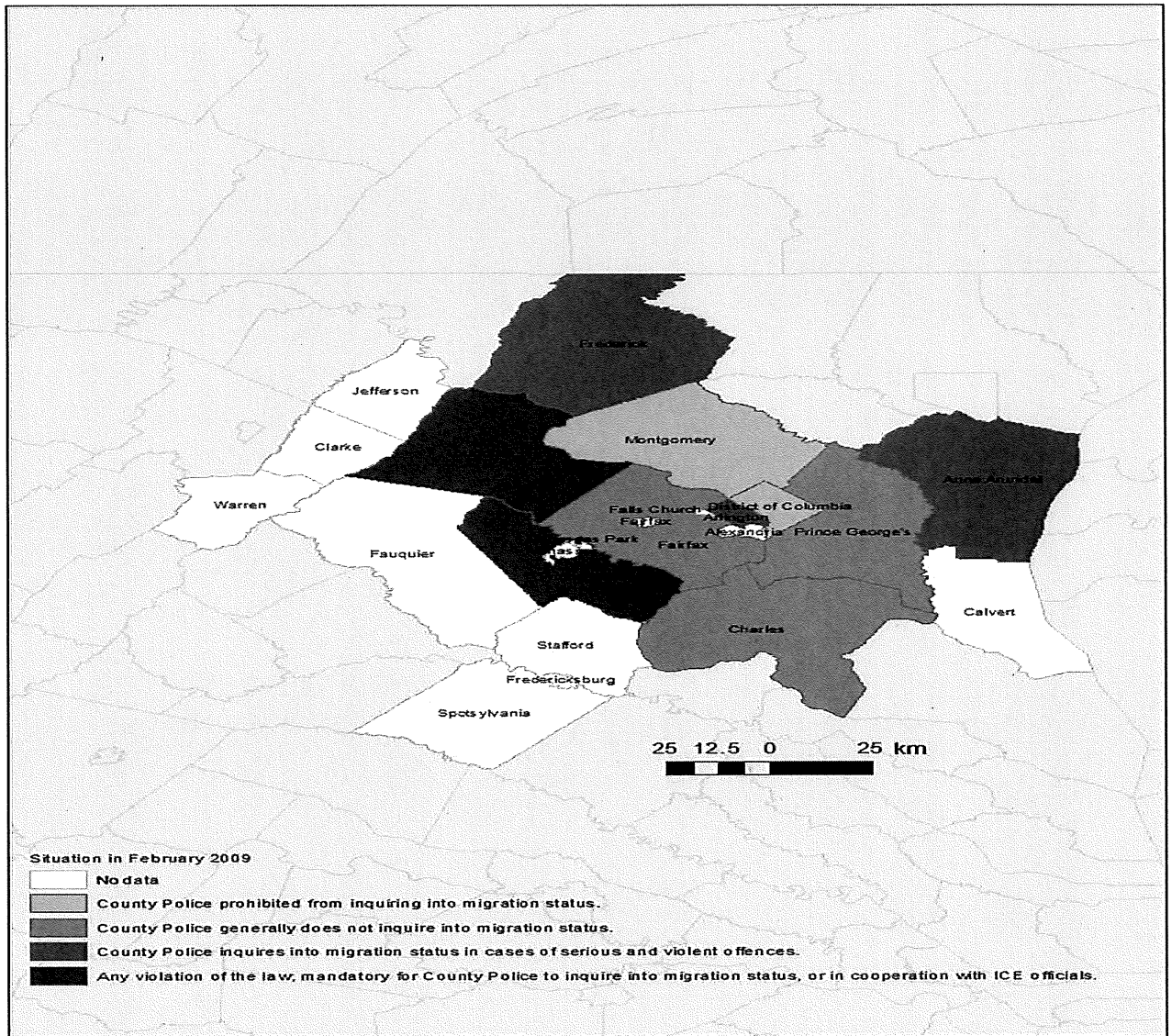
Emma Goldman

>>To change the world, we need what Antonio Gramsci called "optimism of the will" - the progressive

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Figure 1. County police approaches towards unauthorized immigrants in the WMA.

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## Participación





Santiago Ruiz <stgoruiz@hotmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 8:03 PM

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CB9-2017

Soy un inmigrante que trabajo y pago mis impuestos...  
llevo toda una vida viviendo en este país .

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## In favor CB-9



Luz-Maria Vilchis <lolavilchis@icloud.com>

Sun 1/22, 8:53 PM

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CB9-2017

Habemos muchos padres que solo nos dedicamos a trabajar y educar a sus hijos tanto en lo personal como en lo escolar para que sean buenos ciudadanos, sobre todo con valores(respetuosos, honestos, amigables, obedientes...) que les inculcamos .

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## In favor CB-9




jose calderon <calderon-josedimas@hotmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 9:11 PM

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CB9-2017

I am in favor, because I believe that we are doing an injustice by deporting thousands of Latinos, and that we have come to work, and it is not our fault that there is not an opportunity to legalize our immigration status. Because we are human people and before God we are all equal and have the same rights.

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Xiaodong Zhang <zhang13699@gmail.com>

Sun 1/22, 9:35 PM

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CB9-2017

Dear Council members,

My name is Xiaodong and I am a Howard County resident. My friend forwarded me the information about the sanctuary county bill. I would like to understand the reasons the bill was brought up, and at the same time, I am a little bit concerned what the bill will bring to our community. I also want to understand if our county has the financial capability to be a sanctuary county without raising taxes. It would be great if we can be informed and educated a little bit before any changes is made.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Xiaodong

## Fwd: Against for Howard County Council Bill No. 9-2017 (CB-9)

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Clay, Mary  
Sun 1/22, 10:59 PM  
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**Date:** January 22, 2017 at 10:27:13 PM EST  
**To:** "[mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov)" <[mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Cc:** "[mclay@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mclay@howardcountymd.gov)" <[mclay@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mclay@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Against for Howard County Council Bill No. 9-2017 (CB-9)**  
**Reply-To:** Kemeng Wang <[kemengw@yahoo.com](mailto:kemengw@yahoo.com)>

January 22, 2017

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

Dear Ms. Sigaty:

We have been the residences in your district since 1999. 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:

1. 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
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

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Development Authority, and [census.gov](http://census.gov) fails to establish Howard County as a haven for xenophobia, Islamophobia and racism" as apparently alleged in the language of Howard Council Bill 9 establishing a need for the proposed legislation.

Population 2015	313,414	
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,

Kemeng Wang and Wenli Yang  
11731 Bryce Overlook Cr.  
Columbia, MD21044