

# Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

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To: Ball, Calvin B <cball@howardcountymd.gov>;

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January 23, 2017

Calvin Ball  
Councilmember

Calvin Ball:

Howard County is diverse and everyone in the county deserves to be treated fairly, no matter their immigration status. Council Bill 9-2017 promotes public safety, protects the constitutional rights to due process and privacy of immigrants, and is simply giving legal force to a policy that Howard County police have been following for years. I support the United States Constitution, I support Howard County's immigrant community, I support Council Bill 9-2017.

For years, Howard County law enforcement agencies have protected their immigrant communities by not questioning residents' immigration status. Given the national political climate and the President-Elect's promise to target vulnerable noncitizen communities, Howard County must take steps to ensure that our residents' constitutional rights are protected.

Enacting a formal policy that clarifies the responsibilities of our police to enforce criminal law and not civil immigration law will allow our officers to focus on the public safety of the community. This bill does not hinder current law enforcement priorities. It recommits Howard County's responsibility to protect and serve its most vulnerable residents, not just its citizen residents.

This bill furthers public safety by helping build trust between local law enforcement and noncitizen communities, preventing the racial profiling of noncitizens by local law enforcement officers, and limiting the incidence of discrimination against people of color.

I believe that protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Howard County residents, including vulnerable noncitizen residents, should be a top priority.

Please vote YES on Council Bill 9-2017.

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Sincerely,

Cecilia Tomori



## Testimony for Howard County CB9 2017



Danny Miller <song2give@gmail.com>

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I testified very late last Tuesday. At that time, I promised you I would send you an electronic version on my testimony, which got cut short at the last minute.

Thanks again for the opportunity to have a say in this decision. It was the first time I've ever gotten involved in town policies like this and I felt overjoyed to be standing up for the rights of those who are most vulnerable and to have a voice.

Thank you for your great patience in listening to all of us and for taking so much time to ponder over the merits of this bill.

Below is my testimony.

God bless,  
Danny

### TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOWARD COUNTY CB9-2017

My name is Danny Miller and I've been a Howard County resident since 2007. I am a mental health counselor working in the county. About one third of my 30 clients are adolescents. I have been a youth pastor at a Korean church in the community for the past 14 years. I am the husband of a beautiful Ghanaian woman. Finally, I am the child of former missionaries to West Papua, Indonesia, who came permanently to this country after 30 years of service in 1989 when I was 12 years old.

I do support this bill. The conscientious Chinese-American man shared earlier that this bill is mostly a symbol. It is a symbol, and as a mental health counselor, I'm very aware of how powerful symbols are. Symbols matter. Symbols can make all the difference in the world. Symbols can make or break the stigma of shame.

But I'm not going to speak Sigmund Freud to you tonight. I'm going to speak human language, the language of a little boy who came to this country after spending his first 12 years in the jungle of Papua as the only white boy in the village. In that beautiful village, even though I was probably a horrible example of a missionary to them, I was treated with kindness, love, gentleness, and inclusiveness. The good people there quickly invited me into their homes for dinner and their kids invited me to play in their

games. Their kindness and inclusiveness has shaped my kindness and love of the mentally ill and traumatized, who come to me for respite from the brokenness of the world around them.

When I learned that we were moving to the US during my sixth grade year, I was nervous but excited. I knew it would be hard, but I prayed I could be accepted, would be seen, and that my obvious lack of cultural knowledge would be overlooked.

What I got upon moving to this country was quite the opposite. I was enrolled in a junior high school in Illinois and given a seat on the front of the room. I found out quickly that being different was not okay.

Though I looked like a citizen, I didn't act like one or sound like one. I acted more like a foreigner, and I was. I was attacked and bullied mercilessly by the school kids. By my 10th grade year, I was desperate for

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culture must feel.

Then one day, I sat at the table of the druggies, a disenfranchised group of kids who had been rejected, as well. Of course, this group accepted me. In effect, my exclusion by the law-abiding community and my inclusion by the law-breaking community

I don't blame the kids; I believe they were merely doing what humans tend to do when they don't orient themselves to love, truth, and life. I believe they were merely doing what humans do when they have no one to follow who stands for and symbolizes inclusion and love.

Shame is a powerful symbol. It was used against Africans who were forced to be here against their will to try to keep them as slaves. It was used against women who tried to keep them from voting. It was used against me to make sure I knew that I didn't deserve to be here, and I didn't deserve to be treated with equality, respect, and kindness.

I know we need to respect our federal and state law, and I think CB9 2017 does that -- but I have a hard question for you: Do you believe that there is a rule of law that's higher than the law of man, that in fact, informs it? I do, and so did the writers of our constitution. I don't think this is a "religious" law, but one that stands for Truth, Love, and Life. This eternal and universal law is in our hearts if we look for it.

Would you like our kids in Howard County to learn the values of kindness, love, giving, sharing? Show them. Do you want them to treat their peers like equals, no matter their orientation, skin color, gender, or status? Show them. Do you want them to adhere to truth as best they can and do so lovingly? Show them. They need a symbol of eternal love in our laws if you expect them to embrace the spirit of eternal love in their hearts. Please, vote for this bill.

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Re: CB-9

MH

Mel Herman &lt;mel\_herman@ymail.com&gt;

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Yes, in the past I would have been comfortable giving advice in Howard County without worrying about setting someone up for possible deportation. But the stated goal of the new President is to deport all illegal immigrants (I realize they are first going to concentrate on criminals).

Even though Montgomery County (MC) is a sanctuary county, the MC County Council found it necessary to reassure the residents they can get help and services without worry about ICE.

They is the letter and background:

**SUBJECT:** Reaffirming Community Safety and Trust and Denouncing Anti-Immigrant Activity, Racial Bias and Discrimination, Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, Hate Speech, Hate Crimes, and Harassment in Montgomery County

### Background

1. Montgomery County's strength is its diversity. People from every corner of the globe come to our County seeking peace, stability, and a better quality of life for their families, and their contributions greatly enrich our community.
2. Montgomery County has the largest population of foreign born residents in the State of Maryland with nearly one-third of our residents coming from other countries.
3. More than 70 percent of students in Montgomery County Public Schools are Hispanic/Latino, African American, Asian American, or multi-racial.
4. The County Council affirms the dignity of all County residents and recognizes the importance of their contributions to social, religious, cultural, and economic life.
5. County officials and employees and our entire community have worked diligently to build trust among people of all races, ethnicities, and religions. These efforts make our County a thriving, welcoming community.
6. Montgomery County has a long history of protecting all individual freedoms, and we will continue to protect and defend our people and our progress.
7. All our residents should be free to go about their daily life without fear of hate speech, hate crimes, harassment, or deportation.
8. The Council strongly opposes any federal action that may undermine the trust created in our community and threaten public safety.



9. The Council is committed to ensuring that activity at the federal level will not impact our democratic values or the progress made in our community to protect individual freedoms. Federal authorities must proceed with great caution and respect for the values of our County and the requirements of the Constitution.

### Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Montgomery County will continue to be a citadel of justice and provide unlimited opportunities for people from all walks of life. The County will continue to be an inclusive and pluralistic community where all people are

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Montgomery County believes that no deportations should take place without ensuring that the person to be deported received adequate representation and due process of law under the Constitution. The Montgomery County Police Department will play no role in enforcing federal immigration law. County residents should never be afraid to seek help from our public safety officers.

The Council rejects bigotry, misogyny, homophobia, racism, anti-Semitism, and xenophobia in any form.

The Council denounces hate speech, hate crimes, and harassment and condemns the recent hate crimes that have occurred in our County.

The Council calls on the County's MC311 system to provide operators and staff with special instructions to assist anyone on how to report and deal with hate crimes and harassment, including information about legal resources and support services. When appropriate, MC311 operators should also transfer calls to the Montgomery County Police Department's non-emergency number and provide information about the Office of Human Rights.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council  
 Release ID: 16-361  
 Media Contact: Neil Greenberger 240-777-7939

Greg,

*I hope you will help pass CB-9.*

*Sincerely,  
 Mel Herman*

On Monday, January 23, 2017 12:41 AM, "Fox, Greg" <gfox@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Ms. Herman:

The reason that I ask that question is that you said that you felt comfortable giving that advice prior to Montgomery County became a Sanctuary County in October 2014. While there were jurisdictions within Montgomery County where the Sanctuary status was done earlier, the actually Sanctuary Statement for

Montgomery County was not in place during that entire 13 year period, operating no differently than Howard County operates right now. Therefore, I fail to see the problem with how we operate.

Further, you should be aware that depending on the type of abuse they are suffering that you can refer them to the States Attorney's office where they have a program that addresses similar issues utilizing the U Visa program as well as just having direct communication with the police based on how you know they operate.

Regards,

Greg

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**From:** Mel Herman <[mel\\_herman@ymail.com](mailto:mel_herman@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 12:26 AM  
**To:** Fox, Greg  
**Subject:** Re: CB-9

Yes. 13 years of giving advice and helping both landlords and tenants. I had two previous careers; 10 years with the NASA Inspector General and 26 years founding and running a chain of 20 retail stores.

On Jan 22, 2017, at 11:32 PM, Fox, Greg <[gfox@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:gfox@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Ms. Herman:

Thank you for input. However, I have a question. You said you have been a volunteer for 13 years. Have you been giving people that advise throughout the entire period or has it changed over time?

Regards,  
Greg

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**From:** Mel Herman <[mel\\_herman@ymail.com](mailto:mel_herman@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2017 11:23 PM  
**To:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-9

Reference CB-9 2017  
Dear Mr. Kittleman,

I have been a resident of Howard County since 1973. Please take a few minutes to read this on CB-9.

I have been a volunteer for 13 years for the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Landlord Tenant Affairs. I have been giving advice to residents (tenants) and Landlords in Montgomery County who believe they are being abused by the other party.

On several occasions, tenants have come to me expressing fear of complaining about an abuser afraid to complain because they are not US Citizens. Fortunately, I can assure them—because Howard County—I can advise them, and if an official complaint is filed, their complaint will be investigated regardless of citizenship status.

Just this past month tenants, who believe they are being abused, showed me written correspondence that stated “You better not complain because I am a citizen and you are not.” I listened to them and helped them write an official complaint in order to investigate their problem. I assured them their complaint would not be considered!

Allowing CB-9 to become law will show your commitment to all residents in this County. Reside in Howard County for help without fear of deportation.

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for the help they rightfully deserve.

If Howard County had a landlord/tenant service similar to what Montgomery County now offers, Howard County. I want to give the best advice possible and be sure I don't set in motion a good

Please do not veto CB-9 if this bill crosses your desk.

Sincerely,  
Melvyn Herman  
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Columbia, MD 21046

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## CB9-2017




Claudia Morales <hatcpm@msn.com>

Mon 1/23, 6:40 AM

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I am writing to request your support of Council Bill 9-2017. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination.

Claudia Morales

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# I support the sanctuary bill

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**Street Address:** 5223 Patriot Lane  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** I support the sanctuary bill

**Message:** I was unable to attend the hearings concerning the sanctuary bill and feel compelled to add my voice. I am a 63 year old woman of Jewish ancestry and I am hearing unmistakable Nazi drumbeats in our country today. I'VE READ THE SANCTUARY BILL, and as someone who spent a number of years practicing law, I'm able to read and understand legislative language. The sanctuary bill is a small step in a panoply of necessary responses to this life-and-death threat we are living through now. The bill is brilliant. It does not call for illegal behavior. It is measured, and moderate. It makes crime prevention and investigation easier for police by making it safe for witnesses to report crime, and testify. More importantly it gives immigrants, particularly Muslims, plus people of color generally who are being called out as "other," a degree of protection against a Federal administration that, literally, is in the process of dismantling our Constitution. It says that in Howard County, we have their backs. The bill, by itself, will not solve the problems we face, but we need to take every step we can as patriots to protect the USA, and this is one step. PLEASE HELP US HAVE EACH OTHERS' BACKS BY ADOPTING THIS BILL. IT IS LITERALLY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR US HOWARD COUNTY-ANS AND OUR CHILDREN.

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## CB-9


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Melida Ruiz <mebarca@hotmail.com>

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I'm in favor CB-9, I am in favor because every human being has rights, duties and obligations, regardless of their immigration status

Melida Ruiz

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## CB 9




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Members of the Howard County Council:

After listening to most of the testimony regarding CB 9, I feel I have a fair understanding of most of the concerns of both sides of the issue.

We have already heard from our President that sanctuary areas can expect federal funding to be reduced. In addition the President has stated many times that enforcement of immigration laws will be a priority. I would expect the President to direct immigration enforcement officials to give extra attention to investigating the sanctuary areas for illegals, since that is where more can be expected to be found. CB 9 will only serve to give undocumented immigrants a false sense of security. No matter what the county law states, the federal law is unchanged as is the fact that undocumented immigrants are still illegal.

Our police chief very clearly stated the policy regarding asking questions or requesting information about immigration status without specific justification relating to a crime. For at least one member of the Council, the word of the police chief apparently is not good enough and the implication is that our police are not to be trusted. Is this the message the Council wants to send to county residents? The chief's policy statement is on record, witnessed by the Council, several hundred people in the hearing room as well as several thousand watching on TV. What more is necessary? To the best of my knowledge, there has never been a complaint about Howard County Police regarding this issue. Why make the job of our police even harder and more difficult?

I suggest it will be more productive for all concerned if the council would spend its time and energy on activities that will help the undocumented immigrants become legal rather than encourage them to avoid complying with our country's laws. CB 9 is not necessary and has the potential to create more problems for Howard County, and any illegal immigrants, then will be solved or improved. I sincerely hope that members of my Howard County Council would not put personal political gain ahead of what is in the best interest of the county and all its citizens. CB 9 should not be approved.

Donald Bandel (county resident since 1939)  
12875 Triadelphia Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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## PATH action to be a Sanctuary County





Sam Sangobowale <sam.sango11@gmail.com>

Mon 1/23, 7:58 AM

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I am in SUPPORT of CB 9.

I reside in Howard County.

Regards,

Samuel Sangobowale

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CB9-2017 See Sharyl Attkisson Full Measure Season 2 Episode 20 Air Date 1/22/17 below, DVR at home, or search on demand for sanctuary city report



Greg Dahle <gdahle@hotmail.com>  
Mon 1/23, 9:14 AM



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<http://fullmeasure.news/news/full-episodes/full-measure-january-22-2017>

<http://fullmeasure.news/news/cover-story/sanctuary-cities>

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## CB9 - Sanctuary Bill





courtney petersen <oldcourt2012@gmail.com>

Mon 1/23, 9:30 AM

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I am a columbia resident strongly in favor of the Sanctuary Bill. I believe it will reduce the anxiety of immigrants and demonstrate our support of the immigrant community which is part of the HO Co Community. Ice can do it's job without us.

Courtney Petersen

[7391 Hickory Log Circle](#)  
[21045](#)

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## In Favor CB-9





Octavio Castro <[oca1978@live.com.mx](mailto:oca1978@live.com.mx)>

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All Howard County residents have the right to equal protection under the law.

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## In favor CB-9


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Hilda Luna <lunaestrella5678@gmail.com>

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Yo estoy de acuerdo, porque si yo tengo un problema no me daría miedo reportarlo, todos tenemos derechos ante la ley.

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## YES for CB9

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Liset Rajaratnam <lisetraj@yahoo.com>

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Hello!

My name is Liset Rajaratnam and Im writting to you as local, concerned citizen, as a Latino comunity leader and as a 24/7 mother of three kids.

I am writing to request your support of Council Bill 9-2017. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination.

YES on CB9

One Race, One World

respectfully,

Liset Rajaratnam

LAC @ CHS

PTACHC delegate

626-283-8578

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## Resources for today's work session on CB9



Pat Hatch <phatch@pcanet.org>

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Please see the attached document with links to reliable documents that may be useful to the council members in their deliberation on CB9 today and in the future.

Thank you,

By the way, Philadelphia has chosen to call itself a "Fourth Amendment" jurisdiction rather than a sanctuary jurisdiction:

<http://aldianews.com/articles/opinion/op-ed-4th-amendment-city-makes-philadelphia-national-leader/44584>

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aldianews.com

The mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenney, reminded everybody this past week that his stand to keep our city a place where immigrants can feel safe is based on a ...

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Pat Hatch

## CB9 Testimony Follow-up and Research References

Patricia Hatch (443) 604-5394; Oakland Mills, Columbia.

Thank you for the chance to testify last week. I will be unable to attend Monday's work session since I will be travelling out of state this week.

After listening to all 9 hours of testimony, I realized that there were a few references and links that might be helpful in your deliberations on CB9.

Concerning the availability of visas for persons to come to the US legally, while visas are theoretically available from most, if not all, countries, they are NOT available to all people simply because of the way our immigration system is structured. There are basically two pathways to an immigrant visa: 1.) sponsorship by a US citizen or legal permanent resident IMMEDIATE relative (furthest relationship is sibling, and visas in that category are currently so backed up that it takes decades after approval for a visa to be issued) 2.) sponsorship by an employer – while this can work within a few years for skilled workers, there are so few immigrant visas for unskilled workers ( service industry, child care, elder care, construction, farm labor, etc.) that it has become totally dysfunctional with many decades of backlogs. Here is a link to a chart that illustrates the broken system:

<https://reason.org/files/a87d1550853898a9b306ef458f116079.pdf>

And here's a solid article that might provide perspective about "just get in line":

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/why-don%E2%80%99t-they-just-get-line>

If a person does not have an immediate relative who is qualified to sponsor them, or an employer who is willing to do so (who must advertise the position at the prevailing wage and certify to the Dept of Labor that no US citizen or legal permanent resident qualified to do the job has applied) who is willing and able to wait the many years it will take for the visa to become available and the worker to come, the avenues for them to enter the US legally are effectively non-existent.

And even those individuals who ARE able to obtain a green card through this system face extremely long delays to bring even their spouse or minor child legally to the US to join them – depending on the country (since there are annual country quotas, as well as relationship category quotas) it can take between 3 years and 14 years for the spouse or minor child to obtain their visa (and much longer for adult children or siblings.)

During the course of Wednesday night's testimony, one gentleman pointed out that there is a U visa available to immigrants if they report crimes to the police, and that therefore we need not be concerned that crimes will not be reported to the police by undocumented persons (or even their US citizen or green-card holding relatives) because they would fear that the police might report their lack of documents (or their relative's) to ICE. Here, on the website of US Citizenship and Immigration Services, is more accurate and complete information about U visas:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-human-trafficking-other-crimes/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status#Qualifying%20Criminal%20Activities>

As you can see, the visas are available only to VICTIMS of certain SPECIFIC crimes, not to witnesses to the crimes or tipsters. So the need for immigrants who are either undocumented or have undocumented family members to be able to trust that they can contact the police without fear of the police triggering deportation/removal proceedings remains a strong reason for codifying Howard County Police's wise policy of neither asking immigration status nor reporting undocumented persons to ICE unless compelled to do so by federal law.

Recent studies have shown that the vast majority of undocumented persons have resided in the US for a decade or more, and are deeply woven into the fabric of our economy:

<http://www.pewhispanic.org/2011/12/01/unauthorized-immigrants-length-of-residency-patterns-of-parenthood/>

The fact that more than five million US citizen children have at least one undocumented parent shows the complexity of the issue of deporting the undocumented:

<http://cmsny.org/publications/warren-usbornchildren/>

These US citizen children know no other country, and the undocumented parent is often the breadwinner who is providing their support. What happens to these children if their parents are removed? Can we at least assure that the removal of an undocumented parent who has committed no crime (other than the administrative – not criminal - violation of immigration laws) will not be initiated by the actions of our local police?

Our nation desperately needs compassionate, consistent immigration reform. But until that happens, it is important for local communities to take a stand on behalf of those who are their neighbors, as tightly integrated into the community as the pieces of a Jenga puzzle.

Thank you for your consideration. Whether or not the bill becomes law, I hope that current humane Howard County police policies toward all immigrants – policies that are absolutely consistent with community policing - will be codified against slippage.

Pat Hatch (443) 604-5394

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## Support of CB9




Kristi Comeau <kristi.comeau@gmail.com>

Mon 1/23, 11:06 AM

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Good Morning,

I just wanted to express my support of CB9. I oppose racial and ethnic profiling and want my children to see that it is important to take a stand against these things. I believe this bill is moving in the right direction.

Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Kristi Comeau

Howard County resident with children in the Howard County School System

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## In Favor of CB-9

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Baroncinni <rbaroncinni@verizon.net>

Mon 1/23, 11:28 AM

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Dear Congressman,

I also a leader and member of a Latin American community and a US citizen.

I am writing to request your support of Council Bill 9-2017. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination.

Respectfully Yours,

Sylvia Baroncinni

LAC Latin American Council Co- Chairperson

CHS Parent Advocacy Group

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Bledsoe, Catherine A. <CBLEDSOE@gflaw.com>

Mon 1/23, 11:35 AM

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Please vote in favor of CB9. Show President Trump that we are better than this. Protect our residents. Thank you !

**Catherine A. Bledsoe**

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# FW: SANCTUARY CITIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW THAT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND YOU CAN BE ARRESTED

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**Subject:** SANCTUARY CITIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW THAT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND YOU CAN BE ARRESTED

ALL MUSLIMS THAT FOLLOW THE ISLAMIC FAITH, FOLLOW SHARIA LAW, USE THE KORAN CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY. SANCTUARY CITIES CANNOT BE LEGALLY FORMED TO PROTECT ILLEGAL BANNED ALIENS AND US CITIZENS. ANY PERSON OF GOVERNMENT AGENT CAN BE PUT IN JAIL FOR PASSING ANY LAW THAT PROTECTS MUSLIMS. HOWARD COUNTY WILL LOSE ALL FEDERAL FUNDING INCLUDING ALL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING STATE, COUNTY, CITY, & ANY GROUP THAT RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDING. I AM NOTIFYING THE WHITEHOUSE OF THIS STILL LEGAL LAW.


The Immigration and Nationality Act passed June 27, 1952 revised the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, and nationality for the United States. That act, which became Public Law 414, established both the law and the intent of Congress regarding the immigration of Aliens to the US and remains in effect today. Among the many issues it covers, one in particular, found in Chapter 2 Section 212, is the prohibition of entry to the US if the Alien belongs to an organization seeking to overthrow the government of the United States by “force, violence, or other unconstitutional means.” This, by its very definition, rules out



Islamic immigration to the United States, but this law is being ignored by the White House.

The law prohibits entry of "Aliens who the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe seek to enter the United States solely, principally, or incidentally to engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest, or endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States." It also prohibits the entry of Aliens who are members of or affiliated with any organization that advocates or teaches, the overthrow by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means of the US or of all forms of law, and Aliens who publish, circulate and distribute materials teaching or advocating the overthrow by force, violence or other unconstitutional means of the US Government or of all forms of law.

Islamic immigration to the US would be prohibited under this law because the Koran, Sharia Law and the Hadith all require complete submission to Islam,

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All Muslims who attest that the Koran is their life's guiding principle subscribe to submission to Islam and its form of government. Now the political correct crowd would say that Islamists cannot be prohibited from entering the US because Islam is a religion. Whether it is a religion is immaterial because the law states that Aliens who are affiliated with any "organization" that advocates the overthrow of our government are prohibited. It also prohibits those who distribute literature that advocates the overthrow of our country, which would include the Koran.

In fact, there are many verses in the Koran that command Islamists to kill those who do not submit to Allah and the prophet. If Congress so desired to hold the White House accountable to the current immigration of refugees (which also must comply with the law), it has the Immigration and Nationality Act to cite. The Administration is breaking that law. The question is "Does Congress have the political will to do something about it?"

To read the law, go to this link and scroll down to Chapter 2, Section 212:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-66/pdf/STATUTE-66-Pg163.pdf>



## Sanctuary jurisdiction for undocumented immigrants legislation

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Mon 1/23, 11:59 AM

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Howard County Council:

I write to express my opposition to the sanctuary jurisdiction for undocumented immigrants legislation that is currently before the Concil. I moved to Howard County, from Prince George's County, in 2003 for the excellent schools and the outstanding community. I know I am blessed to be a part of this community, and I certainly understand the desire of others (both "legal" and "undocumented" citizens) to join this wonderful community.

In keeping with our motto, "Choose Civility," I urge you not to pass this proposed legislation because it is not the "civilized" thing to do for the following reasons outlined by the American Civil Rights Union - all of which I agree with:

Reason No. 5: Because sanctuary cities facilitate and encourage illegal immigration, they are unfair to legal immigrants, who waited in line, followed the rules and showed respect for the law.

Reason No. 4: Sanctuary cities impose costs on their residents — citizens and legal immigrants — that they shouldn't have to bear. Tax dollars that ought properly to benefit the people who paid them go instead to underwrite hospital, police, prison and education services for those who are not entitled to be here in the first place.

Reason No. 3: Sanctuary cities promote crime and thus jeopardize our citizens. The Los Angeles Times recently reported on a mind-boggling 2005 study by the Government Accountability Office. The study examined the cases of over 55,000 illegal immigrants incarcerated in federal, state and local facilities. It found that they had been previously arrested an average of eight times each, that roughly half had been convicted of a felony, and a fifth had been arrested for a drug offense. Many had also been convicted of violent crimes.

Our citizens and legal immigrants deserve better than that — a good deal better. The paramount civil right is the right to live in one's own neighborhood and community in peace and safety.

Reason No. 2: Sanctuary cites burden and endanger the police.

Reason No. 1: Sanctuary cities breed disrespect for the rule of law. When the police, of all people, are told by politicians running the city to look the other way at illegal immigraton, what message does that send? If elected officials pretending to be leaders can turn their backs on laws they dislike, where does that "principle" stop?

Democratic self-government presupposes fidelity to law, even when one disagrees with it. Were it otherwise, self-government would dissolve into anarchy. All are free to attempt to change the law by persuasion and argument — in other words, by making their case to the electorate. But they are not free to thumb their nose at the law, much less to tell police officers that they must follow the same grossly irresponsible, and dangerous, path.

Sincerely,

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Columbia, Maryland  
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## CB9




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CB9-2017

Dear County Council members,

I have been a Howard County citizen for 43 years, and I value and enjoy our great diversity. I also appreciate the compassion, kindness, respect, and helpfulness that is part of the culture of Howard County.

I support CB9.  
Please vote for it.

Thank you.

Anastasia MacDonald  
West Friendship

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## Vlance Sowell of St.John Baptist Church





Vlance Sowell <vlancesmoore@gmail.com>

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I support CB 9.

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I am writing to support the below letter.

January 23, 2017

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

Dear Council Members,

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.
- The false concept on humanity/charity underlined in this Bill is in defiance of a higher law authority in nature. The Bill meant to do "good" yet such "good" is done at all cost and at the expense of the majority. It will only bring harm and damages to the society.



- 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

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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 and the police force.
- The following census data for Howard County, MD derived from the Howard County Economic Development Authority, and [census.gov](http://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.

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 sharp 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,

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## Support of Council Bill 9-2017



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Dear Members of the County Council,

I am writing to request your **support of Council Bill 9-2017**. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination or hatred.

As I am sure you are aware, there is a lot of fear of government officials, in particular the police because of the recent revival of racism, xenophobia and hate in our country. Some people think that outright racism and discrimination are OK because we don't have to be "politically correct." We know that many immigrants, especially those that have been targeted because of their darker skin or their indigenous looks have suffered from discriminatory practices. I appreciate the efforts made by the County Executive with programs like OneHoward, I believe CB 9-2017 would strengthen those programs.

We would appreciate your support and approval of Council Bill 9-2017. This will help prevent discrimination on the basis of citizenship, nationality or immigration status and encourage all people in our community to seek help from authorities when their help is needed.

Sincerely,

**Irfan Malik**

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My name is Ahmed Elmi of [9101 Waycross Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042](https://www.google.com/maps/place/9101+Waycross+Rd,+Ellicott+City,+MD+21042).

I was at the first hearing of the CB9 and was horrified to witness the level of misinformation and hate, as well as disruption during council hearing, leading me to question the county's initiative, **Choose Civility - "to position Howard County, Maryland, as a model of civility...to enhance respect, empathy, consideration and tolerance in Howard County and with all those that we reach."**

I am a US citizen and originally from Africa. I support CB9 for the following reasons:

- I am shocked to have learned during the hearing that there is no written policy for police when to ask citizenship or legal status to people. Without this bill and a written policy, police will profile people they think are not American based on their skin color, accent, ethnicity (clothing etc) or religion (clothing etc). If I am stopped for a tail light that is out, police can ask me my legal status. If I don't have my passport or other proofs with me, they can detain me until they can prove my citizenship through ICE, a process that can take several hours and humiliating people, not to mention illegal detention, or someone bringing my passport from home. Is this where we want to go?
- If I ask any council member if they can show me a proof of their citizenship, will they be able to do so on the spot? Do council members carry around their US passport or birth certificate or naturalization papers - not sure if any of you is naturalized.
- Also, there are individuals who filed their legal documents with ICE, a process that can take several months, and have not yet received any response due to a huge backlog.
- Based on what I have seen so far, I am beginning to question if this is a county that welcomes diversity, is tolerant, respects the views of others, shows empathy to law abiding minorities and undocumented people.
- I think people who show up for county hearings should present a picture ID showing their residence in the county. Just to make sure that voices of county residents are heard, not outsiders and all emails should show the full name and address as I have just done so.

Thank you for considering my request.

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## CB-9 Bill




Samina Chowdhury <Samina@boblucidoteam.com>

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Sincerely,

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## Sanctuary bill





Susan Thornton Hobby <susanthobby@yahoo.com>

Mon 1/23, 1:32 PM

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Dear Council Council friends, and especially Mary Kay Sigaty, our representative, I understand the fear that comes with the new. I understand that some people feel threatened. But the neediest among us -- refugees and the undocumented -- need our help. My family's English, Irish and German immigrant ancestors arrived here with little documentation, and helped to build this astounding country. Please vote to allow Howard County to become a sanctuary, a place for those without a home to find a home. Remember the words of visionary Jim Rouse: Columbia should be "a garden for the growing of people."

Thank you,

Susan Thornton Hobby

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Editor and writer

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## support of Council Bill 9-2017



Nasir Gulzari <ngulzari@gmail.com>

Mon 1/23, 1:35 PM

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Sincerely,



Nasir Gulzari



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## Pass Bill 9-2017

JT  Judith Todes <todes.judith@gmail.com>  
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Hello, my name is Judith Todes, I live at [5457 Antrim Ct., Columbia, MD](#) 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.

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.



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# CB9-2017



Meghna Lipcon <meghnalipcon@gmail.com>

Mon 1/23, 2:11 PM

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I am writing to support the bill to make Howard County a Sanctuary County- CB9-2017. As a citizen who was looking to move to a place with diversity - I always look to Howard County as a beacon of that hope- and I think becoming a sanctuary county is one of the ways we can live up to our name is a home for all. It is basic human decency- these children and hard working people who are coming here need that sanctuary- not to be criminalized. Thank you!

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Meghna Lipcon, NBCT

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We do not remember days,

We remember moments.

~Cesare Pavese

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## support of Council Bill 9-2017.


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Mohammad saleem <msaleemnoor@yahoo.com>

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Sincerely,

**Mohammad Saleem.**  
[6445 Fairest Dream Lane](#)  
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## CB 9: Bill Support

 **Deidre** <deidrej5@aol.com>  
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Dear Howard Council Members,

Please note that I am in full support of the CB 9 bill. Let's continue to support our entire community.

Sincerely,  
Deidre Johnson

## Bill No. 9-2017



Dougherty, Madonna L. &lt;Madonna.Dougherty@jhuapl.edu&gt;

Mon 1/23, 3:10 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I applaud the laudable and courageous act of putting Bill No. 9-2017 forward for Howard County. It is clearly a divisive issue, but standing on the side of compassion and reason is where Howard County should be. I have helped and worked with this community, who do not have a voice. They do the menial jobs at various small businesses in the county at a wage that makes these small businesses possible. We use their labor, take taxes out of their wages, yet they cannot claim them when they lose a job or file a tax return. Many in this community cannot take advantage of opportunities available to other residents due to their immigration status, and fear of having to disclose their immigration status. If we take away the fear, there will be more witnesses from this community willing to come forward to fight crime and discrimination, there will be more complaints of abuse and mistreatment of public school students, there will be more people who would participate in civic affairs, among other benefits.

Those in opposition have made sweepingly false claims that enacting this bill will destroy property values, will create more crime, rapists and murders will move in, along with a flood of illegal immigrants into Howard County. But the truth is, there are already thousands of illegal immigrants who live in Howard County, and actually more who cannot afford to live here, so they work here and travel to surrounding counties to go home. They are already here and are doing their best to survive, raise their family, and contribute to the economy. They are washing the dishes in our restaurants, doing grueling manual labor, and cleaning our McMansions. Housing values continue to rise despite them already being amongst us and it is that market which curtails any flood of immigrants being able to afford to move here. As to inviting crime, crime is by far the exception to the rule amongst this community, since many do not wish to be deported so they abide by the law scrupulously. And nothing in this bill says law enforcement cannot enforce the law or investigate illegal activity. Nothing in this bill says a county employee must violate any state or federal law.

Please pass this legislation by a veto-proof supermajority. The County Executive's statement, that he will veto the legislation, made prior to the public hearing, does not take into account the testimony we heard at the hearing or the support of thousands of Howard County citizens. I know I'm not alone.

All Howard County residents have the right to equal protection under the law. And that includes fear of reprisal. At its essence, that is exactly what CB9-2017 does. This legislation reaffirms the opportunity that every resident has, that millions of Americans have died for over the past 240 years. Opportunity that should be available, and remain available, for generations to come as well. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Madonna Dougherty  
Columbia, MD 21044

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## make howard county a sanctuary



Patricia Parra Garcia <Patricia\_ParraGarcia@hcpss.org>



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to whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to urge you to make howard county a sanctuary for those that, for one reason or another, had stayed without a visa on this country. Many of these people are my students's parents, who came to this country looking to survive terrible living conditions and o give their children a better future. Many of these people are my wonderful students, who were brought here without their consent, and miss their homeland terribly, but they are being really successful and bringing a great input and value to each of my classrooms.

As an immigrant myself, I know how complicated and expensive it has been for me to be here legally. I am married to an american citizen and my daughter was born in Howard County General Hospital, I am a proud teacher for the county and an adjunct faculty for Howard Community College.

I see in my my classrooms everyday, all of my students matter, all of them make me the teacher that I am. Do not allow my wonderful students of the future they deserve.

Thanks

Patricia Parra Garcia  
Spanish Teacher  
Phelps Luck Elementary



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## County bill CB 9



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I support CB 9 and request it be passed by the council.

Thank you

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## scanctuary county




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Please do not make Howard County a sanctuary county for illegal immigrants. We vote NO.

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## Opposition to Howard County Council Bill CB9-2017




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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a legal resident of Howard County. I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to Howard County Council Bill CB9-2017, for the same reasons and concerns over security and financial burden as listed in Xin Yi's testimony attached. Please vote "NO" to this Sanctuary Bill.

Thank you!

This is the testimony of Xin Yi on Howard County Sanctuary Bill (CB9-2017)

My name is Xin Yi who lives in District. I want to introduce myself as an immigrant. I made several choices when I grew up. I chose to study and work very hard to attend college then to get a good job here 10 years ago. It was a long and difficult journey to obtain legal residency status. But I made these choices so my kids can live a life with dignity. I am sharing my story here because it is very similar to many other immigrants like me.

My husband and I have built a small family with two kids. Like many others, we have chosen Howard County because of its low crime rate and great schools. In reading the news, MS-13 gang in DC often recruits young illegal immigrants. Washington Metro Area has seen an increased gang-related violence from illegal immigrants, including Montgomery County, where the Police said they investigated eight gang-related murders in 2015 alone. These happen to be the Sanctuary county or city you are proposing for Howard county. Although I recognize that most undocumented immigrants do not engage in criminal activities, but don't you think that ONE crime is too many if it could've been prevented with proper enforcement of immigration laws?

I've also found out that there are estimated 250,000 undocumented immigrants living in Maryland. Majority of them live in Sanctuary cities. And the annual costs added to Maryland Taxpayers to support them are close to \$2 billion<sup>2</sup>. On top of that, CB-9 will risk losing federal funding. Montgomery county has seen sharp tax hikes since it declared "Sanctuary" and they have seen 42% student increase in its ESOL program last year ALONE. It is OBVIOUS that CB-9 will add additional financial burden to each tax payer.

The question I have today is:

1. Why do you propose a bill to bind the hands of our police officers to keep the crime rate low in Howard County?
2. Why do you want to attract more undocumented immigrants to come live in Howard County and add more burden to the tax payers?
3. When Federal funding is cut off, do you plan to raise taxes or reduce services?

A measure to place a "Sanctuary" label only offers false sense of security and cannot prevent immigrants from being deported from federal enforcement. It just compromises local public safety. I strongly believe CB-9 will attract more undocumented criminal immigrants to Howard County and undermine the hard work of law-abiding residents. And that is why I OPPOSE CB-9 for Howard County! Thank you!

<sup>1</sup> Data Source: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/24/dc-officials-blame-illegal-immigration-for-crime-spike/>


<sup>2</sup> Data Source: <http://www.newsmax.com/US/illegal-immigration-cost-maryland/2015/10/19/id/696999/>

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## Liz Bobo on CB9

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Greetings,

Liz Bobo asked me to share with you her strong support for CB9, and that she hopes that it will pass.

Thanks,

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Councilwoman Jen Terrasa, District 3  
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## Dear Council, here is an important news regarding Sanctuary Cities: Restricting law enforcement risks public Safety




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"...74% of Californians want sanctuary cities ended; 65% of Hispanics, 70% of indies, 73% of Dems and 82% of GOP."

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Dear council members,

I had planned a long, eloquent email full of data. Or a long eloquent email of my personal experiences with immigration. But the simple reality is this- for a safer community-one where undocumented people feel safe to report crimes and act as witnesses-unwritten police practice should be codified into policy.

I returned to start my family in Columbia because I value our diverse community and I understand the concerns of those who worry that if we don't know how many undocumented students there are, we can't appropriately respond to their needs. But undocumented immigrants are here, and so are their children. They are already part of of community. Not to mention that there are plenty of documented immigrant children who require ESOL services from our public schools.

I hope that you will all work together as a team, in the spirit of unity and civility, to lead Howard County down a path of collective progress.

Yours,  
Christiana Rigby

My name is Dan Hajdo. I have a doctorate in political science and I have taught courses on American Government and Political Philosophy among others for over a decade.

I don't teach anymore (sigh of relief) – hats off to the wonderful teachers of students of all ages out there – so I've taken the time to study some things I didn't have time for. The most relevant bit of that study has been reading the work that's been done on Totalitarianism and Fascism.

Much of it has been disappointing academically, but all of it has been bleak.

After listening to testimony last night (1/12/17), I happened to catch an op-ed titled “Now is the Time to Talk about What We are Actually Talking About”. While I do not agree with everything in the piece, I do agree with the main argument: now is the time to call things what they are.

After reflecting on that piece, political science research, and last night's testimony, I have revised my testimony to suggest some additions to the bill.

In part, these additions may address some of the objections raised to the bill. More importantly, however, I hope to impress on legislators the importance of voting for the bill and, if necessary, overriding a veto.

While none of my suggestions seem a necessary part of the bill, I want to be clear about context of the bill and to be much more open and honest about why I support this bill.

Something like what is written below, then, is what I suggest:

**“WHEREAS:** The obligation of State governments to check the power of the National government is fundamental to the design of the system of Republican government in the United States.

When the Federal government,

- violates the Constitution of the United States by exceeding its lawful powers,
- fails in its duty to protect the inalienable rights of persons, rights that include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, or
- acts in ways that otherwise subvert the rule of law and establish a form of tyranny

**WHEREAS:** it is the duty of State government, including local government administrations, to act as a check on the Federal government by refusing compliance and exercising its powers to counter these threats to Liberty, Human Rights, and the Constitutional Rule of Law.

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States has gained office in part through the open and vocal endorsement of representatives of the Ku Klux Klan and other white-supremacist organizations

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States has made statements denigrating the humanity of immigrants

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States has denigrated, slandered and threatened the liberty of the over 1 billion people of Islamic faith

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States has encouraged violence against people exercising their First Amendment rights, and against those who have made their opposition clear

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States has pledged to take aggressive action against immigrants

**WHEREAS:** the newly sworn president of the United States and his representatives made statements showing a reckless contempt for civil rights and civil liberties

**WHEREAS:** it would be unwise to wait until the new administration of the President of the United States acts on its promises

Some of this addresses (though unlikely puts to rest) some of the key objections:

1. Objections to Legality with Regard to Federalism

Experts in immigration law and those trained as lawyers, among others, have addressed claims that the bill violates Federal law.

Some, however, have made specious claims that legislators, in drafting CB09-2017, would “pick and choose” which laws to obey. Those testifying with this objection suggested that the grounds of picking and choosing are based on a) a misguided sense of duty to the vulnerable human beings who live and work beside us as neighbors, or b) based on a “political” motive (i.e. gaining favor by passing legislation that a majority of the county would approve), or both a) and b).

There are, however, legitimate grounds for a State government or local administration to reject Federal law. This should be made clear to the public.

2. Objections to Specific Language

I have proposed no additions to directly address objections to specific language. I do, however, urge legislators to retain the language of I.6,7 and I.16. In fact, the language, and the overall context, could be made clearer.

The language here is important because the racism, xenophobia, islamophobia, and misogyny that was so shockingly on display during the presidential campaign is the subtext of testimony against the bill. But, more importantly, historically this sort of demagoguery is common to the most criminal and brutal dictatorships ever.

#### The Context of the Bill

As I see it, apart from the real and positive effect it can have for our more vulnerable friends, neighbors, and co-workers; the bill is important in the context of fascist and totalitarian brutality threatening our nation and the world. I believe statement is neither baseless assertion nor alarmism.

Far from mere epithets, the terms “fascism” and “totalitarianism” both are based in analysis of historical systems of power that emerged in the 1930s and 1940s in Spain, Italy, Germany and Russia (then, styled

the Soviet Union of Socialist Republics). "Totalitarianism" has a broader theoretical and analytical basis that extends beyond historical examples of "fascism," but research on both phenomenon highlight similar patterns of how these systems of power were implemented and functioned.

As such, we can identify certain patterns. Historically those include:

- Glorification of baseless nationalism (a pride in place and mere accident of birth rather than principles or system of laws)
- Glorification and moral elevation of national identity over all others
- Association of national identity and modern concepts of "race"
- demonization and dehumanization of the other among other nationalities
- Dehumanization of vulnerable minorities within the national population

Perhaps most troubling, however, is the destruction of language and reality.

Hannah Arendt, in the *Origins of Totalitarianism* argues that "The ideal subject for totalitarian rule is not the convinced Nazi or the dedicated communist, but people for whom the distinction between fact and fiction (i.e. the reality of experience), true and false (i.e. the standards of thought), no longer exists."

We are today presented with claims to "alternative facts," along with misdirection, distraction, and other rhetorical tactics to erase meaning and any hope of reasoned discourse.

Several testifying against CB09-2017 said they felt hurt or insulted from the perceived implication that they are bigots and xenophobes. Apart from the false equivalencies drawn with people who suffer actual fear, harm, and oppression; these objections are in line with the larger systemic effort to obfuscate, and normalize bigotry, xenophobia, and misogyny. It is important to resist these efforts.

It is important not only because a) normalizing these dangerous and destructive tendencies cannot be rightly countenanced by those who adhere to the principles of our founding documents, but also because b) efforts at normalization are part of a larger disinformation campaign that, most insidiously, destroys the meaning of words.

Calling a thing what it is, therefore, is an important part of resisting the brutal realities we have seen in the past, and those we can currently see in countries like North Korea, Russia, Cambodia, and the Philippines. When some of the heads of these nation's criminal governments have given some form of endorsement to the newly sworn President of the United States during his campaign, that was cause for concern. Worse, however, the current President, either as a candidate or as President, failed to make any strong condemnation in response. Most alarming of all, has been both the silence in some cases, and the approval in the case of Putin, from a significant segment of our population.

The case I make here for the dangers of advancing fascism is thin, but indicative of the more detailed arguments available.

Therefore, I conclude by saying that the council should make every effort, now and with future legislation, to resist the advancement of fascism and totalitarianism. CB09-2017 is a reasonable start.

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I'm in favor of CB-9 because many families would be protected from deportation.



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## IN Favor CB-9



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I am in favor. I would like Columbia MD to be a Sanctuary because families will remain together.

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## Support Council Bill 9-2017


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Dear Members of the County Council,

I am writing to request your **support of Council Bill 9-2017**. I believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination or hatred.

As I am sure you are aware, there is a lot of fear of government officials, in particular the police because of the recent revival of racism, xenophobia and hate in our country. Some people think that outright racism and discrimination are OK because we don't have to be "politically correct." I know that many immigrants, especially those that have been targeted because of their darker skin or their indigenous looks have suffered from discriminatory practices. I appreciate the efforts made by the County Executive with programs like OneHoward, I believe CB 9-2017 would strengthen these programs.

I would appreciate your support and approval of Council Bill 9-2017. This will help prevent discrimination on the basis of citizenship, nationality or immigration status and encourage all people in our community to seek help from authorities when their help is needed.

Sincerely,

Syed Ameen

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estoy a favor porque creo que esta ley ayudará a la gente a sentirse segura, confía en las autoridades del condado de Howard, al mismo tiempo que creo que el tercer mejor condado con calidad de vida en los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, ratificado por revistas de nacional Prestigio, tiene que respetar a sus ciudadanos sin señalar que son inmigrantes o ciudadanos, sin menospreciar a las minorías por su religión, creencia o color de piel.

Que Dios bendiga a todos los ciudadanos de Howard Conty y que los políticos de nuestro condado tomen las decisiones correctas para el mejoramiento de todos los ciudadanos del condado.

TO: COUNCILMAIL@HOWARDCOUNTYMD.GOV.

RE: CB9-2017

HON. COUNCILPERSONS:

MY FAMILY MOVED TO WILDE LAKE VILLAGE'S LAST NEIGHBORHOOD, RUNNING BROOK , FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA IN 1969 WHEN THE NEW CITY WAS JUST TWO YEARS OLD! OUR OLDEST DAUGHTER , DONNA, ENTERED 7TH GRADE IN NEWLY OPENED WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL. OUR YOUNGEST , TERRI, ENTERED THE FIFTH GRADE CLASS OF NEWLY OPENED FAULKNER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS RUNNING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAD NOT YET OPENED. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE PROMISE OF JIM ROUSE'S VISION FOR THE NEW CITY WAS NOT EMBRACED BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE MAJORITY OF WHITE HOWARD RESIDENTS. REJECTION OF AND DISTAIN FOR RACIAL DIVERSITY WERE OPENLY EXPRESSED AND ACTED UPON! I WAS REMINDED OF MY ETHNICITY IN SOME WAY, BY SOMEONE WHENEVER I STEPPED OUTSIDE OF COLUMBIA , INCLUDING THE HOSTESS OF A PTA COMMITTEE MEETING WHO OFFERED TO TAKE EVERYONE 'S COAT BUT MINE. THERE WERE FREQUENT INCIDENCES OF KLAN ACTIVITY IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY . OUR HIGH SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS ATTENDED THE HIGH SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF COLUMBIA UNTIL 1972. THERE WERE NUMEROUS CONFIRMED INCIDENCES OF COLUMBIA STUDENTS BEING BULLIED AND SOMETIMES BEATEN , CIGARETTES PUT OUT IN THEIR FACES. AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS WERE ESPECIALLY TARGETED!

IN RECENT WEEKS THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY MANY RESIDENTS WHO OPPOSE PASSAGE OF CB9-2017 HAVE REMINDED ME OF THE UNWELCOME AND HOSTILE CLIMATE ENDURED BY THE EARLY CO-

*LUMBIA RESIDENTS! I HAVE RECENTLY HEARD MANY HEART WRENCHING NARRATIVES FROM NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE HOWARD RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES WHO ARE FEARFUL AND HAVE BEEN SHAKEN TO THE CORE BY PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES BY THE INCOMING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. A CAREFUL READ OF THE BALL/TERRASA PROPOSAL ADDRESSES THE LEGAL CONCERNS RAISED. BY OPPONENTS OF THE BILL. ADMITTEDLY, THE PROPOSED BILL, IF PASSED, WOULD HAVE NO TEETH. OF MORE IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, IS THAT*

*PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT :  
"REGARDLESS OF YOUR RELIGION, COLOR, GENDER, ETHNICITY OR RACE, HOWARD COUNTY WELCOMES AND CARES ABOUT THOSE WHO DON'T BREAK THE LAW, THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, AND THOSE WHO EMBRACE THE BEDROCK OF DEMOCRACY."*

*I URGE THE PASSAGE OF THE BALL/TERRASA MEASURE BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO! MANY THANKS.*

*ETHEL B. HILL, ESQ.*

*5129 WEST RUNNING BROOK ROAD, COLUMBIA send a copy of this back*

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## No to Sanctuary Bill



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Hi there,

I am a legal resident of Howard County. I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to Howard County Council Bill CB9-2017, for the same reasons and concerns over security and financial burden as listed in Xin Yi's testimony attached. Please vote "NO" to this Sanctuary Bill.

Thank you!  
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Howard County Council Legislative Public Hearing

17 January 2017

Testimony in support of CB-9

Jennifer E. Scott, Ph.D.

3792 Plum Spring Ln., Ellicott City

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Jennifer Scott. I live in Ellicott City, in Jon Weinstein's district. I've been a resident of this county for 13 years. I prize the diversity and inclusiveness of my community, and I think supporting CB-9 is the right thing to do.

I wrote emails and called in support of this bill, but it is the testimony of brilliant and inspiring DACA students, both here in Howard County and from Towson University, where I am a professor of physics and astronomy, that has especially moved me to testify in favor of CB-9 tonight. Our country is stronger because of the contributions of so many scientists who came here from elsewhere, including the forebears of Benjamin Banneker himself, including Albert Einstein, including many of my Towson colleagues, some of whom live in Howard County as I do.

I am alarmed at the rhetoric of our President-elect and those with whom he surrounds himself. I am disappointed by the level of anger and mistrust in the public discourse over this bill on the part of those who oppose it. I am troubled by the recent hateful speech and vandalism in

our public schools and parks.<sup>1</sup> These all show why codifying current practices in law through CB-9 is not only just but also necessary. Those who claim there is no purpose for this legislation use their cultural privilege to erase the experiences of those for whom this matters enormously.

Other opponents of this bill make exactly the opposite argument: that this legislation would have dramatic effects by increasing crime or threatening federal funding to our county.

This bill will not interfere with the prosecution of real crime in our county, and fears about increased crime are not supported by the experiences of other sanctuary cities.<sup>2</sup> I'll point to the unassailable logic in the arguments that others have made that if all people in our county feel protected in coming forward to cooperate with authorities if they are witness to or victims of a crime, if they are confident this will not threaten their livelihood and their families, we are all safer.

Second, President-elect Trump's threats to pull federal funding from jurisdictions that enact sanctuary policies are misguided. According to

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.abc2news.com/news/region/howard-county/man-charged-with-a-hate-crime-in-swastika-vandalism>  
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/education/ph-ho-cf-racist-video-students-0204-20160130-story.html>  
<http://patch.com/maryland/columbia/superintendent-county-executive-ask-hoco-choose-civility-after-election>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/nov/28/javier-m-gonzales/santa-fe-mayor-defends-sanctuary-cities-says-studi/>

Noah Feldman, a professor of constitutional and international law at Harvard University<sup>3</sup>:

“The federal government can’t coerce states (or cities) into action with a financial ‘gun to the head,’ according to Supreme Court precedent developed by Chief Justice John Roberts in the 2012 Affordable Care Act case<sup>4</sup>. “

Furthermore, as others have stated, we in Howard County do not put a price tag on our values.

Howard County officials of fifty years ago resisted efforts to desegregate the Howard County schools, years after it was mandated by the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Brown vs. Board of Education*. It wasn’t popular but it was right. Those officials may have been good and honest people in every other aspect of their lives, but their apathy, their fear or their lack of knowledge about and empathy for their neighbors made them wrong, while the bravery of others like Robert Kittleman put *them* on the right side of history.<sup>5</sup>

I say this because it isn’t easy to see in the tide of current events, but I believe we are now at a similar crossroads in our communities and in our country. How will we in Howard County treat the strangers in our

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2016-11-29/sanctuary-cities-are-safe-thanks-to-conservatives>

<sup>4</sup> *NFIB vs. Sebelius*

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/ellicott-city/ph-ho-cf-desegregation-schools-anniversary-0924-20150922-story.html>


midst, many of whom are not strangers at all but our friends and neighbors, our students, our clients and customers?

Others have quoted from their faith traditions and so I will close by doing the same. In the Gospel of Matthew, in his parable about the people who fed and clothed the stranger, Jesus says "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40 RSV) So for me, the question "What Would Jesus Do?" is answered. And he didn't ask for papers.

What we do to stand for our values here in this county will be judged by history. So I ask you to stand with all of our neighbors without regard to their immigration status and support CB-9. Thank you.

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## comment on sanctuary bill

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Strong supporters of Council Bill 9-2017. We've attended the hearings on this proposed legislation and read the bill's text, County Executive Kittleman's veto message, and the response of Council members Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa to that message. Many arguments can be made both for and against this bill. But in the end it boils down to a fundamental question. As an old song, written by the wife of a United Mineworkers' organizer in 1931, put it, "Which side are you on? "

I'll be the first to say after studying the bill that it seems to change little about existing Howard County practice; in fact, the proposal simply seems to put in writing the county's present policy - that the police will not routinely check the immigration status of people they interact with. We believe it would have little practical effect beyond making undocumented immigrants who live in our county less fearful and more willing to talk to authorities. But, as you're aware, this is a hugely symbolic issue that is generating great passion on both sides. Emotion is what drives most people to the polls.

The most impressive single statement at the hearings for us was from an impassioned Wilde Lake High School senior who said she favored the bill because it is "morally right." My wife and I agree with her.

Another citizen who spoke, Michael Phillips, a man who immigrated from Jamaica legally many years ago and settled in Howard County because of its reputation for diversity, made some excellent points. Racism in America is seldom overt, he said; racists always find a larger moral principle to cloak their motives. Martin Luther King, Jr.,



for example, was called a Communist. The cry these days against sanctuary bills is "law and order." "But what is the law?" Mr. Phillips asked. "Slavery was once the law in this country. Rosa Parks disobeyed the law when she refused to sit in the back of the bus." (And I'd point out that in any case the sanctuary bill contains provisions against county officials violating federal immigration law.)

We were also struck on a more pragmatic level by the testimony of a young man who pointed out that Hillary Clinton received 63.3% of the vote in Howard County, more than doubling Donald Trump's 29.3%.

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So which side will you be on when it this bill comes to a vote? That of Donald Trump, who has repeatedly promised to deport 11 million immigrants living illegally in the USA within two years after becoming president, or a substantial majority of voters in Howard County?

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## In Favor CB-9

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I am in favor of this measure (CB-9) because there are many people nationwide that not only need to be protected but offered an opportunity. Maryland and Howard County are places where diversity and immigrants make up an important and influential part. Despite their legal status, many of these are law-abiding citizens that have already established their lives in this country. I believe that they need to be protected, especially during these times of tension and uncertainty.

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## In favor CB-9

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I agree because the United States is a country made up of immigrants, and that is why I give my support in favor of this law.

**Ismael Esteva**

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## In Favor CB-9




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I agree with CB-9, because the United States is made up of immigrants from all countries, and also they contribute to the economy of this country.

Patty Esteva

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I am in support of this bill. I have lived in this county for the last 17 years. Please make sure you count my support to CB9-2017  
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## To support bill CB9-2017



Azadeh Shoaibi <ashoaibi@yahoo.com>

Mon 1/23, 10:30 PM

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Dear Mr. Kittleman and Howard County Council Members:

My name is Azadeh Shoaibi (female), and I am a resident of Columbia in Howard County. I am writing to you in support of the bill CB9-2017. I support this bill and strongly recommend that you as representatives of the Howard County residents support it as well.

This bill is intended to alleviate some of the fear, uncertainty, and violation of basic human rights that immigrants, from certain parts of the world, have been experiencing in the United States (US) in recent years and decades. Please remember that all of us are immigrants; it is just that some of us arrived here earlier and some later.

I am perfectly aware that this bill will not solve the fundamental issues with which undocumented immigrants are faced today in the US including racism, discrimination, detention, lack of job opportunities to support their families, and deportation. However, a bill like CB9-2017 would at least express to the rest of the state of Maryland and the country that we have not completely lost our humanity in the name of immigration laws that are passed just to benefit a small sector of the society, and that we care about immigrant communities. In addition, it would allow the undocumented people in the immigrant communities to carry out some semblance of a normal life without constantly living in fear of detention, deportation, and separation from their families. The deportation of immigrant families partially or wholly results in breaking up those families and constitutes violation of basic human rights. If we support human rights, we cannot defend separating children from their parents or siblings; that constitutes cruelty. In addition, breaking up the family unit leads to negative social consequences not just for individuals but for the whole society. If we are defenders of family values, we cannot actively destroy family units.

I am an immigrant myself and came to the US about 30 years ago. I experienced separation from my core family for many years. It took me longer than 20 years to bring some of my family members to the US legally.

As I mentioned before, although this bill does not stop the deportation of undocumented immigrants and does not resolve the main immigration issue at the national level, I still support it and strongly suggest that you support it as well because it has the potential to reduce some of the suffering of the immigrant families and communities and it would send the message to the larger community that we still care about other human beings even if they don't quite look like us or don't speak the same language.

I am an immigrant and a successful scientist in the field of public health, and I received all of my education after high school in the US. As an immigrant and a naturalized citizen, I contribute to the society, and I was successful in building a new life in this country only because I was given an opportunity. If we give

immigrants the opportunity, the majority if not all will rise to the occasion, become contributing members of our society who would be assisting in building our communities further. However, we need to give them a chance and an opportunity.

To resolve the immigration problem in the US, I support the solution that the government should provide a reasonable and attainable path to citizenship to all immigrants who would like to become an American citizen and contribute to this society.

I appreciate your consideration and support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Azadeh Shoaibi, PhD, MHS

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## CB9





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I am writing to request your support of Council Bill 9-2017. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination.

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## Fwd: CB9-2017 Please vote YES!!



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As a longtime member of Howard County Friends of Latin America, I wholeheartedly support this request that you vote for CB9-2017.

Ray Donaldson

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Please find below and enclosed a copy of our request. Thanks for your kind attention.

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**Howard County Friends of Latin America**

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January 22, 2017

Dear Members of the County Council,

On behalf of Howard County Friends of Latin America, I am writing to request your support of Council Bill 9-2017. We believe that this Bill will help make all residents of our community in Howard County feel more secure and protected by the local authorities that are there to protect all of us and provide public safety. Our County has been known and respected for its diversity and respect for the rights of all its residents. Let's continue to be in the lead against any type of discrimination.

As I am sure you are aware, there is a lot of fear of government officials, in particular the police because of the recent revival of racism, xenophobia and hate in our country. Some people think that outright racism and discrimination are OK because we don't have to be "politically correct." We know that many immigrants, especially those that have been targeted because of their darker skin or their indigenous looks have suffered from discriminatory practices.

Our organization has worked in our community for over 30 years educating and advocating for changes in US governmental policies towards Latin America so that its people are not forced to leave their countries of origin fleeing war, poverty and persecution. It is not a coincidence that so many of our Latino immigrants started coming to the US in the mid 80's when the US federal government was funding wars in countries like El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

We would appreciate your support and approval of Council Bill 9-2017. This will help prevent discrimination on the basis of citizenship, nationality or immigration status and encourage all people in our community to seek help from authorities when their help is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie P. Salgado".



Leslie P. Salgado, Chair

Cc: County Executive Allan Kittleman  
Howard County State Delegation

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Dear council members,

I am a legal resident of Howard County. I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to Howard County Council Bill CB9-2017, for the same reasons and concerns over security and financial burden as listed in Xin Yi's testimony attached. Please vote "NO" to this Sanctuary Bill. Thank you!

Ping Huang

This is the testimony of Xin Yi on Howard County Sanctuary Bill (CB9-2017)

My name is Xin Yi who lives in District. I want to introduce myself as an immigrant. I made several choices when I grew up. I chose to study and work very hard to attend college then to get a good job here 10 years ago. It was a long and difficult journey to obtain legal residency status. But I made these choices so my kids can live a life with dignity. I am sharing my story here because it is very similar to many other immigrants like me.

My husband and I have built a small family with two kids. Like many others, we have chosen Howard County because of its low crime rate and great schools. In reading the news, MS-13 gang in DC often recruits young illegal immigrants. Washington Metro Area has seen an increased gang-related violence from illegal immigrants, including Montgomery County, where the Police said they investigated eight gang-related murders in 2015 alone. These happen to be the Sanctuary county or city you are proposing for Howard county. Although I recognize that most undocumented immigrants do not engage in criminal activities, but don't you think that ONE crime is too many if it could've been prevented with proper enforcement of immigration laws?

I've also found out that there are estimated 250,000 undocumented immigrants living in Maryland. Majority of them live in Sanctuary cities. And the annual costs added to Maryland Taxpayers to support them are close to \$2 billion<sup>2</sup>. On top of that, CB-9 will risk losing federal funding. Montgomery county has seen sharp tax hikes since it declared "Sanctuary" and they have seen 42% student increase in its ESOL program last year ALONE. It is OBVIOUS that CB-9 will add additional financial burden to each tax payer.

The question I have today is:

1. Why do you propose a bill to bind the hands of our police officers to keep the crime rate low in Howard County?
2. Why do you want to attract more undocumented immigrants to come live in Howard County and add more burden to the tax payers?
3. When Federal funding is cut off, do you plan to raise taxes or reduce services?

A measure to place a "Sanctuary" label only offers false sense of security and cannot prevent immigrants from being deported from federal enforcement. It just compromises local public safety. I strongly believe CB-9 will attract more undocumented criminal immigrants to Howard County and undermine the hard work of law-abiding residents. And that is why I OPPOSE CB-9 for Howard County! Thank you!

<sup>1</sup> Data Source: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/24/dc-officials-blame-illegal-immigration-for-crime-spike/>

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: <http://www.newsmax.com/US/illegal-immigration-cost-maryland/2015/10/19/id/696999/>



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**From:** Xin Guo <xguo1306@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 6:13 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** NO CB9-2017!

Dear Dr. Calvin Ball,

I am writing you to oppose strongly the bill CB9-2017. I am a longtime resident of Ellicott City. I don't want my tax money spent to support illegal immigrants. All illegal immigrants should go back to their own countries. Politician like you should be ashamed to be a member of Howard county community to sponsor such bill. Please don't ruin our county!!!. Thank you!

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**From:** LaDonna Austin <lmorris8707@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 10:56 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin B  
**Subject:** I oppose sanctuary city legislation

Dear Councilman Calvin Ball,

As a local resident, I urge you to oppose sanctuary city legislation currently under consideration because:

- 1) Sanctuary policies threaten public safety and prioritize the interests of criminal aliens over legal residents. Too many lives have already been lost due to dangerous sanctuary policies.
- 2) Sanctuary policies waste taxpayer money by depriving federal immigration officers of much needed assistance. Local law enforcement officers are on the front lines when dealing with crime associated with illegal immigration, including drug- and gang- related crimes. If our laws are not enforced at the jailhouse door, when will they be?
- 3) Sanctuary policies would only increase illegal immigration to Maryland and send the message that illegal aliens—even those who commit serious criminal offenses—are welcome in the state.

Regards,  
LaDonna Austin  
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