

Subject: Re: Oppose Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 1:13:56 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
To: Mark Walter

Good afternoon Mr. Walter,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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Thank you again for expressing your position to the County Council.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Mark Walter <mwalter_60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 6:33:19 PM
To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg
Subject: Oppose Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9

Dear Councilpersons,

I am writing you to signal my **opposition** to Council Bill 9 -2017 aka CB-9, the effort to make Howard County a Sanctuary County. This bill runs counter to the Federal Government policy of the states, counties, and cities to cooperate with the department of Homeland Security in reporting illegal aliens especially accused illegal alien criminals. I will state that as a signatory to the U.S. Constitution that the Maryland state, county and city officials are sworn to uphold the laws of the Federal Government. This law you are considering is ILLEGAL and

wasteful of the time that you are investing. This law will be challenged and defeated in federal courts. The cost of defying the Federal Government will expose the county to loss of funding for non compliance to the federal laws, as well as the lawsuits and legal cost. I as a taxpayer do not want to pay for your short sighted and reckless approach to solve a problem that you do not have the responsibility for. Immigration issues are a responsibility of the federal government. If you insist on pursuing this folly, I will be at the meeting to protest, and I will remember to vote against you on the next election cycle.

I want to hear from each and every one of you to hear your position and your arguments for and against this bill.

Sincerely,
Mark A.Walter
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Clarksville, MD 21029
mwalter_60@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: CB9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 1:05:20 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay

To: Deborah Belchis

Dear Dr. Belchis,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for contacting her regarding Council Bill 9-2017.

Like you, she moved to Howard County because of the promise of a diverse, vibrant and inclusive community. People from all walks find the opportunity of a good life in here in Howard County and we hope that will continue into the future.

Councilperson Sigaty appreciates your perspective and will consider your statements as the Council deliberates this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4
mclay@howardcountymd.gov
410-313-2001

From: Deborah Belchis <dbelchis@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:55 PM
To: Mary Kay Sigaty <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB9-2017

Dear Council Member Sigaty,

I am writing to urge you to support CB9-2017 aka the Sanctuary Bill. I moved to Howard County in 2000 and one of the features of which I am most proud is the cultural diversity of this community. When I moved here I looked at sending my children to a private school but I was drawn to the richness and diversity of the student population at the public school. So I decided to send both of my children to Centennial Elementary, Burleigh Manor and then Centennial High. And while I am thrilled to say they received a great academic education, they also were exposed to a diverse and vibrant student body. They made friends whose backgrounds and cultures were very different from their own, friendships that have lasted years beyond high school.

It is this very diversity that makes America and Howard County strong. This is a defining feature of America. Other countries are much more homogeneous. America sets the example of how to welcome and incorporate diverse cultures.

This sanctuary bill is essential to provide the security and stability for a free and safe America. This bill does not hide criminals but allows families who are here to freely participate in the society, to go to the hospital when they are ill, to inform police if they see a crime. To force a segment of the population into hiding is not healthy for the rest of society.

As a physician I know I do not want people to be afraid to come to the hospital when they are ill. As a Jew, I know that empowering the police to perform unprompted interrogations of our citizenry is a slippery slope and one that I do not think we should condone.

Therefore I urge you to support this bill. This is not the way to tackle illegal immigration.

Sincerely,
Deborah Belchis, MD
10310 Cromwell Court
Ellicott City, MD

Subject: Re: Objection of CB-9

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:58:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay

To: Sandy

Good afternoon,

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From: Sandy <sandys001@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 4:14:41 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Re: Objection of CB-9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

As a parent of children enrolling in Howard County public schools, I want to express my strong opinion to object CB-9.

As the parent group, we have great concern over the foreseeable disastrous consequence that will inflict upon Howard County Education System if CB-9 is passed.

1. Incur Financial Burden and Budget Deficit

CB-9 does not explain how to generate additional revenue absolutely necessary to support the additional costs incurred in the educational system due to the passage of CB-9.

CB-9 is recklessly and poorly drafted which totally neglects to plan how to balance the operating fund budget required by the School Board.

According to A Citizen's Guide to the Howard County Public School System FY 2018 Budget, Page 7, it admits, "A growing segment of our student population carries heavy burdens to school, including poverty, homelessness and language barriers, requiring increase services. Program budgets in these areas reflect the requirement for increased funding to meet these needs".

On top of that, the chart of the Shifting Populations in 5-Year Increase, 2011-2016 displays an astonishing fact that the category of "FARMS" students has been grown 41% in the past 5 years.

We have a reasonable and assured expectation beyond doubt that a steady influx of such population would come even more from neighborhood Counties including other Sanctuary Counties because Howard County is well-known for its excellent public school systems.

How can the BOE finance budget be possibly balanced without the extra funding from Howard County, and how can Howard County budget be possibly balanced without the increase additional County tax?

Tax dollars that ought properly to benefit the people who paid them will go instead to underwrite education services for those who are not entitled to be here in the first place.

2. Jeopardize the High Quality of Education Service

HCPSS has acclaimed a remarkably well-known reputation for excellence in education.

HCPSS also has claimed its workforce as "World Class".

However, we have serious concern that such vigorously earned supreme quality and reputation in education will be miserably undermined once CB-9 is passed. World Class teachers will be inevitably burned out to assist the growing segment of such student population.

All the hard-work fruits and harvest will be destroyed overnight!

All children are the same and deserve equal access and benefits of the Howard County school system. By focusing on protecting a selected group of children while jeopardizing the safety of the rest, this bill will do more harm than good. Secondly, children of undocumented illegal immigrants already have learning problems and our schools just don't have enough resources to handle any more without diminishing the educational experience of the legal residents. If this Bill is passed, the student population will be vastly increased and the current students will be harmed due to resource shortages.

We all feel completely disheartened to witness before our own eyes a once proud school system become undignified and shattered following the dismal path of other Sanctuary Cities school systems.

Based upon the above reasons and facts, we want to desperately make an appeal to you to vote "NO" to CB-9 derived motions in the board for the sake of the benefit of all the current student body in HCPSS.

Regards,

Xiandi Shao

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Please vote against CB 9

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:56:58 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay

To: Paul H

Good afternoon Mr. Huang,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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410-313-2001

From: Paul H <myoldsmoky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:53:51 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Please vote against CB 9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I'm writing today to express my opinion against the CB-9 bill. It is a terrible idea to make Howard county sanctuary jurisdiction.

We have grave concern over the foreseeable disastrous consequence that will inflict upon Howard County Education System if CB-9 is passed.

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Thank you.

Regards,

Paul Huang

4905 Alice Ave

Ellicott City, MD 21043
443-762-4833

Subject: Re: Illegal Aliens

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:37:24 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay

To: Art Caplan

Good afternoon Mr. Caplan,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position and concerns on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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Sincerely,
Julia

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From: Art Caplan <worldhq@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:21:36 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Illegal Aliens

I wonder why the Howard County Council would waste their time and taxpayer money on trying to make Howard County a sanctuary for people who have come to this country illegally in violation of Federal Law. There are real issues that need to be solved.

Have you considered that President Trump has promised to cut off Federal funding to jurisdictions that are harboring illegals? I would assume that such an action would have a negative impact on the citizens of the county.

If you feel so strongly about this issue why not use your personal time and money to try and affect a change in the laws of this country. I am sure that the Democratic representatives to the Congress

that represent this county and the state would be receptive to this issue.
If this passes you would be sending a message to the youth of this county that if you do not agree with a law violate it.

Art caplan

Subject: Re: I oppose sanctuary city legislation
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:28:19 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
To: matt1970@gmail.com

Good afternoon Mr. Moore,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position and concerns on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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From: Matt moore <matt1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 5:47:05 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: I oppose sanctuary city legislation

Dear Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty,

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,
Matt moore
3134 Greenway Dr
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Subject: Re: Object CB-9
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:16:10 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
To: Chunsheng (Tricia) Zhao

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410-313-2001

From: Chunsheng (Tricia) Zhao <triciazhao@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 11:54:30 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Object CB-9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I'm writing in support of the following letter.

We, parents of children enrolling in Howard County public schools, want to express our strong opinion to object CB-9.

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Subject: Re: Please be opposition to CB9-2017, thanks.
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:06:33 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
To: Hong Ding

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410-313-2001

From: Hong Ding <hding111@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:56:14 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Please be opposition to CB9-2017, thanks.

Dear Council Member Mary Kay Sigaty,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed bill of CB9-2017 which calls for a making our Howard County a Sanctuary County.

While I am Pro-Immigrant, Pro-Diversity and Anti-Hate, we simply cannot place a beacon on Howard County for immigrants coming to the United States outside of the standing Federal Immigration Laws. This places the county at risk for residents safety, loss of Federal Funding, paying more tax, uses and strains resources much needed for schools, police and other critical issues in the County.

And this bill is written to be contradictory, and unclear to the actual intent. The consequences may cause severe, reckless and place the county taxpayers at risk. By Charter, the first priority of council member is for the citizens in the county.

Thanks and please be opposition to CB9-2017,

Thanks,

Hong Ding

6432 Shannon Ct
Clarksville, MD 21029

Subject: Re: Disdain over the "sanctuary" bill
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 3:29:45 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
To: Bill Pickett

Good afternoon Mr. Pickett,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, I value the time you have taken to formulate and share your position and concerns regarding Council Bill 9-2017.

Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty will carefully review this bill, as she does with all legislation considered by the Council. The Council will not take a vote on this bill until Monday, February 6, 2017 at earliest. In the meantime, she will take your concerns into consideration while forming her position.

In addition, we will look into the other concerns you have detailed not related to Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide for Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty
jsingleton@howardcountymd.gov
410-313-2001

From: Bill Pickett <wpickett57@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 8:33:00 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay; Ball, Calvin B
Subject: Disdain over the "sanctuary" bill

I am vehemently opposed to the sanctuary bill. There is enough division in this country without sowing more ill-will through the legislative branch of a local government trying to negate the laws of the federal government.

There are a lot more important things that you as my representatives should be doing to make Howard County better. Hamstringing the executive branch of Howard County for no apparent gain is certainly not one of them.

One of the things that certainly should be corrected is the traffic light timing on many of the roads, particularly Snowden River Parkway and Brokenland parkway. It would seem to me that effective travel throughout the county would be a priority. It would reduce stress of the citizens and most likely lead to less traffic light being run.

A second thing that can be done is that the laws you pass mean what they say. If you are running speed cameras at schools to protect the children. Then when the school is closed having speed cameras there seems disingenuous.

I would also like to know why this bill has so much merit when Mary Kay would not even entertain the idea or explain to me how to introduce a bill to lower the safety zone for archery hunting to match Fredrick County.

I also would like to add, that it would be nice if the military service members and retirees of Maryland were treat as well as the illegal residents of Maryland. Any person that comes to Maryland needs to wait 3 years for in-state rates, which is a burden to Military families that are often transferred out of state every 3-4 years.

While I harbor no ill-will towards people who have entered the United States illegally, it is inappropriate to make them quasi-legal at the local level. Please scrape this bill and move on to more important matters for the citizens of this county.

Thank you for your time,

William J. Pickett
10834 Topbranch Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 12:38:33 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Kathy Minardi

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

My husband has just had a knee replacement so I am not sure I can come tonight. I signed the petition in favor of the sanctuary bill. We have consistently voted for you. And we came to Howard County because of its value system for dignity of all people. Since I worked in DC and commuted for many years before retiring here, I was very surprised to learn that there are people "in opposition" to the sanctuary bill in this, my chosen place of civility. I regret that this county is polarized as is the country. I am hoping you will be supporting the sanctuary bill as have many other cities and counties around the country. Please vote in favor of this bill!

Sincerely,

Kathy Minardi

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Columbia, MD 21044

202-210-4517

www.wholeschoolleadership.org

Subject: Support for CB9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:29:33 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Julia Hawrylo

To: Weinstein, Jon, Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Fox, Greg

CC: Smith, Gary, Pruum, Kimberly, McLeod, Kate, Clay, Mary, Knight, Karen

Dear Council members,

I am in support of Council Bill 9. When learning self defense, the first thing to learn is to say "No!" very loudly and very clearly. CB-9 does exactly that. Though ultimately federal laws may preempt this ordinance, Howard County's extraordinary diversity of ethnicities and cultures demand we take a stand. I believe the United States is at an important crossroads and our choices will impact civil rights, human rights. Howard County should be proud to stand in solidarity with other sanctuary cities and counties around the country; the more that do so, the more difficult it will be to enact harsh measures. We cannot afford to sit on our hands. Please support CB9-2017

-Julia Hawrylo
Ellicott City

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Support for CB9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 10:31:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Craig (sent by ctsnydal@gmail.com <ctsnydal@gmail.com>)

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilperson Sigaty,

Thank you for your response and for the information on testifying this evening. Unfortunately my wife and I have young children so I am home with them while she is at the meeting testifying. I have been watching the proceedings on the local access channel with great interest and do wish I could some support the bill. Nevertheless, I did want to reiterate my support and let you know I was watching even though I could not be there in person.

All the best,
Craig Snyder

On Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Dr. Snyder,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your views on Council Bill 9-2017. Ms. Sigaty is thoroughly evaluating the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill.

The Council will be holding a Public Hearing this evening beginning at 6 p.m. If you would like to testify at the Public Hearing tonight, you can either sign up online through this link: <https://apps.howardcountymd.gov/otestimony/> or you may sign up at the George Howard Building by 10 p.m. If you are going to testify, please read the testimony guidelines posted on the County Council's website here: <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Portals/0/Documents/CouncilMain/Press%20Releases/2017/Guidelines%20for%20Public%20Hearing%201-17-17.pdf?ver=2017-01-13-191704-533> This document includes pertinent information on changes made to the testimony process specifically for this bill.

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Thank you again for your correspondence to the County Council.

Sincerely,

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Mary Clay

Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty

Howard County Council, District 4

3430 Court House Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21043

(410) 313-2001

From: ctsnydal@gmail.com [mailto:ctsnydal@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Craig

Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:18 AM

To: CouncilMail

Cc: Kittleman, Allan

Subject: Support for CB9-2017

Dear Howard County Council Representatives,

I am writing to express my sincere support for Legislation # CB9-2017. As representatives of our local government, I urge you to back this bill in order to rightly focus county resources on county issues rather than federal issues. Immigration enforcement is a matter for federal officials, not our county officials. Asking our police to disregard questions of immigration status and simply treat every resident as an equal member of our community is the civil and moral correct action.

I realize you are getting pressure from all sides not to support this bill for reasons that conflate many emotional issues. The passions are understandable, but this bill can easily be supported from a fiscal and "separation of powers" argument.

I am a member of District 1, represented by Jon Weinstein, so I particularly urge Representative Weinstein to support this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Craig Snyder
3792 Plum Spring Ln
Ellicott City

Subject: Thank you

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 12:23:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becca Niburg

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to thank you for putting in the hours last night to serve our community. As we commiserated together about our days starting at 6:30 (I couldn't help but sleep in today and start at 7), I hope that you did get some rest last night. Thank you also for remaining calm during what was often contentious and very far from civil. I do think that the way that some people acted clearly illustrated the need for the bill and, as the last speaker so perfectly illustrated, how perceptions can be very different than reality.

I did submit my testimony from last night in written form with applicable citations, please let me know if you would like to receive it electronically. Also, I am happy to serve as an immigration law expert either in regards to this bill or in any future matter as you feel is necessary. I am also a subject matter expert in human trafficking if that is ever of use to you.

Thank you for your service to our community and please feel free to call upon me whenever you need,

Becca Niburg

Together We Will Howard County

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Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 1:45:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Paul Brophy

To: Weinstein, Jon, Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Fox, Greg

Dear Council Members:

I was present last night from 6 to 10:30 and then had to leave. So, I offer these comments in lieu of public testimony.

First, I had the privilege of working personally with Jim Rouse and heard many of his stories of the early days of Columbia. He and others worked very hard to make sure that everyone felt welcome and safe in Columbia. The value of having Columbia and Howard County be a place where people feel welcome and safe is at least 50 years old. I see this Bill as entirely consistent with that legacy, and I urge you to vote for it to keep Howard County in the tradition of Columbia's values.

Second, my profession is housing and neighborhood planning and analysis. I was startled to hear some opponents of the Bill assert that the Montgomery County Sanctuary Bill has caused lower property values to fall. I checked the facts this morning and this assertion is incorrect. Yes, housing values fell in Montgomery County as they did in Howard County and everywhere else due to the real estate recession. However, the dip in values and now the rebound of the housing market there is almost identical to the price trend line in Howard County. There is no evidence I can see that supports a claim that property values in Montgomery have fallen because of legislation. You obviously want to make your decision based on facts, not fears.

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<https://www.dropbox.com/s/2xmb0zd318ua2ru/Screenshot%202017-01-18%2013.41.45.png?dl=0>

Please contact me if you want any further information

Paul Brophy
4504 Alpine Rose Bend, 21042
443-253-4191

Subject: Re: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 3:37:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Paul Brophy

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thanks, Julia. I am unable to come again tonight. My email will have to serve.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Brophy,

Thank you for expressing your position and concerns regarding Council Bill 9-2017 to Councilperson Sigaty's office. On behalf of the Councilperson, I appreciate the time you took to send us your thoughts on this legislation. She will continue to deliberate on her position of this bill as the public testimony resumes tonight.

The second night of the Public Hearing will take place tonight, starting at 7:00 p.m. The period of time to sign up to testify has concluded. However, all who signed up to testify yesterday before 10:00 p.m. will be able to testify tonight.

If you would like to watch the second night of the Public Hearing but are unable to attend, you can either watch it 'live' on Comcast channel 99 or Verizon channel 44, or you may watch it online through the Council's website linked here: <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us> If you missed last night's Public Hearing, the video archive will also be made available through that link soon. It may be some time before it is online due to the length of the session.

The Work Session for this legislation will be on Monday, January 23 at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the Work Session; however, no public testimony will be taken at that time. The agenda is not currently on the website, but it should be updated shortly and will be found through this link: <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Calendar/ModuleID/609/ItemID/1802/mct/EventDetails>

Thank you again for voicing your position to the County Council. The Councilperson Sigaty will take this and all public testimony into consideration as she evaluates this legislation.

Sincerely,

Julia

Julia Singleton

District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty

District 4

410-313-2001

From: Paul Brophy <pbrophy117@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:45:59 PM

To: Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Fox, Greg

Subject: Sanctuary Bill

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Please contact me if you want any further information

Paul Brophy
4504 Alpine Rose Bend, 21042
443-253-4191

Subject: Re CB 9...Just imagine..

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9:16:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: LINDA Wengel

To: Weinstein, Jon, cball@howardcountymd.gov, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Terrasa, Jen

the feelings of the many undocumented residents of Howard County as they listened to the disdain expressed by so many of their neighbors for their very presence in this county. Their numbers and level of resentment surprised me, but as I have been repeatedly told of late is that I live in a bubble and this is the real world. Not all of the arguments opposed to the bill were specious, but most either displayed ignorance of the elements of the legislation or were downright hostile to the plight of many in our immigrant population. I hope with some tweaking of the legislation, there will be four votes for it, as you all answer the question, "whose side are we on?" Thank you all for your patience and thoughtful consideration of this important vote. Linda Wengel
Sent from my iPad

Subject: in favor of sanctuary county

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:02:44 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jill F. Singleton

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear member of the council,

I am an ESOL teacher at Mt. Hebron High School, where all of my students would be helped by Howard County becoming a sanctuary county. In a world where those students - typical, normal teenagers facing steep challenges, but also with great potential - are sometimes made to feel unwelcome, it would send a profound message that they are welcome to blossom and contribute here.

Some of the students that I teach are undocumented. If you could read their essays and journals where they describe the wrenching conditions of their lives, you would understand why I am in favor of creating a place where they could grow up with some security and the chance to move in an orderly way toward regularizing their situations.

To become a Sanctuary County would be in step with the best ideals of Howard County.

Jill Singleton
ESOL teacher
Mt. Hebron High School

Subject: CB9-2017

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:41:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Richard Deutschmann

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: 'Vanessa Deutschmann'

Greetings Council Members Sigaty & Weinstein:

We are writing you in deep support of CB9-2017, the Sanctuary County bill. Our nation and our community is facing a new paradigm in the coming days and weeks. The level of division and hatred and vitriol is something we have not seen in decades. To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., hatred can only be overcome with love, darkness can only be overcome with light. Our undocumented friends are living in fear, right here in Howard County. ***This past weekend, I was privileged to hear from 2 undocumented college students visiting our church. They told their incredible stories, and communicated their desire to use their new skills to give back to their community, to lift up the oppressed wherever they may be. They are DACA recipients, and are now in unknown territory, with the very real possibility that their status could be rescinded in the near future.***

We stand for all people in our county to be able to come out of the shadows, to have a place they can call home, to become part of our civil society and contribute to its richness and diversity. We are also aware that many people do not contact public safety to report crime to themselves or others, in fear of being detained themselves. This can only exacerbate domestic violence and human predation. Howard County is better than this! We have lived in this county for 45 and 35 years, respectively. The county of Jim Rouse and Interfaith worship and where people of all colors and classes live side by side, should also be a county of inclusion, free of bigotry and hatred. CB9-2017 is a step in the right direction. It simply means that our county employees will not be in the business of federal immigration law enforcement. And hearing from the 2 young people mentioned above, would provide a great level of comfort and support to those who are living in fear.

We are asking for your affirmative vote on CB9-2017.

Thank you for your serious consideration and courage in voting on this bill!

Richard & Vanessa Deutschmann
9485 Hickory Limb
Columbia, MD 21045

Subject: Re: Re: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 11:19:46 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: lindaleslie@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Julia, thank you for responding to my correspondence. I appreciate that you are being flooded right now, and I'm sure the late hours listening to testimony have been exhausted.

While I haven't been able to attend the hearings in person due to previous commitments the past two nights, I have been following along on social media and online. I think one of my fellow citizens, Daniel Newberger, who I've never met, presented what might be the best summary of why I believe Mary Kay should support this legislation:

"Luckily, the citizens of Howard County have already made it very easy for you to choose your side. We have already told you which side to choose, and I don't mean the colored t-shirts in this room. In November's fateful election, the voters of Howard County resoundingly rejected the president-elect. Seventy-one percent of us rejected him. Seventy-one percent of us rejected his fear-mongering, and his hate-mongering, and his appeals to the worst aspects of our human nature. Seventy-one percent.

Mr. Kittleman should take heed. Even if half of that seventy-one percent stay home in two years, even if half of us don't show up and vote on Tuesday, November Sixth, 2018, we still will have the numbers to replace him with someone who reflects our values, the values we believe Howard County must continue to stand for.

Councilman Weinstein, sixty-two percent of District One voters rejected the president-elect, and his message of hate. Sixty-two percent, and that's not counting the early voting and absentee voting, for which we don't have breakdowns by district.

Councilwoman Sigaty, seventy-three percent of District Four voters rejected the president-elect. Seventy-three percent! The people of Districts One and Four, along with those of Districts Two and Three, have told this Council very clearly which side they must choose.

Even if this bill's opponents are correct that this legislation won't help those it wants to help – even if the facts support them, which the facts do not – but even supposing that they are correct, even supposing this bill is just symbolic, just words, even then, passing this bill is still the right thing to do. Because in today's America, more than ever, symbols matter. Words matter. Howard County needs to stand up and be counted. We need to tell the rest of the country that we have chosen a side. We are not afraid. We do not hate.

If this bill's opponents are correct, if Mr. Kittleman is correct, that passing this bill will put a target on Howard County, put us at risk of retaliation from the president-elect's government, I say – so be it. Authoritarian bullies make their threats to keep good people on the sidelines. They use ugly words to avoid having to perform ugly actions. If Howard County fails to act out of fear of reprisal, if you fail to act out of fear of losing federal funding, the president-elect's victory is even more complete. Because then he defeats us with just words, with just Tweets, without him having to raise a finger, without him having to spend his precious political capital on punishing us, without him having to further alienate others across the country. Let us choose our side, and force him to back up his ugly words with ugly deeds. If he does act, and the consequences are too high, you can always consider new legislation. Better for us to act and fail than to cower on the sidelines.

These are not ordinary times. All Americans must choose a side. The people of Howard County have already told you which side to choose. Please listen to us."

So I will echo his words and say, "Please listen to us."

Thanks again for your work in support of our district. - Linda

On 01/17/17, Sigaty, Mary Kay<mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Leslie,

On behalf of Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty, thank you for contacting the County Council regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Councilperson Sigaty has decided to thoroughly evaluate the legislation and public testimony before forming a final position on this bill. She is taking everything

into consideration as she prepares for tonight's Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

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Thank you again for expressing your position to the County Council.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: lindaleslie@verizon.net <lindaleslie@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 4:13:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Dear Council Members,

I am writing today to urge your support of Council Bill 9-2017. I had hoped to attend the hearing Tuesday evening to listen to testimony on the bill, but instead will be at our monthly scheduled Wilde Lake High School PTSA meeting.

In large part, it is my participation in the Wilde Lake community that has made me such a strong proponent of this legislation. The energy and creativity of this community, and the beauty of our student's vision for the future of our county and our country, make me a strong believer in our ability to bring together the diverse elements of our community (legal and undocumented) to build a better future.

I appreciate that some people are afraid that the legislation will put Federal support of the county at risk. I also appreciate that people have fears that the county will be inundated with dangerous criminals. However, I don't believe that these fears of what *might* happen outweigh our duty to do the right thing for the many Howard County residents who are quaking in fear at what the future might hold for them. I think especially of our students at Wilde Lake High School who may be here without proper documentation or who face the deportation of their parents and other family members. If we can't stand up for these most vulnerable members of our community, what does that say about our values here in Howard County?

I thank you in advance for the long hours you will put in to listening to my fellow citizens on this topic. I hope that as this dialog moves forward, we can also gain insight into the hopes and fears not just of the people who feel free to speak publicly, but also those who feel they must hide in the shadows. If we are truly #OneHoward, these voices are just as important.

Thank you. - Linda Leslie

Subject: THANK YOU - In support of CB9

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1:31:41 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nicole Dvorak

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Council Member Sigaty,

I want to thank you for listening to all the testimony that was given on CB9, a bill that I support. I was one of the last 3 people who gave testimony on the bill (and admittedly got a bit emotional at the end of my testimony), and I just wanted to further extend my thanks.

I have found [an online Change.org petition in support of the bill](#), which currently has **over 600** signatures. There is [an opposing Change.org petition](#) that currently only has about **140** signatures, which is very telling of the wide-spread support for this bill and that it IS wide-spread, despite a bunch of red signs at the meeting. Twenty red signs at a meeting clearly does not represent the 600 people who have signed this online petition in support of CB9.

All the best and with much appreciation,

Nicole Dvorak
9858 Lyon Ave., Laurel
[202-300-0898](tel:202-300-0898)

Subject: CB9 - Support

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 3:23:15 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: elizabeth moss

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I wanted to register my strong support for CB9. As a life long resident of howard county, the diversity and open arm community has been important value that convinced me to raise my children here. This bill shows the commitment of our county to everyone. It is important that the county reject policies that lead to fear and profiling. I hope that you will vote in support for CB9 to reinforce the ideals that Columbia was built upon.

elizabeth moss
swansfield road
columbia 21044

Subject: CB-9

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 3:54:48 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ann Ivester

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

I am writing to express support for CB-9 which will allow our local law enforcement officials to focus on keeping all of our residents safe regardless of their immigration status. I think all in our country agree that we are in grave need of immigration reform at the national level. Since this has not yet happened, we need to do something to protect those who are most vulnerable among us. The only suggested change to the bill that I would recommend is to strike the third and fourth "WHEREAS" clauses as they create a partisan divide when this should be a bi-partisan effort.

Ann M. Ivester

Subject: Support PBRC - Special Sponsorship Opportunity for 2017
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 4:03:33 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Jaclyn Jones
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

The Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland (PBRC) is very pleased to invite you to join us as a sponsor of our work and celebrate with a special **Sponsorship Reception featuring VIP guest Dean Strang, Esq.** from Netflix's hit series, *Making a Murderer* on **May 17, 2017**. Mr. Strang has been a champion for the disenfranchised and specifically for those wrongfully convicted. The Sponsorship Reception is a chance to meet Mr. Strang in person in a private setting.

If you choose to donate \$1,500 or more to PBRC for the year 2017, you are entitled to tickets to this very special Sponsorship Reception. Dean Strang will be our Keynote Speaker at our Maryland Partners for Justice Conference the next day (to which you will also receive tickets). The conference will feature former **Congresswoman Donna Edwards** during the opening plenary and seventeen (17) thought-provoking topics around the practice of law and access to justice.

PBRC kindly asks for your support at one of the sponsorship levels listed in the [sponsorship form](#) to help continue Maryland's momentum in ensuring equal access to legal services.

Your support will enhance the quality and profile of the legal profession while impacting the community in a very tangible and meaningful way. Beginning 2017 with supporting PBRC ensures that you will help us continue our work to promote equal access to justice for low-income Marylanders through our events like, the Partners for Justice Conference, our trainings, our legal clinics, and other services.

[Click here for more sponsorship details.](#)

Thank you in advance for doing your part.

Sincerely,

Sharon Goldsmith

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A new website where low income Marylanders can ask civil legal questions to volunteer lawyers for free.

Subject: CB-9

Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 at 10:49:41 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Becky Rendell

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am writing to you to express my support for CB-9. We need to fight all the anger and hate espoused by Donald Trump and support our law abiding county residents, who may or may not be citizens. Please vote for this bill.

Sincerely, Becky Rendell

Subject: Support for CB-9

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 8:49:34 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Vaughn Winchell

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

To the best of my knowledge, you have not yet taken a position on CB-9. I urge you to **support** legislation to ensure the safety and security of otherwise law-abiding undocumented immigrants in Howard County.

Vaughn Winchell
6549 River Run
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: CB9-2017

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 8:55:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jodi Brown

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am a resident of your district, and I am writing to voice my strong support for CB9. Please vote yes on this measure to help my fellow citizens feel safe. I would like to see our actions back up our words claiming to be One Howard.

Thank you,
Jodi Brown

Subject: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Support of Council Bill 9-2017
Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 1:16:03 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: IM_V
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

I would like to bring to your attention about a bill (CB-9) under consideration in Howard County Council. This bill protects county residents by establishing Howard County as a Sanctuary County. This means County employees, including police officers, would not inquire about one's immigration status or assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

For more information about the bill, click on the links below:

- [CB9-2017](#)
- [FAQs for CB9-2017](#)
- [Councilman Calvin Ball and Councilwoman Jen Terrasa Respond to Statement by Executive Kittleman Regarding CB-9](#)

It is important that you as a citizen of Howard County Council must let your elected representative know your position about CB-9 bill. You can do so by sending an email to the following email addresses. Since the bill is currently under consideration and hearings are taking place, it is important that you send this email ASAP.

councilmail@howardcountymd.gov &
akittleman@howardcountymd.gov

I request that you ask the County Council for support of CB-9. You can use the text below as your email.

Irfan Malik

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

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,

Your Name & Address

Subject: Urge to support CB9

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 2:19:24 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Meghna Lipcon

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hello,

I have been a resident of North Laurel since 2001. As a fellow Hopkins graduate and educator, I am writing to you to support the CB9 Sanctuary County Bill. As a teacher, I have taught many students from all over the world, documented and undocumented. The people who come here are here to work hard and give back to their community- seeking a better life and trying to make it. There is evidence that being a sanctuary city does not increase crime and honestly, the vision of Columbia fits with welcoming all in a society for all. I hope you can vote in favor of this bill- it is the right thing to do!

Thank you,
Meghna Lipcon

Subject: Tonight's work session

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:02:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jen Hayashi

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

I've written to you before in support of CB9 and I respect your position of withholding judgment until you've heard as many viewpoints as possible. Tonight in particular I appreciated your balanced approach and clear articulation of the dog-whistle references to racial profiling, as well as the personal attacks on all council members who are not preemptively anti-CB9. Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to serving the public good.

Jen Hayashi
Running Brook

Subject: In Support of CB9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 8:11:19 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Angela Alt

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Priority: High

Dear Council Member Sigaty-

I am a seven year resident of Howard County writing to urge you to support CB9-2017. Howard County is comprised of immigrants from allover the world who contribute to our community's social vitality, cultural richness, and economic strength. They deserve sanctuary protection and Howard County should continue it's long-standing role of strong leadership on matters such as this. Thank you.

Sincerely-
Angela Alt

Subject: Support of CB-9

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 11:48:02 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Laura Blair

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms Sigaty,

I just wanted to ask for your support of CB-9. It is important in a political climate of xenophobia that cities and counties declare themselves to be places of sanctuary for immigrants.

Thank you,

Laura Blair
10852 Hilltop Lane
Columbia 21044

Subject: Re: Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia
Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 12:20:26 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Tina Horn
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Mary Kay,

Thanks so much for your reasonable and sensible questions yesterday evening. I really am grateful for them in the face of, well, other behavior.

I am very hopeful that I'll get to see you again on Sunday afternoon at the PATH action at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. To use your words, It'll be a kinder and gentler gathering.

Thank you for your courage in wrestling with questions that will set the legacy of this community.

Tina Horn

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Tina Horn
Subject: Re: Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia

Tina,

I appreciate your counsel on Council Bill 9-2017 as I evaluate all of the testimony.

Enjoy the summer-like weather today.....MK

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Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council Member
District 4
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

From: Tina Horn <TinaHorn_CAE@hotmail.com>
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 1:40 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Vote Yes on CB9 to Protect our Investment in Downtown Columbia

Millennials are more in favor of in-state college tuition for qualified children of undocumented immigrants

(57 percent) than the general population (44 percent).

We want Millennials to stay in Howard County to protect our investment in Downtown Columbia and to raise their families here.

Source: https://opportunityagenda.org/millennials_attitudes_immigrants

Millennials' Attitudes Toward Immigrants and Immigration ...

opportunityagenda.org

Read this report on your web browser (Scribd) Download full report (PDF) This study analyzes existing public opinion research from 2006–2011 regarding attitudes of ...

Please vote yes on CB9.

Sincerely,

Christine (Tina) Horn
10509 Tolling Clock Way
Columbia MD 21044

Subject: CB-9

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:15:27 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: lindaleslie@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

I've been following the testimony on CB-9 closely, although I haven't been able to attend the hearings in person. I was pleased to read your comment in today's Sun outlining the policy question the Council must address: Should the county pass a bill that codifies its existing practices or is what the county already does good enough? I would agree that this is a crucial question, and the reason I would agree is what I have witnessed in these public hearings and on social media. I believe passing CB-9 is so important because it provides us an opportunity to publicly affirm our beliefs - not just with words, but with law. This sends an important message not just to those who are so vocal in their hatred, but also those who live in fear. Thank you for your consideration. - Linda Leslie

Subject: CB 9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 10:16:33 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Howard & Linda Feldmesser

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilwoman Sigaty,

I write this email to urge you to vote in favor of CB 9. It is a good law, just as the policy it codifies is a good policy. But, unlike a policy, it cannot be eliminated with the stroke of a pen.

This bill make Howard County safer for all its residents. Those of our neighbors who are preyed upon because of their immigration status currently feel they cannot seek police protection. If they know that the police only have their safety in mind, they will feel protected. If they think the police will take some action that will cause them harm, they will be vulnerable. (As a side point, the vitriolic testimony of some against this bill indicates the level of danger the immigrants face.) We all need the Howard County Police to keep us safe. Never should any of us think they will allow us to become victims.

Please do not pay serious attention to those who believe that this law will open the County to harm or force our Police to violate laws. These scenarios are not true according to lawyers I've listened to.

We will all be safer and Howard County will be an even better place to live and work if CB 9 becomes law.

Thanks for your attention and for all you for all of us in Howard County.

Howard

Howard Feldmesser
Columbia

Subject: Council Bill 9-2017

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 8:09:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Howard & Linda Feldmesser

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

First Name: Linda
Last Name: Feldmesser
Email: lhfeld@verizon.net
Street Address: 5129 Darting Bird Lane
City: Columbia
Subject: Council Bill 9-2017

Message: I write this email to urge you to vote in favor of CB 9. It is a good law, just as the policy it codifies is a good policy. But, unlike a policy, it cannot be eliminated with the stroke of a pen. This bill make Howard County safer for all its residents. Those of our neighbors who are preyed upon because of their immigration status currently feel they cannot seek police protection. If they know that the police only have their safety in mind, they will feel protected. If they think the police will take some action that will cause them harm, they will be vulnerable. (As a side point, the vitriolic testimony of some against this bill indicates the level of danger the immigrants face.) We all need the Howard County Police to keep us safe. Never should any of us think they will allow us to become victims. Please do not pay serious attention to those who believe that this law will open the County to harm or force our Police to violate laws. These scenarios are not true according to lawyers I've listened to. We will all be safer and Howard County will be an even better place to live and work if CB 9 becomes law. Thanks for your attention.

Subject: Sanctuary County

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11:04:35 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: peterportez@comcast.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing you to let you know that I strongly support efforts to make Howard county a so-called "sanctuary" county.

Sincerely,

Peter Muncie
10354 Sixpence Circle
Columbia

Subject: Support for CB9

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11:07:27 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: donbri12@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

I am a resident of Howard County and live in District 4. I urge you to support CB 9-2017. This legislation would help Howard County remain a place that supports diversity and inclusion, and where everyone is respected regardless of race, ethnicity or immigration status.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding my support for this bill or if I can help you further the county's efforts to create and sustain its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Carolyn M. Taylor
8224 Crest Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Subject: Council Bill 9-2017

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 2:42:20 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Kelly Lee

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thanks for your service on our county council. I am a neighbor in your district and reside in Clary's Forest on Snow Patch Way. My kids attend Swansfield ES and Wilde Lake HS. I'm writing to let you know that I and my family strongly support our immigrant neighbors and the sanctuary county bill under consideration. We are guided by values of love and care for all people. We know many undocumented immigrants in our community, many of whom came as children, and consider them assets to our community in every way. They are neighbors, workers, taxpayers. They are our friends. In this time of divisive rhetoric and very real policy implications, these folks are frightened. We must let them know they are valued and welcome here.

Kelly Klinefelter Lee

kellyklinefelterlee@icloud.com

Subject: Sanctuary County

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 4:03:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Andre Barnett

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I hope you will support legislation that would make Howard County a sanctuary county. I am truly disturbed by blatant racism exhibited by the anti-sanctuary residents.

I've lived in Columbia for almost 14 years. It's not the welcoming, open-minded, hospitable community I thought it would be. Because I work full time, have a part-time business, and am my mother's caregiver, it is difficult for me to attend meetings. I must say that I was ashamed of the news account describing the bigotry at the last council meeting.

I hope you will not succumb to pressure and side with hate and narrow-mindedness.

Best wishes,

Ms. Andre Mack Barnett

5105 Starsplit Lane Columbia, MD 21044 443-691-6864

Subject: Make HoCo a sanctuary county

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10:42:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Vaughn Winchell

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I want to see Howard County take a brave and compassionate stand like these cities:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/sanctuary-cities-undaunted-by-trump-move-to-cut-funding/2017/01/25/f7fb24f6-e35c-11e6-a419-eefe8eff0835_story.html?utm_term=.af91a63d3926.

A. Vaughn Winchell
6549 River Run
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: SANCTUARY BILL

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 8:09:53 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Paul Brophy

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Terrasa, Jen, Ball, Calvin B

Dear Council Members:

I write to implore you not to be cowed by Trump's threats to Sanctuary jurisdictions as you prepare to vote on our bill.

If enacting this bill results in the loss of federal funds, so be it. As one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, we can bear the loss.

The most important element of this legislation is that it protects who we are as a community--open, welcoming to the stranger, diverse. These are the values Jim Rouse brought to Howard County when he founded Columbia. These are the values that have endured.

I would be most proud of us if we became the first local jurisdiction to declare Sanctuary during the Trump administration. Approval of this bill may give fortitude to many other jurisdictions to take the same path of resistance to Trump's executive action.

If you need fortitude, here is Rahm Emanuel statement quoted in today's New York Times:

In Chicago, Mayor Rahm Emanuel declared: "I want to be clear: We're going to stay a sanctuary city. There is no stranger among us. Whether you're from Poland or Pakistan, whether you're from Ireland or India or Israel and whether you're from Mexico or Moldova, where my grandfather came from, you are welcome in Chicago as you pursue the American dream."

Sincerely,

Paul Brophy

Subject: Support for CB9

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 8:16:20 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: donbri12@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

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Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding my support for this bill or if I can help you further the county's efforts to create and sustain its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Carolyn M. Taylor
8224 Crest Road
Laurel, MD 20723

Subject: Re: CB-9

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:30:37 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Christiana Mercer Rigby

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thanks Julia - it's always nice to hear back!

On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 5:13 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Rigby,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are thoughtful and measured. Further, they reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
[410-313-2001](tel:410-313-2001)

From: Christiana Mercer Rigby <christianamercer@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 4:25:09 PM

To: CouncilMail

Subject: CB-9

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 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

Subject: Sanctuary County

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 9:24:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dorothy Wang

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty,

I would like to share my support for the sanctuary bill for Howard County- CB9-2017. Even though Donald Trump has threatened to take away federal grants and funding from sanctuary cities, I believe that it is now more important than ever to stand up for what is right- human empathy and kindness. It's not just a "hollow political statement", it's a firm and brave stance on what we believe and value in Howard County. I grew up in a diverse area and I'm very proud of the person my community has shaped me to be. Allowing me to interact with various people of different ethnicity and cultures pushed me into being a better person and trying to change the world in my own way, for the equality of all human beings.

I'm a recent RPCV (returned Peace Corps Volunteer) and I graduated with a degree in TESOL. Before I left, I enjoyed working with immigrant children and their families. I got to hear their stories. I loved my students. They come from hard working families and they have dreams and aspirations too. I learned about their pain and frustrations. And I know that this bill will help ease their fears.

Honestly, one case of an "undocumented immigrant" committing a sin does not justify encroaching on the right of +/- 11,000 Howard County residents. They deserve to feel safe. They deserve to be able to keep their families together. I had one student back in 2013-14 who was born in the US. He was the oldest of all of his siblings, and his parents were undocumented immigrants. His father, who was the only member of the family with an income, was in the process of being deported. My student was in 6th grade, and was now essentially forced to become the "man of the house". Now, tell me. What happens to that family of 6? How will they get food now? How do you think this affects the future of my student? What are the chances that he will have the opportunity and privilege to complete his education?

There is no easy solution. But there is basic human decency and empathy wherein people support one another in difficult times. In the Philippines, we had a word for this- "Bayanihan". In the past, when houses in the Philippines were stilted and made of bamboo and nipa, communities would come together and move entire houses before a large storm came on land. It was an amazing feat. When I lived in the Philippines, I experienced this as well. After a strong typhoon, Filipinos will be out early the next morning, 4-5am, clearing out the roads, helping their neighbors, making sure everyone was safe and had basic necessities. I had a complete stranger help take apart the roofing on my porch which had torn away in the storm. We need to support each other because a community who is accepting and protective of all it's residents is a community that is strong and resilient.

The Center for American Progress released a report Thursday that found

- There are, on average, 35.5 fewer crimes committed per 10,000 people in sanctuary counties compared to nonsanctuary counties.
- Median household annual income is, on average, \$4,353 higher in sanctuary counties compared to nonsanctuary counties.
- The poverty rate is 2.3 percent lower, on average, in sanctuary counties compared to nonsanctuary counties.
- Unemployment is, on average, 1.1 percent lower in sanctuary counties compared to nonsanctuary counties.
- While the results hold true across sanctuary jurisdictions, the sanctuary counties with the smallest populations see the most pronounced effects.

Becoming a sanctuary county can only be beneficial to Howard County and it's residents. Frankly, I think forcing/blackmailing small local governments to give up information about their residents seems very illegal (breaks the 10th constitutional amendment), is slightly horrifying, and kind of like the beginning of a dystopian movie.

Please, consider the lives of the residents in your district. Especially the people of Wilde Lake, Clarksville (where I grew up), Columbia, etc... who I know and regard with fondness.

They are human beings. They are not "illegals". Illegals is NOT a noun. It is not an adjective. Human beings can not be illegal. We deserve to be allowed to live and breath and struggle through this maze called "life". Most of all, we need bayanihan- to support each other and walk through each others shoes. Not many people understand that. Being a good councilwoman means that you must be empathetic and understand the stories of all of the people- not just the outspoken ones who have the privilege to be able to speak out. So for my students, past and future. I want to speak out and say that they deserve to feel safe. They deserve basic human decency and protection.

Thank you for your time,

Dorothy Wang.

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Dorothy Wang

US Peace Corps Volunteer
Sorsogon East Central School
Sorsogon City, Philippines
2014-2016
(999)723-7954

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Subject: Re: Support for CB-9

Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 at 10:49:02 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Vaughn Winchell

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

No worries, Julia. Given recent events in politics, this comes extremely far down the list of things I want to get worked up about.

VW

On Jan 27, 2017 10:46 AM, "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Winchell,

I apologize for the mistake.

Have a great day,

Julia

Julia Singleton

District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty

District 4

[410-313-2001](tel:410-313-2001)

From: Vaughn Winchell <vaughn.winchell@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:48:24 PM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Subject: Re: Support for CB-9

Mr. Winchell, but I get that a lot.

On Jan 26, 2017 4:53 PM, "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Winchell,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are thoughtful and measured. Further, they reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Vaughn Winchell <vaughn.winchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 8:49:34 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Support for CB-9

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

To the best of my knowledge, you have not yet taken a position on CB-9. I urge you to **support** legislation to ensure the safety and security of otherwise law-abiding undocumented immigrants in Howard County.

Vaughn Winchell
6549 River Run
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: RE: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1:00:36 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Leslie Salgado
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Julia,

I appreciate your response and especially the questions/comments Councilwoman Sigaty raised last Monday during the work session. She appeared to be truly interested in understanding the plight of new immigrants in our community. The presence of the YES supporters was rather low during that session, very likely because most were working and/or they were scared to show up to a public forum.

Vote YES to CB9-2017

Sincerely,

Leslie Salgado, Chair
Howard County Friends of Latin America

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay [mailto:mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:18 PM
To: cuba_is_hope@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

Good afternoon Ms. Salgado,

Thank you for contacting Councilperson Sigaty regarding your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are insightful and measured. Further, they represent the community that Howard County strives to be: one that is inclusive, safe, and encourages diversity and wellness for all. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues continue their work on Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: cuba_is_hope@comcast.net <cuba_is_hope@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:27:38 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

Leslie Salgado
6336 Sandchain Road
Columbia, MD 21045-4522

January 23, 2017

Mary Kay Sigaty
Councilmember

Mary Kay Sigaty:

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 recommitts 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.

Sincerely,

Leslie Salgado
410-381-4899

Subject: CB9-2017

Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 at 6:38:50 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Susan Garner

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hi Mary Kay,

This is Sue Garner and my wife and I live in your district. We both strongly support CB9-2017 and hope we have your support as well. This bill represents the kindness and humanity of Howard County and it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for all you do for our County.

Best,

Susan Garner and Virginia Browne
5669 Harpers Farm Road, Unit B
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Sanctuary City Proposal

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 1:16:13 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Alison Gocke

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

My name is Alison Gocke and I am a resident and voter of Howard County. I am writing to you because I understand that Howard County County Council is currently considering a proposal to become a sanctuary city for undocumented immigrants who have not committed other crimes and who otherwise pose no threat to our communities. I want you to know that I fully support becoming a sanctuary city.

As I'm sure you know, America is a country of immigrants. My family immigrated from eastern Europe in the early 20th century. In fact, my mother's side of the family is from Hungary, and many of them fled to the United States during the Holocaust. I am here today because of their ability to create a new life in the United States where they could raise a family, build a community, and contribute to the economy and fabric of America.

I believe we owe the same compassion and kindness to those who search for the American Dream today. I understand that our immigration system is not perfect, and that we want people to proceed in an orderly and lawful manner when they enter our country. But for those who are here already, who have built roots here and have families here and make up an important part of our communities, they should have the ability to stay. And I think Howard County has the chance to stand up for those values of inclusion and kindness and economic opportunity right now, and say that we will protect our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues, and our families.

I understand that there is some question over whether sanctuary cities are legal under the Constitution. I know that President Trump has issued an executive order banning them. But I don't think that should dissuade us. I am actually a law student, and I believe the law on this issue is unclear. As long as there is an argument to be made that Howard County has the sovereign right to protect its citizens, then I believe we should make that argument. As my mother has always taught me, the right thing to do is not always the easiest thing to do. But that doesn't give you an excuse not to do it.

I hope that you agree with me, and that you will fight to become a sanctuary city (knowing that your constituents back you in this effort!). I should also say that I have been a Maryland voter for many years, and that I will be keeping a very close eye on how all of my elected officials act in the coming months and years. I am ready to see some politicians stand up for values and basic morality--and I will vote for those who do.

Thank you for your service to Howard County and your dedication as a public servant. Please feel free to contact me at adgocke@gmail.com or 443-472-2036 if you have any questions or comments for me.

Warmest regards,
Alison

Subject: Please support Council Bill 9-2017

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 8:31:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Brooke Denmark

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Clay, Mary

Dear Council Member Sigaty,

I am a resident of your district and I am writing to ask you to support Council Bill 9-2017. I have worked on immigration issues for many years and I am very concerned about the current climate and recent policy changes on a national level. Contrary to what some who oppose this bill argue, I believe that Council Bill 9 will make all residents of Howard County safer. I have worked with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault who are afraid to go to the police to report these crimes because they are afraid that they will be deported. Council Bill 9 will help strengthen the trust between law enforcement and local communities so that they can work together to fight crime. ICE may still act to enforce immigration law, but it is imperative that local law enforcement maintain positive relations with the community so that victims and witnesses feel that they can still go to the police.

Also contrary to what some who oppose this bill may argue, several studies have found that undocumented immigrants are actually less likely to commit crimes than U.S. citizens and that many of the "crimes" that immigrants have been convicted of are immigration related [offenses](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/26/us/trump-illegal-immigrants-crime.html?_r=0). as this recent New York Times article details: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/26/us/trump-illegal-immigrants-crime.html?_r=0

In recent months there has been an increase in open discrimination and hate crimes against people of color, immigrants and Muslims. There may be an even greater need now than ever for immigrants to feel safe to work with police. I grew up in Columbia with the message that it was a town built to be inclusive and foster diversity. Passing this bill will uphold Columbia's core values.

Please vote to support Council Bill 9-2017. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Brooke Denmark
12127 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: please pass CB-9 and overturn any vetos

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 12:22:12 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Leah Miller

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

As a resident of your district, I strongly urge you to pass CB-9 and overturn any veto by the County Executive and make it illegal in Howard County for police officers or government officials to demand anyone's immigration status. This legislation will make it safer for undocumented people to report crimes and will therefore make our community safer. If the federal government cut funding in response, it would be less than 1% of the County's budget. Also, it is unlikely the federal government would be able to cut the County's budget as federal courts have ruled that local jurisdictions are not required to follow the federal immigration demands.

Please keep our community safe - and welcoming. Please support CB-9 and do everything you can to make sure it passes and any veto is overturned.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Leah Miller

10873 Braeburn Rd.

Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Please support CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10:49:32 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Anne Hirshfield

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty, As one of your constituents, I strongly urge you to support the passage of CB9. In these times, strong moral leadership is needed to counteract the deluge of hate and discrimination being directed at the most vulnerable among us. I look to my local and national elected representatives to demonstrate, through word and deed, our nation's core principles of liberty and justice for all.

Very truly yours, Anne N. Hirshfield, 10277 Wilde Lake Terrace, Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Support CB9-2017

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 2:19:10 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: David Alt

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Council Member Weinstein-

I am a seven year resident of Howard County writing to urge you to support CB9-2017. Howard County is comprised of immigrants from allover the world who contribute to our community's social vitality, cultural richness, and economic strength. They deserve sanctuary protection and Howard County should continue it's long-standing role of strong leadership on matters such as this. Thank you.

Sincerely-

David Alt

Subject: CB-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:27:56 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: mccverizon

To: Weinstein, Jon

CC: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilman Weinstein,

I've thought long and hard about this bill. I've read the arguments for and against it. At first I could not understand why we needed to codify that which we already do. It seemed short-sighted to risk federal funding to state what we already practice.

This week has changed my mind. I absolutely believe that we need to draw a line in the sand, to codify what we believe, to be clear in our intentions that we are an inclusive community. We can not remain silent in the face of all that is happening within our nation. As the great granddaughter of Irish immigrants to Boston and great-great granddaughter of Irish immigrants to Baltimore, I believe in America's promise and I resist sanctions that close our doors and our hearts to those in need and I resist actions borne of fear and not fact. As our landscape shifts, **inaction is no longer an option**. As my representative, I hope you will support CB-9 and stand with me in resolve and determination to protect the rights of immigrants.

Sincerely,

Mary Catherine Cochran
10269 Tuscany Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Subject: Please support CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5:24:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jenny Fetters

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

I am emailing you to urge you to support making Howard County a sanctuary county through the bill CB9. The immigrant community desperately needs our protection and support. As an adjunct instructor in the English Language Center at Howard Community College, I work with members of this community first-hand and am familiar with their struggles, hopes, and dreams. All of my students work, send their children to our schools, pay their taxes, and spend long hours learning English so they can assimilate into our culture.

Please vote for this bill. If it gets vetoed, please be one of the four who override it.

Sincerely,

-Jenny Fetters

11614 Sun Circle Way

Columbia, MD

Subject: In favor CB-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5:54:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: hector Aguilera

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

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

May God bless all Howard Conty citizens and that our county politicians make the right decisions for the betterment of all citizens of the county.

God bless everyone

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Pro CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5:56:48 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Maggie Lewis

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Kittleman, Allan

Councilwoman Sigaty,

My name is Maggie Lewis, I am a resident of your district, and interned with councilwoman Terrasa last year. I urge you to vote in favor of CB9-2017. Howard County and Maryland as a whole need to be standing together in solidarity as a force of peace and acceptance. By designating Howard County as a Sanctuary County, we will be upholding the standards of respect and equality that our country has thrived on for decades. There will never be a good enough reason to marginalize fellow human beings based on race, ethnicity, or immigration status. Please follow Council members Ball and Terrasa, and vote to make Howard County a sanctuary for those in need of protection during this time of uncertainty and fearfulness. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Maggie Lewis

Subject: In favor cb9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5:57:46 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Elias Murillo

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am resident of Howard County

Subject: CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:08:25 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mary Donegan

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Please please vote for this CB 9 bill. Prove to me your loyalties are not to the business community, as I've heard.....not the people.

Mary

Sent from my iPad

Subject: In favor cb-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:16:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: hector aguilera

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am a resident of Howard County

Subject: in favor cb-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:17:38 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Melissa Rosa

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am resident of Howard County

Subject: Sanctuary County

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:17:45 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Hannah Whitney

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I strongly, very strongly ask the you support making Howard County a Sanctuary County.

The vast majority of immigrants, both documented and not, bring their abilities, skills and commitment to freedom. Yes, there are some who cause problems, but I am far more concerned about the American citizens who cheat, steal and lie their way to the top than any immigrant.

Howard County has far more pressing problems than immigrants. Our schools need far more attention, domestic abuse is still a pressing issue, traffic/transportation issues are increasing and many others. The immigrants of this county need help in becoming citizens, support in finding jobs and adjusting to their new lives. They should not have to live in fear every time they see a policeman.

Hannah Whitney
7475 Swan Point Way
Columbia, MD 21045
Hannahw49@gmail.com
202-215-6113

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Fwd: Sanctuary bill support

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:46:47 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Graham Getty

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Mary Kay,

District 4 for Sanctuary. If you look far enough,
we are all immigrants. We are stronger together.

Please support this bill.

E pluribus unum,

-graham

--

Graham Getty
410-660-9536
getty.graham@gmail.com

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

From: Graham Getty <getty.graham@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 29, 2017 at 5:58 PM

Subject: Sanctuary bill support

To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>

Hello, my name is Graham Getty I am a Howard county resident and I support making Howard County a sanctuary county. I believe my neighbors should never fear going to the police or any other government official.

E pluribus unum,

-graham

--

Graham Getty
410-660-9536
getty.graham@gmail.com

Subject: In support of CB-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:55:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Erin Leland

To: Weinstein, Jon, Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Fox, Greg

Hello. My name is Erin Leland, and I am a resident of Elliott City. I support making Howard County a sanctuary city. I believe that my neighbors should never fear going to the police or any other government employee.

~Erin Leland

Subject: Bill CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:07:50 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Elizabeth Munn

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Elizabeth Munn

I write to encourage you to vote for this bill. As a very long time resident and voter, I believe it will prove that the people of this county, most of whom are or have been immigrants want to care and welcome them to this Sanctuary County.

Please.....do this.

Elizabeth Munn
5395 Mad River Lane, Columbia. MD 21044

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Yes to CB9 bill

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:30:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nadia Ali

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I support the CB9 bill and urge you as my district councilman to vote in favor of this bill.

Nadia Ali

Cedar oaks lane, Columbia MD 21044

Subject: CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:30:28 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jason Wilson

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman,

I'm writing to express my support of efforts to establish Howard County as a Sanctuary County and, as one of your constituents, ask that you vote in favor of the legislation.

Thank you.

Jason Wilson

Subject: CB-9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:35:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Tracey Davidson

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

I implore you to support CB-9. Now, more than ever, it is important to stand up for what is right.

Sincerely,
Tracey Davidson
West Friendship, MD

Subject: Vote FOR CB9

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:44:47 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Bonnie Sorak

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I just came from visiting the Holocaust Museum with my 12 year old today. Howard County must stand up to protect civil rights. We can still be safe as our law enforcement is the best. Our principles are worth the small sum of funds we could loose - - and might loose anyway. Community needs to stick together.

Bonnie Sorak
bssorak@yahoo.com
410-465-0427 Home
443-799-0349 Cell

Subject: Sanctuary

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10:27:58 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Katherine Farrell

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms Sigaty,

I'm sure you have heard from many people about the issue of whether to declare Howard County a sanctuary jurisdiction. Let me add my voice in favor as a former health official. I have heard many other reasons such as the fear that those of our neighbors who entered to country illegally might fear to report crime or fail to cooperate with government agencies. Crime tends to rise when there is distrust of government and especially police.

However there is another concern. In my role as former Deputy Health Officer in Anne Arundel county I had the honor to serve many families who chose this country as their home and contribute greatly to our community. Some had suffered greatly, others had been raised in poverty and their health was also poor. As you know health care is not a right in our country and most of them continue to lack health care. The health department has responsibility to protect the community from the spread of communicable disease and it is a major problem if people who are sick are also afraid to cooperate with public health measures.

As a community I think we should be welcoming and open and that diversity is our strength but i realize that more pragmatic arguments must also be made.

Please recognize that those of us who are American by choice rather than by accident of birth may love this country as much if not more. I was recruited to come here from Ireland in 1973 and have worked untiringly for Maryland. I am retired now but spent 33 years of my life in state service. I was welcomed and I hate to see others treated as less than human simply because they were not so lucky.

Please vote to preserve this little bastion of tolerance and diversity at a time when many are turning their back on these dreamers and doers. They are the key to our future and a reminder that we are all part of that great experiment that is America, a nation built by and for immigrants. If we close the door to immigrants, and fail to value them, we will stagnate and lose so much that makes this country strong.

Please vote to keep Howard a sanctuary county

With respect,
Katherine Farrell MD MPH

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: CB-9: FOR Sanctuary Status
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 1:14:29 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Andrew Brown
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov, Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

To my Council Representatives:

As a Howard County resident, it is extremely important to me that my neighbors should feel safe and welcome in their own homes, regardless of their nationality, cultural background, or immigration status. I would beg to differ with the opposition's claims that illegal immigrants should "go back," or "enter legally," as they do not deserve this abusive treatment. Most illegal immigrants have entered legally, but overstayed their visa. In many cases, they are trying to obtain legal status, but are unable to for many reasons, not least of which includes a broken immigration system that takes far too long.

To the main point, however, those living in our county already enjoy the benefit of not being harassed by County Police officials about their immigration status, and it will not be checked, unless the person in question has committed a crime ("**Suspected** Illegal Immigration" is NOT one of them). Since Howard County residents do not need to worry about this particular form of harassment, I believe it is in the county's best interest to enact this as law, and adopt the resolution to make Howard County a "Sanctuary County." The changes to actual county policy are nil, and will cost nothing. The benefits are many, including advertising to the public at large that we are accepting of people of color, as a whole, and will not question immigration status in the course of reporting a crime or getting help from a county official in any capacity. The greatest drawback will be drawing ire from white nationalists.

Republicans should approve of this legislation, as they believe that the Federal government should have limited power over local governments.

Democrats and Independents should approve of this legislation, as they would want to protect county residents from being stopped for no reason, as happened in Harford County

(<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aegis/ph-ag-immigration-0127-20170126-story.html>).

Everyone should approve of this legislation for the cost-saving measures of not forcing the County Police to do the job of a Federal agency (ICE).

As this legislation does not impede the job of ICE or any Federal agency, and improves the trust between the community and the police force, I hereby approve of the legislation, and wish everyone to be completely informed before making their decision.

Thank you for your time.

--Andrew L. Brown
Hickory Ridge
Columbia, MD

Subject: CB 9

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 1:19:01 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Bebe Price

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I encourage your unstinting support for CB9--Howard County Sanctuary bill.
We must not be afraid .

Bebe Drew Price

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: (none)

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:24:10 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Marilyn Elprin

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Please vote for the bill CB9. Thank you.

Marilyn Elprin
10567 Tolling Clock Way
Columbia, MD 21044

Sent from my iPad

Subject: CB 9

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 8:21:38 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Rae Tyler Millman

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Category: Logged for Margie

Mary Kay, I urge you to stand up for the values that Jim Rouse founded Columbia upon and vote for CB9 and make HC a sanctuary county. Thank you. Rae

Have a great day! Rae

Sent from my iPad

Subject: CB-9 Yes

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 8:28:26 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: lindaleslie@verizon.net

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen, Fox, Greg

Dear Jon and Mary Kay,

I had the pleasure yesterday of meeting with over 1,100 fellow PATH members to discuss our community's support of CB-9. I am sorry you were not able to be in attendance, although I understand our absence. I do hope you are hearing from us in force so we can share the passion and positive energy that was in the room yesterday. After so much vitriol, it was truly a balm for the soul. Having watched the hearings online, I can't even imagine how exhausting this process has been for you. I pray for all of you as you weigh this decision. I also take comfort in the words of MLK, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

Sincerely,

Linda Lammert Leslie

Columbia

Subject: Please Support Howard County Bill 9-2017 Howard Sanctuary
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:16:08 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: KENNETH WALSH
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

Below is a copy of an email I just sent to the councilmail. However, I want to also communicate directly with you because you are my councilwoman. And because I voted for you every time, even when you lost because I admire your life's previous work. You are someone who has long worked on behalf of others. I encourage you to vote for Council Bill 9-2017 because it sends a much needed message of caring for each other.

Here's my email to the entire Council and my concerns:

This is Kenneth Walsh, a 46 year resident of Columbia, MD, writing to encourage you to support the Howard County Sanctuary Bill because it sends a much needed message to our residents that we support each other. Let the feds resolve the immigration issues that developed over the past 30 years. Meanwhile, show all those in Howard County that we are a community that cares for each other. I understand the bill is consistent with current police practices which I do not seek to change. I am not concerned with the President's threat to cut off funding. We are not proposing to do anything wrong. It's time to show some caring leadership. I hope you will concur and vote for Council Bill 1-2017.

If not, I hope you will find in your heart a way to show support to those who feel at risk. I am about to leave this morning for my first French class this semester at Howard Community College, French 102. A quarter of my previous class, French 101, (about 6 students in their late teens and early 20s) already have some proficiency in French. When asked why they were in the class, they mentioned that their parents are West African and the Caribbean immigrants who speak French at home. While they have picked up the oral French, they do not know how to read or write it. Although my classmates were born here, they are distraught that one or both of their parents who work and pay taxes may be deported. You cannot imagine their anguish. I plan to let them know today that I am concerned about them and that I wrote to you. Please consider their story, too.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Walsh

11141 Wood Elves Way

Columbia, MD 21044-1001

Subject: Greetings Mary Kay
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:55:13 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Jason Booms
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
CC: Clay, Mary
Category: Logged for Margie

Hope all finds you well.

Chiming in with my support for CB-9, which you probably already knew from my posts on the subject.

(Hi Mary!)

All the best,

Jason

Subject: CB9
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:34:16 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Traci
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Councilwoman Sigaty,

I would like to respectfully ask you to support CB9 when it comes up for a vote in February. Howard County is a beautiful, diverse county. The diversity is what makes our home such an amazing place to live. Howard County can be a model for other parts of the state and country for how diversity is celebrated. This is so important, especially in light of recent national events. Please support our neighbors. We are a county of inclusivity and do not want to be a county ruled by fear. There is no doubt that CB9 has humanity and decency on its side. I sincerely hope that you can see this and make the right choice.

Thank you.
Traci Barnhart
Ellicott City, MD

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Fwd: The Washington Post: Mr. Trump is picking a fight with urban America over sanctuary cities

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 11:41:35 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mj Monck

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

I support CB-9!

I wrote to you before and have also sent an email to the main Council address, but I wanted to be sure you saw this.

I thought you might like this story from The Washington Post. Trump is on legally shaky ground when it comes to withholding federal funds. Additionally, the wording of our bill allows for Howard county to turn over criminals to federal agencies.

Mr. Trump is picking a fight with urban America over sanctuary cities
Demands that local authorities enforce federal immigration law are legally shaky.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/mr-trump-is-picking-a-fight-with-urban-america-over-sanctuary-cities/2017/01/29/ae4013ee-e415-11e6-a547-5fb9411d332c_story.html

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: CB9

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 2:55:12 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: cfisherdem@comcast.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am well, thanks.

I have faith in my representatives to vote their conscience for the county as a whole.

Thanks for the quick response.

From: "Mary Kay Sigaty" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>

To: cfisherdem@comcast.net

Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:21:51 PM

Subject: Re: CB9

Good afternoon Carole,

I hope that you are well.

I appreciate your input on Council Bill 9-2017. Agreed, the recent Executive Orders and public responses to those documents reinforce my concerns about the people living in our country. My colleagues and I are carefully considering the subject matter of this legislation and it is my hope that we will find a solution that is in the best interest of everyone in the county.

Thanks.....MK

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Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council Member
District 4
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

From: "cfisherdem@comcast.net" <cfisherdem@comcast.net>
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 2:07 PM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB9

I am writing in support of CB9, a sanctuary bill. Surely the events of this past weekend lend even more credibility to this effort.
My hope is the Council can work together to form a bill acceptable to everyone.

Carole Fisher
2990 Rogers Ave.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-461-4317 h 410-440-5703 c

Subject: CB9-2017
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 3:19:24 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: John G. Boyle
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Hi Mary Kay,

John here from Hickory Ridge. If you haven't yet made up your mind, I'd like to ask you to support CB9.

When I first heard about it, I did a bit of an eye-roll. I'm not one for political theater or "feel-good" legislation. I did, however, read the proposed bill and then sought out all of the coverage for and against it that I could find.

A number of the proponents made arguments that I thought vaulted it from "isn't this nice" to "wow - this'll protect people I know" status. I was hoping that the opposition would poke some good holes in it, but I'm afraid that neither the "tool to combat terrorism" nor the "break the law, go to jail" nor the threat of loss of Federal funds arguments held much water with me. That, of course, ignores the implicit and explicit xenophobia threaded throughout most of the arguments.

There may be a downstream implication of this legislation that I haven't yet grasped that may make passage of this bill a genuinely bad idea. I know that there are LOTS of lovely sounding ideas that are made into bad legislation. If you think that's the case, I'll trust you to make that call.

If not, and if your considerations are the core ones that the two sides have focused on - I'd ask you to support CB9.

As I said, I wasn't initially supportive of the legislation. But between the President's recent Executive Order and the woman in Bel Air (a citizen) being asked about her immigration status while taking a walk, I started looking at things differently. We're heading into what I consider frightening territory in terms of individual liberties, and though I'm pretty low-key with most of my political views - this is an area where I think it's becoming more and more important to stand up.

I took my 7-year-old to the gathering at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center yesterday to hear what was being said. I understand that you and your colleagues saw a lot of opposition to CB9 at the public input sessions. However the (reportedly) 1,100+ people there last night showed that the opposition voices don't speak for all of Howard County.

Thanks for reading.

John

John G. Boyle
11604 Lakewater Ln
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Re: Sanctuary Bill
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 3:27:51 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: rafol@aol.com
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, larryschoen@gmail.com
Attachments: IMG_2823.jpeg

Ms. Sigaty,

I'm in complete agreement with the reasons and comments Larry Schoen presented to you in support of HoCo's Sanctuary Bill. Please, add my name to the list in its support, and I'm in the hope that you'll also support and defend it at any Council deliberation.

Thanks,

JL Puchol-Salva
4150 Lotus Circle
Ellicott City, MD 21043

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Schoen <larryschoen@gmail.com>
To: rafol <rafol@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Jan 28, 2017 5:09 pm
Subject: Fwd: Sanctuary Bill

Mary Kay's "office" response.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Sanctuary Bill
Date: January 26, 2017 at 3:13:02 PM PST
To: Larry Schoen <LarrySchoen@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Mr. Schoen,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are thoughtful and measured. Further, they reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,

Julia

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

From: Larry Schoen <LarrySchoen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:40:32 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Cc: Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Hector Garcia; Nichols, Philip; Kittleman, Allan;
fwaseem@baltsun.com
Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Mary Kay, despite the recent action by the White House, I still support the sanctuary bill. According to this article in The Atlantic, <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/01/trump-crack-down-sanctuary-city/514427/> there are 165 other jurisdictions already in this same boat, including the cities of LA, Chicago and New Haven; and the Governor of Connecticut expressed his support.

It's bad enough that the Feds come in and raid our local businesses - you and I have been around long enough to remember the one on Produce Galore at Wilde Lake Village Center. It's hard to know what part the raid played in their subsequent closing, but there's no way that helping the Feds is going to be good for our local economy. I know there are people afraid we'll be a magnet for people seeking county resources - my experience is just the opposite, namely that immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, are some of the **hardest workers I know and they contribute to our local economy.**

I don't want my local tax dollars, police time and staff time going to help the Feds enforce their failed immigration policies against people **who are already my neighbors.**

This is a fight worth having and Howard County would be in good company. BTW, attached is a photo of my new lawn sign; enjoy it until the Village Board requires me to take it down :)

Larry



Lawrence J. ("Larry") Schoen
10478 Waterfowl Ter
Columbia, Md 21044
Home: 410-730-3090

On Jan 25, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay
<mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see this week's edition of the District 4 Community Notes.

Thanks.....MK

Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council
District 4
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

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Subject: Re: Our Daughters and Wives are at Risk of Harassment - Join Tommorrow
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 3:39:48 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Ayman Nassar
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Good to hear from you Julie - please let me know when is a good time to speak with her on the phone.

Ayman

On Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Nassar,

Thank you for contacting Councilperson Sigaty's office. On behalf of Ms. Sigaty, I appreciate the information you have sent us related to this issue. She will take this into consideration as she and her colleagues deliberate on this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
[410-313-2001](tel:410-313-2001)

From: Ayman Nassar <ayman@islamicleadership.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:45:38 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Fwd: Our Daughters and Wives are at Risk of Harassment - Join Tommorrow

Hello Mary

I hope all is well and you had a great 2016 - I wanted to make sure you were aware of this issue in Bel Air and take the measures to avoid this happening to the residents and visitors of Howard County.

Please vote for CB-9

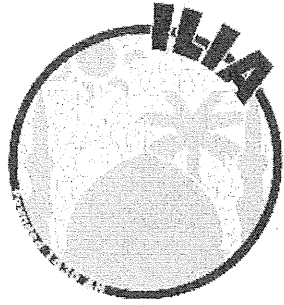
Regards

Ayman Nassar

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From: Islamic Leadership Institute of America <pr@islamicleadership.org>
Date: Sat, Jan 28, 2017 at 4:37 PM
Subject: Our Daughters and Wives are at Risk of Harassment - Join Tommorrow
To: info@islamicleadership.org

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Dear friends, greetings of peace

Feedback and words from a brown lady who was detained in Bel Air, Maryland because of her color.

Bel Air Police detain woman question her immigration status



[Click here to learn about here ordeal and her action items here](http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aegis/ph-ag-immigration-0127-20170126-story.html)
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aegis/ph-ag-immigration-0127-20170126-story.html>

Please join us along with hundreds of Howard County residents in support of CB9-2017 bill. This bill would make it illegal for local police officers or other government officials to demand anyone's immigration status without cause. Without this bill, police could profile people by race, ethnicity or religion, can arrest persons who do not carry a US Passport on their body while in public and are required to furnish information to Federal authorities for no cause.

Sunday, January 29, 4:30pm-6:00pm
The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center
10431 Twin Rivers Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

Send an email to Howard County Council to let them know that you support CB9-2017.

Email: Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
[Or Click Here To Do So Online](#)

A message from Howard County Council member Calvin Ball
I hope that you had a wonderful holiday. First, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the community through your work with the Islamic Leadership Institute of America, and always making sure to demonstrate leadership in any opportunity that is presented to you in making sure that Howard County is the best for everyone.

Last week, Councilwoman Terrasa and I sent the attached letters to the leadership of HCC and HCPSS requesting them to consider implementing sanctuary policies. In addition, we pre-filed Council Bill 9, to make Howard County a sanctuary county.

To lend your support and voice to our legislative process, below are important dates so you can follow along:

- Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7pm: Legislative Session (Council takes action on CB 9)

I look forward to continuing to work with you in order to promote the best for everyone

in Howard County. I hope you have a very happy holiday and I will be in touch soon!

All the Best,

Dr. Calvin Ball
Vice Chairperson
Howard County Council, District 2
Ph: 410-313-2001
www.howardcountymd.gov/District2Bio



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Subject: Re: please pass CB-9 and overturn any vetos
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:34:53 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Leah And Mike
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for your response. I greatly appreciate Councilperson Sigaty's consideration, especially as a foster mother to three unaccompanied minor refugees from Eritrea and Honduras. I want Howard County to be a safe and welcoming place for them as well. Without CB-9, I'm afraid our home will no longer feel like home to our children.

Thank you!

-Leah Miller

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Miller,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for sharing your position on Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are insightful and sincere. I appreciate the time and thought put into your message. Ms. Sigaty will take this viewpoint into consideration as she and her colleagues continue their work on this issue.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Leah Miller <leahandmike28@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:22:12 AM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: please pass CB-9 and overturn any vetos

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

As a resident of your district, I strongly urge you to pass CB-9 and overturn any veto by the County Executive and make it illegal in Howard County for police officers or government officials to demand anyone's immigration status. This legislation will make it safer for undocumented people to report crimes and will therefore make our community safer. If the federal government cut funding in response, it would be less than 1% of the County's budget. Also, it is unlikely the federal government would be able to cut the County's budget as federal courts have ruled that local jurisdictions are not required to follow the federal immigration demands.

Please keep our community safe - and welcoming. Please support CB-9 and do everything

you can to make sure it passes and any veto is overturned.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Leah Miller

10873 Braeburn Rd.

Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: email of support for CB9
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 5:05:48 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: David Dowdy
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I hope this message finds you well. I just wanted to write a quick message in support of CB9, to make Howard County a sanctuary area. I have a number of friends and colleagues who have been adversely affected by the recent immigration ban and would like to see us take some action locally.

Thank you very much for your consideration,
David Dowdy

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Physician, Johns Hopkins Community Physicians @ EBMC

Subject: I SUPPORT CB 9
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:14:55 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Tricia Strickland
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Dear Mary Kay Sigaty,

In 1997, my husband and I moved to Columbia, MD. As a mixed race couple, we were drawn to Columbia because of its long history of being an inclusive community. As a planned community, Jim Rouse's vision was that all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, etc. would live together. Not just share a physical space, but truly live as a community. I have loved living in this inclusive, welcoming, accepting community. My teenage sons have gone through the public school system (Swansfield ES, Harper's Choice MS, Wilde Lake HS) and have the ability to be friends with, work with, and live with all types of people. They have grown up without racism, until the 2017 presidential election. The current status in federal government is terrifying to me and goes against all American stands for. Despite racist and sexist statements made by Trump, I gained comfort from knowing that I live in a welcoming community. But that comfort is now threatened. I am completely confused as to why anyone living in Columbia, or Howard County, would oppose Howard County becoming a sanctuary county. This county is built on diversity, inclusion, acceptance of all peoples. That's what makes Columbia and Howard County great. Please don't let irrational and unfounded fear lead to prejudices and to exclusion. CB-9 equals justice for those who are being discriminated against and targeted for hate.

I have voted for you in every one of your elections. I hope I will be able to continue to vote for you as you uphold the vision of Jim Rouse and Columbia by voting for CB 9.

Please support CB – 9 and keep Howard County Great!

Sincerely,

Tricia Strickland

Subject: Sanctuary

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:03:22 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jean Israel

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, ccball@howardcountymd.gov

Category: Logged for Margie

I am hoping that our county will ,vote to be a Sanctuary county. It is so vital that our nation and above all the world see that we are a caring nation. At sometime our ancestors made the trip to U.S. from another country-the exception American Indian. How can we now say no to these to these people particularly when we have been responsible for the destruction of there country.

So please vote for this bill.

Than you,

Jean Israel

5353-3 smooth Meadow way

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Support CB9

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:23:23 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Brian England

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hi Mary Kay, Seems like I got this wrong, I thought you had joined together with Jen and Calvin. I heard the testimony of those who live in fear of deportation yesterday, it was heart breaking. They need you now, these are students who have done nothing and they should not have to live in fear. This is the thin edge of the wedge, remember this is how it started in 1930's Germany. Brian

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 26, 2017, at 5:55 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. England,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
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From: Brian England <beengland2046@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:58:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB9

Thank you for introducing this bill, thank you for doing the right thing, thank you. Brian England Hickory Ridge
Columbia

Sent from my iPad

Subject: CB9 - 2017 Sanctuary Howard
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 8:40:25 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Richard Deutschmann
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Hello Councilwoman Sigaty –

Though we have recently moved after our kids are off to college and post college jobs, we lived in your district for the past 15 years prior to that. As I was involved in national and state level clean energy politics, I am sorry I did not get to know you better during that time.

I am reaching out to you with a personal plea. **We are urging you to get on board and voice your support for CB9 as soon as possible!** We were at the PATH event last night at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. We have to tell you that many people were asking where you were. This after Councilmembers Terasa and Ball were introduced. Your absence was palpable, both because this is the district you represent, but also because your district is so very diverse and would seem to be highly supportive of this bill. This bill is a test of who we are as a county. And given the horrific national events that are playing out before us, it is imperative that we take every opportunity to say NO – this hatred and vitriol is not who we are as a people. It is time to be on the side of our multi-cultural, interfaith community that is Howard County, that is Columbia. Your coming out in public support for this now, before the February 6 vote, will send a powerful signal, and allow the supporters to focus their efforts on Councilman Weinstein to build a veto-proof majority.

Please, take the courageous stand Councilwoman Sigaty, and support CB9 the Sanctuary Bill.

Thanks for your urgent consideration!

Sincerely –

Richard & Vanessa Deutschmann
9485 Hickory Limb
Columbia, MD 21045

Subject: Yes I would like to sign for the bill.
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:39:59 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Jinet Hamlin
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Category: Logged for Margie

Jinet hamlin

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Support for CB9

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:41:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ricky McQuillan

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Category: Logged for Margie

Please support CB9. It is the only humane and American choice.

Yours truly,

Erika Rauch-McQuillan

Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:10:22 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Waldemaria1

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am adding my name for support of the Sanctuary Bill. I implore you to do likewise. It is the right thing to do.

Maria Poppe

Subject: RE: Support for CB 9

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:53:03 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dinah O'Berry

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Julia,

Thank you for your response.

I hope by this time that Councilperson Sigaty has had the opportunity to consider not only my viewpoint, but the merits of passing this legislation. I'm aware that, even if CB 9-2017 passes in the council, the County Executive has indicated he will veto it, and that four votes are necessary to override his veto.

Therefore, it's imperative that Ms. Sigaty vote for the bill when it comes before her next Monday.

Sincerely,

Dinah O'Berry

*Dinah Kay O'Berry
10101-3 Windstream Drive
Columbia MD 21044
410-992-3948 (H)
410-227-7092 (M)*

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay [mailto:mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:51 PM

To: Dinah O'Berry <dinahoberry@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: Support for CB 9

Good afternoon Ms. O'Berry,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are thoughtful and measured. Further, they reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners, and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Dinah O'Berry <dinahoberry@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:34:20 AM

To: CouncilMail

Subject: Support for CB 9

Dear Council Member,

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

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

CB 9 ensures a safe environment for people to share information with school or government workers or officials without fear of potential detention or deportation. For county employees to inquire about a person's national immigration status is not a function of county government or county law enforcement.

This bill abides by all county, state, and federal law and does not break or condone breaking any laws. It clearly states that county resources should not be expended in enforcing federal laws of the Immigration and Custom Enforcement agency. There are federal law enforcement officials whose task it is to enforce such laws. This is not our county's task.

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Dinah O'Berry

*Dinah Kay O'Berry
10101-3 Windstream Drive
Columbia MD 21044
410-992-3948 (H)
410-227-7092 (M)*

Subject: CB 9

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 3:51:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Brenna Bernasconi

To: Kittleman, Allan

Dear Executive Kittleman,

I am a Howard county resident and I believe that everyone should be able to call the police or rely on governmental help. Please make Howard County a sanctuary county. Immigrants make this country diverse and rich. They need protection.

Take a stand against Donald Trump's tyrannical immigration policies.

Sincerely,
Brenna Bernasconi

Subject: Please vote yes on CB9

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 8:30:56 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Daniel Newberger

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilwoman Sigaty,

I am writing to ask you to please vote YES on CB9 next week. The national news these days is frightening. So many of us are just dismayed and terrified at the direction the president is taking our country. It is more important than ever that those of us who still believe in true American values -- equality, justice, freedom -- stand up to be counted. We need to declare to the nation that Howard County is not afraid of the would-be-tyrant in the White House. We need to declare that Howard County will stand up for our most vulnerable residents and neighbors. Please do your part by helping this bill pass, and helping it overcome the inevitable veto. Thank you for your compassion and courage.

Warm regards,

Daniel Newberger
6524 Hazel Thicket Dr., Columbia MD 21044
District Four, Howard County

Subject: Please vote to pass CB9!

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 9:24:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: adampopp98@gmail.com

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Adam Popp
6036 Toomey Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075-4500

January 31, 2017

Mary Kay Sigaty
Councilmember

Mary Kay Sigaty:

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. Now, more than ever, we need to stand up for our core values.

Please vote YES on Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,

Adam Popp
443-286-8702

Subject: Re: Support CB9-2017

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 9:26:47 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: David Alt

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you. We must support those with no voice. All the best, Dave Alt

On Jan 31, 2017 4:15 PM, "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Alt,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
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From: David Alt <david.patrick.alt@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 2:19:10 PM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Subject: Support CB9-2017

Dear Council Member Weinstein-

I am a seven year resident of Howard County writing to urge you to support CB9-2017. Howard County is comprised of immigrants from all over the world who contribute to our community's social vitality, cultural richness, and economic strength. They deserve sanctuary protection and Howard County should continue its long-standing role of strong leadership on matters such as this. Thank you.

Sincerely-

David Alt

Subject: Please support CB9

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:14:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Elizabeth Dahl

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

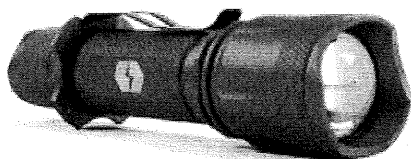
I'm writing to urge you to vote for CB9. Many other jurisdictions around the country have declared sanctuary status, including four states, 364 counties, and at least 39 cities. http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/09/02/us/sanctuary-cities.html?_r=1 In fact, I just saw that Birmingham, Alabama passed a resolution to become a welcoming/sanctuary city.

While Donald Trump has threatened to cut federal funding to sanctuary jurisdictions, it is unclear what legal authority he would use to do so. <http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2016/dec/01/bill-de-blasio/new-york-city-mayor-says-president-cant-defund-san/>

In light of Donald Trump's radical immigration ban signed on Friday, it is very plausible that he may initiate a move to target and deport undocumented people on a scale that we have not seen before. Now is the time for political courage, and standing up for what is right. If politicians in Birmingham, Alabama can find that courage, I know we here in Howard County can as well. Please vote yes on CB9. Thank you for considering my opinion, and thank you for your service to our county.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Dahl
Ellicott City, MD

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On Donald Trump's plan to cut federal funding to sanctuary cities, "because of a decision by the Supreme Court, no president's in a position to cut off funding across the board. It has to be very specific to the matter at hand."



— Bill de Blasio on Friday, December 2nd, 2016 in a WNYC interview



New York City mayor says president can't defund sanctuary cities 'across the board'

By Miriam Valverde on Thursday, December 1st, 2016 at 10:44 a.m.

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Email interview, Lana Ulrich, associate in-house counsel at the

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio says America continues to embrace sanctuary city policies, despite President-elect Donald Trump's opposition.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio isn't backing away from policies that protect immigrants living illegally in the country, even if that means cuts to his city's budget.

President-elect Donald Trump has said he will block federal funds to cities with policies or laws that limit their assistance to immigration authorities. New York is among jurisdictions considered a "sanctuary city."

The Democratic mayor was asked on WNYC's *The Brian Lehrer Show* how funding would be affected if Trump follows through on his promise.

"I think the first thing is to recognize that from what I know so far because of a decision by the Supreme Court, no president's in a position to cut off funding across the board. It has to be very specific to the matter at hand," de Blasio said. "If we disagree in one particular policy area, there may be opportunities for the federal government to say, 'well we are not going to fund you in that policy

area,' but not across the board."

As other mayors across the country stand behind their immigrant-friendly policies, we wondered about de Blasio's comment on how much is at stake.

Can funding be restrained in certain areas but not "across the board," as de Blasio said?

A key Supreme Court case

The mayor's press office told us he was referring to the 1987 landmark case *South Dakota vs. Dole*, which the mayor's press office concluded "that federal conditions have to be reasonable and related to the programs they are attached to."

South Dakota vs. Dole examined whether Congress exceeded its spending powers and violated the 21st Amendment (allowing states to regulate alcohol) by setting conditions for states to receive federal highway funds.

Congress in 1984 enacted legislation that allowed the secretary of the Transportation Department to withhold 5 percent of federal highway funds from states where the minimum drinking age was below 21. South Dakota allowed 19-year-olds to buy alcohol.

In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court determined that Congress within constitutional bounds "acted indirectly under its spending power to encourage

National Constitution Center, Nov. 29, 2016

Email interview, Christopher W. Schmidt, a law professor and co-director of the Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Nov. 29, 2016

Email interview, Franita Tolson, a professor at Florida State University College of Law, Nov. 29, 2016

Email interview, David Abraham, law professor, University of Miami School of Law, Nov. 29, 2016

Email interview, Richard Primus, a law professor at the University of Michigan, Nov. 29, 2016

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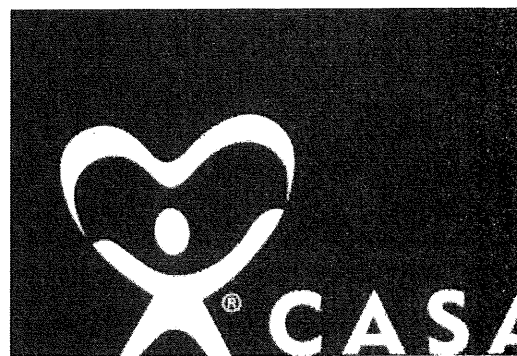
The court also said spending power must be in pursuit of "the general welfare." Conditions set by Congress for the disbursement of funds must also be unambiguous, related to the national project or program, not lead to unconstitutional actions and not be coercive, the court affirmed.

Constitutional law experts told us de Blasio's comment is generally sound, but noted that the Dole case is specifically about congressional spending power, not presidential authority.

"If Trump was referring to the possibility of congressional legislation that would make continued funding contingent on cooperation with federal immigration policy, then we have a possible Dole situation," said Christopher W. Schmidt, a law professor and co-director of the Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Imposing across-the-board spending cuts for "sanctuary cities" would run afoul with at least one of the criteria set in the 1987 Supreme Court case — that conditions on spending be related to the national program that Congress is seeking to advance, said Franita Tolson, a professor at Florida State University College of Law.

For instance, if the federal government gives New York money for mass transit, and New York doesn't



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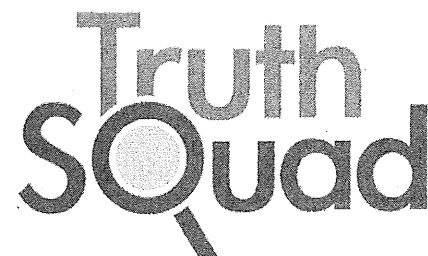
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want to participate in a federal initiative for education, the federal government can't in turn threaten the mass transit funds, said Richard Primus, a law professor at the University of Michigan.

Trump's administration "can't cut off any federal grants to sanctuary cities unless it can show that those grants were clearly conditioned on cooperation with federal deportation policies," Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason University, wrote in an opinion piece published by the *Washington Post*.

Conditions for funds also cannot be so great that the threat of losing federal money amounts to coercion, Primus said.

Scholars pointed to the 2012 Supreme Court case *National Federation of Independent Business vs. Sebelius*, in which seven of the nine justices said it would be unconstitutionally coercive for Congress to withdraw Medicaid funds from states refusing to participate in the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

"One might argue that the larger the amount of money at stake (or the 'broader' the threatened cut), the more coercive the condition, but there are other factors to be taken into account as well," said Lana Ulrich, associate in-house counsel at the National Constitution Center.




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In the case of sanctuary cities, spending power might be interpreted differently, Ulrich said.

At issue might be the extent to which Congress may condition grants or whether Congress has the discretion to withhold funds for cities that are not in compliance with federal law," Ulrich said.

Trump has not outlined extended details on his sanctuary city proposal, but he said that cities that refuse to assist federal authorities "will not receive taxpayer dollars."

Our ruling

In a discussion about Trump's plans to cut federal funding to sanctuary cities, de Blasio said, "because of a decision by the Supreme Court, no president's in a position to cut off funding across the board. It has to be very specific to the matter at hand."

It's not as settled by law as de Blasio makes it sound, but experts say generally that the mayor is correct.

The Supreme Court, in *South Dakota vs. Dole*, concluded that Congress could not coerce local governments to act based on the threat of withholding federal funds. Also, any funds that are withheld must be germane to the reason they are being withheld.

The court ruling dealt with Congress, however, and

not the executive, and there is ambiguity about both what tactic Trump might pursue and the legal precedence behind it.

De Blasio's statement is accurate but needs clarification or additional information. We rate de Blasio's claim Mostly True.

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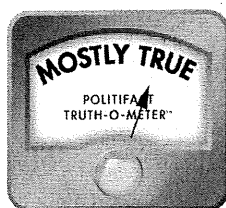
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Subject: Re: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 12:44:21 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: T C A
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thanks Mary. :) I know it's a standard letter, but someone should **always let the assistants know that your time is very much appreciated** - especially when you have to send formatted letters! :)

TC

On 1 February 2017 at 12:38, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting Councilperson Sigaty's office regarding Council Bill 9-2017. On behalf of Ms. Sigaty, I appreciate the thought and time put into your statement. She will take this into consideration as she and her colleagues continue their work on this issue.

—
Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4

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[\(410\) 313-2001](tel:(410)313-2001)

-----Original Message-----

From: tcanthony115@gmail.com [<mailto:tcanthony115@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

T C A
311 Domer
Takoma Park, MD 20912-6651

January 26, 2017

Mary Kay Sigaty
Councilmember

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Please vote YES on Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,

TC

Subject: please support CB 9

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 4:19:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: NANCY MCCORD

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Mary K,

I just wanted to let you know that based on what is going on in the country – I support the sanctuary bill and hope that you will also.

We need to make a statement about who we are and what we stand for.

Thanks,

Nancy

Nancy and Steve McCord

10136 Spring Pools Lane

Columbia, MD 21044

Phone – 410-730-2309

Cell – 443 285-9209

Subject: Please vote for CB9. This is who we are - good people who care about their neighbors.

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 4:44:05 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Susan Eberhard

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Stand up for what is right.

Thank you, Susan and John Eberhard

Subject: RE: CB-9 Support

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 5:00:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Steve Drakos

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

While I have called and sent messages of support for CB-9 to the councilmail email address and to the County Executive. I received a kind reply from Mary on your staff and I thank you for that consideration.

However, since you are my District 4 Representative, I wanted to directly ask for your support of CB-9. For most long time Columbia folks like me, it's easy to support CB-9, because of the legacy of the Rouse vision. However I also recognize your District is large and it includes many non-Columbia folks that may not support CB-9. All I ask for is your best judgement and consideration of how it will impact the lives of many of our most vulnerable residents.

No matter the outcome of CB-9, you work hard for us and do an excellent job representing District 4 - you will always have my continued support and vote!

Thank you!

Steve Drakos 21044 sdrakos51@gmail.com

On Feb 1, 2017 3:27 PM, "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Drakos,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for sharing your email to Mr. Kittleman with the members of the Howard County Council. Ms. Sigaty appreciates your input as she continues to deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary

—

Mary Clay

Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty

Howard County Council, District 4

3430 Court House Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21043

(410) 313-2001

From: Steve Drakos [mailto:sdrakos51@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:26 PM

To: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail

Subject: CB-9 Support

Dear Mr Kittleman

I was disappointed to hear your intention to Veto CB-9, if it is approved by the Council. The outcome of the Council vote represents the will of the people of Howard County and it is inappropriate for you to override the Council and the will of the people on such an important morally defining issue. I recognize the political challenge associated with CB-9, especially given the national attention to the immigration issue. However, as a key leader in this wonderful highly diverse community, it is a time to stand up for humanity. Indeed if you care about this community and expect my vote in the future, please support the outcome of the CB-9 vote of the Council! Thank you - Steve Drakos - Columbia 21044. Sdrakos51@gmail.com

Subject: I support howard county

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 8:06:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Riley-Home

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hello, my name is Susan Riley and I am a resident of Howard County. I voted for you in every election and I support making Howard a sanctuary county.

I believe that my neighbors should never fear going to the police or any government employee.

I stand with Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa in support of this bill.

Thank you,

Susan Riley

Subject: Yes on CB-9

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 10:01:35 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Madison Tasker

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilperson Sigaty,

My name is Madison Tasker and I am a senior at Oakland Mills High School. I have seen a lot of fear from my friends who are either undocumented or have undocumented family members. They should not have to live every day worrying about what could happen to them as immigrants, especially when they are some of the nicest people I know. I believe that we need to support and protect all of our fellow members of Howard County. That is why we should pass CB-9. Being undocumented is not a sign of bad character, but often rather a sign of perseverance and strength. If we want to claim to be an inclusive community, we have to fight towards equality and safety for every member of our community, no matter what their citizenship status is. I'm sure you personally know incredibly kind and smart undocumented immigrants members in our community. Please do all that you can do to protect them. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this message.

Sincerely,

Madison Tasker



Peter Franchot
Comptroller

February 2, 2017

Members of the Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: Council Bill No. 9 - 2017

Dear Members of the County Council:

I write to express my strong support for Council Bill No. 9 – 2017 and urge the Council to unanimously adopt this legislation. I would like to salute Councilmembers Ball and Terrasa for their leadership and for sponsoring this bill, which affirms Howard County's commitment to fostering a diverse and welcoming community during a time of great divisiveness at the national level.

As bombastic rhetoric, confusion, and inconsistency continue to emerge from the Trump Administration concerning our nation's immigration laws, this sensible legislation provides much-needed clarification and defines the roles of county government employees pertaining to federal immigration laws.

The bill requires the Howard County government's employees – including its law enforcement personnel – to assist federal agencies with investigations and/or arrests pertaining to criminal activity or suspected criminal activity. However, the legislation forbids county employees from making inquiries to residents' citizenship status, except when citizenship verification is required by current state and federal law.

The legislation also sets proper and necessary guidelines that reinforce the roles that local government agencies and law enforcement officials should play. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has a dedicated team of law enforcement officers who are able to enforce our immigration and nationality laws, and should not look to our local law enforcement agencies as extensions of their units.

I have no doubt that the county's law enforcement agencies will – when appropriate – partner with federal law enforcement officials to investigate and arrest undocumented immigrants who commit crimes in our communities. However, the expectation that county government employees should actively engage in investigating residents is not only inappropriate, but an unwise use of county resources.

Members of the Howard County Council
February 2, 2017
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Since the first English settlers arrived on our shores in 1634, the State of Maryland has proudly served as a safe harbor for refugees escaping religious and ethnic persecution, and has welcomed generations of immigrants to our state and our nation. In the wake of the President's executive orders on immigration, Marylanders are looking to their elected officials to take strong and decisive actions that reinforce our long-held belief that diversity makes our state stronger, not weaker. As policymakers, it is incumbent upon all of us to stand up against policies that violate our core principles and disrespect the rule of law.

It is my hope that the County Council adopts this legislation to protect the rights and liberties of all Howard County residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Franchot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "F".

Peter Franchot
Comptroller

C: The Honorable Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

Subject: sanctuary county bill

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 10:21:57 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Kathleen Sparrow

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty -

Please support the immigrant protection bill and make Howard County a 'sanctuary county'.
Thank you,
Kathleen Sparrow
Resident of District 4

Subject: Fwd: Please vote for CB9. This is who we are - good people who care about their neighbors.

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 10:36:36 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Susan Eberhard

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Last night I watched the Council's working meeting re a Sanctuary in Howard County. I am grateful for the important questions you asked. Thank you. Susan

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

From: **Susan Eberhard** <sueeberhard1@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 4:44 PM

Subject: Please vote for CB9. This is who we are - good people who care about their neighbors.

To: mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov

Stand up for what is right.

Thank you, Susan and John Eberhard

Subject: Fw: [DFHdiscussions] Sanctuary Bill Observations
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 10:47:45 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Michael Phillips
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Sorry I forgot to include your email address on the original.

Michael Irving Phillips, Author

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- "Boycott Money and Save Your Soul- Launching the Goodwill Revolution"

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On Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:13 AM, "Michael Phillips hcal97@yahoo.com [DFHdiscussions]" <DFHdiscussions@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Sanctuary Bill Observations

I testified at the public hearing in strong support of Howard County's Sanctuary bill, CB9-2017. I had never testified before. It seemed like a relatively innocuous bill as the police policy was already identical to the proposals in the bill. I was therefore surprised to encounter a large contingent of well-organized hostile opponents to the bill. Most were clad in red shirts waving anti-sanctuary signs. These were not home-made magic marker signs but were huge red and white professionally-made signs. These signs were very dominant, and were placed in numbers outside the building and offered to every person of the overflow crowd. These signs alone were very intimidating. They dwarfed the hand-made signs which some supporters carried.

Much of the testimony of these opponents was also intimidating and even threatening. It was a mixture of hate- and fear-mongering laced with a good dose of distortion. One opponent actually claimed this bill would attract Isis Islamic terrorists to the county. Another, clad in a business suit, claimed to possess considerable political power and threatened to use this 'considerable political power' to defeat not only the bill but also Calvin Ball and Jen Terresafor proposing it. The Howard County Chief of Police testified against the bill, despite conceding that the bill would not affect present police policy. I was puzzled until someone pointed out the chief was just doing the bidding of his master, County executive Alan Kittleman, who has threatened to veto the bill. Many of the red-clad opponents waved their huge red and white signs with glee at every mention of Donald Trump.

All the legal experts testified in favor, making sure to point out that the bill was legal. There was very moving testimony in support by high school students, in particular by an Oakland Mills High School boy in a green bowtie who energized supporters.

But, I was proud of my fellow Democrats. It was the Columbia Democratic Club of old, supporting the bill by unanimous vote in a previous meeting. The president of the club, Maureen Evans Artthur, gave eloquent testimony. But so also did other Democratic organisations and individuals. Among them were the Young Democrats, Howard County Democratic Central Committee, Western Howard County Democrats, former Democrat of the Year Kenneth Stevens, Former Howard County DFA leader Dawn

Popp, and large number of members of the county Democratic organisations. Democrats made it crystal clear they will not compromise principles even in the face of threats from Donald Trump.

I was so proud of Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa for proposing the bill. I was so proud of the Democratic organisations and their members who all testified in support. I will be proud of our Democratic county councilors who we all worked so hard to elect, who, without exception, will defy County Executive Kittleman and Trump hostility to vote 'yes' on this bill of compassion.

Resist! In these times of Trump, we cannot sit on the sidelines!

(Time did not permit me to read my recent poem, "The New Jews", in my testimony as I had planned. However, I submitted it to the councilors instead.)

Here again is my poem:

The New Jews – by Michael Irving Phillips

I am black

So I do not have to wear the star

For identification

Muslims now can be tracked

By compulsory registration

Mexicans will wear the smear

Of a rapist reputation

Millions will live in fear

Of their immediate deportation

For our new leader

Has body-slammed the constitution

For the Klan

There is jubilation

For once again

We'll become

A blue-eyed nation

"A black president!

What a disgrace!

Now those niggers

Will know their place".

What's this talk of diversity?

In our democracy

Hate is a great strategy

To create political popularity

Hate the blacks

Hate the Muslims

Hate Latinos too

Whether undocumented

Or legit as me and you

For we are the new Jews

Scapegoats of the nation

Lock them in the gas chambers

Of discrimination

And when the police
Shoot us down
They'll need no justification
Just routine persecution

So new Jew
Justice for all
Except you
Let me make it clear
You better learn to live in fear
For America elected a new leader
To the new Jews
He is the brand new
Adolph Hitler

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Posted by: Michael Phillips <hcal97@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Urgent: Email County Executive before Feb 6th about Sanctuary County bill

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:04:21 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: IM_G

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

This is my second email to you about an important issue faced by residents of Howard County. Howard County Council will be voting on **February 6th** on a bill (CB-9), this bill protects county residents by establishing Howard County as a Sanctuary County. This means County employees, including police officers, would not inquire about one's immigration status or assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Strong debate is taking place amongst the residents of Howard County on this issue, it is important that County Executive and County Council hears your voice as well. I request that you ask the County Executive and Council for support of CB-9. **For your convenience there is a pre-filled petition that goes to the County Executive and Council in support of this legislation. Here is the link for your convenience:** <http://bit.ly/2jn4dib>

Alternately you can **call 410 313 2001** or send an email to the following email addresses (a draft text of email is attached below for your use). it is important that you send this email ASAP. **Even if you have already done so, please send another email to County Executive & Council.**

councilmail@howardcountymd.gov & akittleman@howardcountymd.gov

For more information about the bill, click on the links below:

- [CB9-2017](#)
- [FAQs for CB9-2017](#)
- [Councilman Calvin Ball and Councilwoman Jen Terrasa Respond to Statement by Executive Kittleman Regarding CB-9](#)

Irfan Malik

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

Dear County Executive & Members of the County Council,

I am a resident of Howard County, I support the United States Constitution, and I support making Howard County a Sanctuary County. I believe that my neighbors should never fear going to the police or any other government employee.

Howard County is diverse county, and everyone in the county deserves to be treated fairly, irrespective of their ethnicity, race, faith, or immigration status. 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 stereotyping or discrimination. I believe that protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Howard County residents should be a top priority. I appreciate the efforts made by the County Executive with programs like OneHoward; I believe CB 9-2017 would strengthen these programs and build trust between its citizens and local law enforcement agencies. Council Bill 9-2017 promotes public safety, protects the constitutional rights to due process and privacy of its residents including immigrants. It simply gives legal force to a policy that Howard County police have been following for years.

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. 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. Now is the time to reduce that fear by adopting Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Sigaty
Your Address

Subject: Sanctuary bill

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:37:23 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Susan Frankel

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

6262 Sunny Spring

Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Council member Sigaty

I am a long-time Howard County resident, having lived here for 45 years. What drew me to Howard County, and what keeps me here, is the appreciation of diversity. I loved raising my children in an environment that welcomed all individuals, no matter what their background. I loved teaching at Howard Community College for 35 years because of the wide diversity of students and the richness they brought to my classroom. Valuing diversity, I believe, is what makes Howard County unique and strong.

Please uphold those values as you vote **for** naming Howard County a sanctuary community. Do not succumb to threats or fear. Instead, stand up for what is right. Follow the lead of our neighboring counties and the mayor of Seattle, Washington as you vote to designate our community as one that welcomes and is a safe haven for individuals from around the world. It is the moral and ethical thing to do.

Thank you for listening and for your consideration of this important issue,

Susan Frankel

Subject: I am in favor of CB-9 Howard County Sanctuary Bill

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 8:46:43 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Normale

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

I live in town center. I voted for you in the last election! My friends and neighbors are very concerned that you have not spoken out in favor of CB-9. I know our County Executive said he will veto CB-9 even before he heard the testimony so I am counting on you to help override that veto.

I am writing to express my support of CB-9 (the Howard County Sanctuary Bill). Please make Howard County a Sanctuary County.

Even though the president has said there might be negative consequences for Sanctuary Jurisdictions, I still support CB-9. For me it is a moral issue. We need to establish a critical mass. My opinion is that the more jurisdictions become Sanctuary Jurisdictions the more difficult it will be to single out Sanctuary Jurisdictions. I doubt the Federal Government could give Howard County negative consequence since CB-9 specifically states the policy would not apply if it was in conflict with federal law.

I think, If anything, Sanctuary Counties would have less crime because undocumented people are more willing to cooperate with the police in preventing and solving crimes.

Our county employees (police, school teachers, college etc.) should not be using their time and energy to do the work of the Federal Immigration Department.

I am especially grateful to Dr. Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa for sponsoring the bill and starting this conversation!

I urge you to support CB-9 so that it passes and then again, if needed, to override the veto.

Thank you
Normale Doyle
5580 Vantage Point Road, Unit 3
Columbia, MD 21044
normalereg@verizon.net
410-992-7697

Subject: Support the Sanctuary Bill

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 8:50:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Judy Grusso

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am asking you to vote YES on the Sanctuary Bill Jen Terrasa and Dr. Calvin Ball introduced. It's important that we protect these individuals who came to America because they couldn't thrive or survive in the country of their birth. Jen and Calvin need your vote to override a veto by Howard County's Executive, Alan Kittleman. You may have heard, that while in the Maryland Senate, County Executive Kittleman had a horrible record of supporting immigrants.

We were all immigrants once. Don't let today's immigrants fear a knock on their door that could dismantle all they have worked for over the past 10, 15, or 20 years in the states. These individuals work with us, pay taxes and attend our schools. They deserve protection.

By the way, I am a member of your district.

Thank you for consideration of my request.

Judy Grusso
410-493-5978

Subject: Vote Yes on Sanctuary bill - a "Resolution" is unacceptable and meaningless

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 9:30:04 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Shannon B

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing to you as a 15-year resident of Howard County with regard to the upcoming vote on CB9. I moved to Howard County specifically because of the image it has as an inclusive, welcoming community where all people who work hard and contribute in a meaningful way are welcome. I have always been proud to call Howard County my home. Unfortunately, recent events nationally and locally make me shake my head daily, wondering "How can people actually say those things out loud?" It pains me to hear the disregard that people express toward our friends and neighbors in the county and across the nation, who work hard for a better life, an education, and essentially, just to feel welcome in a place they have called home for their whole lives. Voting "no" on CB9, and pretending that a Resolution is the same thing as a law just tells those people that really, they are not welcome. They can be here in theory, but when it comes down to it, the law is not going to protect them. After the national election in November, I am very wary that anyone, much less our Republican County Executive who has a dismal record on immigration, is going to protect those who need it most. In addition, as the crime rates in our neighborhoods continue to climb, I want my police force to be out fighting actual crimes, not bothering people who look like they don't "belong." In my opinion, anyone who is lucky enough to live in Howard County, obeys the law, and contributes to our community positively "belongs."

I urge you to support the sanctuary county bill. Voters have long memories, and Howard County is better than what has been going on in the rest of our nation's government.

Thank you for your consideration,
Shannon Blount

Subject: PLEASE VOTE FOR CB9

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 10:02:48 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: kmkeddell3@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Good Evening Council Member Sigaty:

I am a resident of the Kings Contrivance Village Center and I want you to know that I strongly support CB9. Particularly in these troubling times, it is critical that we all stand up and do everything we can to protect the rights of all Howard County residents. Please do the right thing and vote for this legislation. The residents of our county deserve to feel safe and it is clear the legislation does not conflict with federal law or the constitution. Please don't let President Trump's threat of cutting our federal funding prevent our county from being allies to our neighbors. I believe in Dr. Martin Luther King's quote, "The arc of the moral universe is long but bends toward justice," and I believe that we need to be part of making justice happen.

Thank you,

Karen Murphy-Keddell

Subject: CB-9

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 5:28:18 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dana Rose

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwomen Sigaty,

I am a long time supporter of yours. I am very concerned that you are not in support on CB-9. As you know the vote is on Monday. Do not cast one of your final votes as a Councilwomen in support of hate.

My father-in-law, a resident of Howard County since the late 1960 was an emigrant from Grenada. He was accomplished in his country as a school master. He came to this country, was accepted into Howard University and became a pediatrician. Along with his wife, he raised four children in Columbia. Two of his children became physicians and still revised in Howard County.

The majority of immigrants documented or not are hard working people.

I urge you to vote to pass this bill. Anything short of a law on this issue is window dressing.

Please note I was able to contact other members of the council via the phone. Your ext denoted a non-working number.

Thank you.

Dana Rose
6192 Devon Drive
Columbia, MD
21044

443-878-5813

Subject: I support CB9-2017 Sanctuary County bill

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 8:11:58 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: El Bonilla

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

And I hope you do too.

PS: Give my regards to Tom, from his commuter bus buddy, Michael

Bonilla

Adelante, siempre adelante.

Subject: Fw: Please VOTE IN FAVOR OF HO CO LEGISLATION as a Sanctuary City

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 10:54:06 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Julie Rosicky

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I am a member of your district- Thanks!

Julie Rosicky
10316 Whitewasher Way
Columbia, 21044

Subject: CB-9

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 1:22:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Christina Kennedy

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

My name is Christina Kennedy and I'm a constituent. I'm writing to encourage you to vote yes on CB-9. In light of the recent anti-immigrant actions at the national level, I believe it's more important than ever that we send a message that everyone is welcome in Howard County, including immigrants.

Thank you,
Christina Kennedy

Subject: Cb-9

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 1:50:31 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Janis Cripe

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay, I really want you to support CB – 9. We have always been an inclusive community and I think we should remain so for the good of our many wonderful people in this county who are here from other countries and I'm trying hard to be good citizens.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Cb-9

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 1:55:57 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Janis Cripe

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

A letter I was writing to you just went before it was corrected and that I finished. I think it is very important to pass CB – nine and I hope you will vote for it. Janis Cripe
Sent from my iPhone

Subject: In support of CB9
Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 2:51:48 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: MARY ANNE NEWKIRK
To: Kittleman, Allan, Sigaty, Mary Kay
CC: Ball, Calvin B, jterrassa@howardcountymd.gov

Good afternoon--

Please pass/sign CB 9

1) It may be so that "we're already doing this". My hunch is that the Harford County Executive was saying the same thing. Given the events in Bel Air with the Indian-American woman who was asked by police officers if she was legal as she walked in her own neighborhood, that county employees cannot question residents about their residence status needs to be made explicit and codified. Howard County residents need to know that their civil liberties are safe, that they can walk in their own neighborhoods without questions about their right to be there.

2) The Howard County Chief of Police testified that CB09 would hamper Howard County police in their work with gang members. My sense is that without CB9, police would lose valuable tips from undocumented residents.

3) Regarding the possible loss of Federal funds, New York City is a sanctuary city. If New York City, which stands to lose much more, is willing to take the risk, I think Howard County can, too.

Ms. Sigaty, please vote for CB 9. Mr. Kittleman, please sign the bill when it reaches your desk.

Respectfully,
Mary Anne Newkirk
5352 Smooth Meadow Way #1
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Cb 9

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 3:18:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: mkg2761

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, Weinstein, Jon

Hello Mary and Jon. I ask that you both PLEASE vote yes to bill CB9. Mr. Rouse did build Columbia with the idea of inclusion not exclusion. We need to be there for everyone especially at this very scary time. We cannot fear what might happen to this county if we vote to go ahead with this bill. The biggest fear would be if we do not. I feel Mr. Kittleman spoke of inclusion during all of his campaign. I feel his veto would be a big mistake. After moving to Howard County 13 years ago I feel a strong sense of acceptance by all and for all. I feel when needed we all work together. We have seen this during the mall shooting , the flood in Ellicott city and every 4th of July parade! This is a time when we All must stand together. I feel Mr Rouse would not be happy with a NO vote. His whole vision would be ruined.

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR CB9.

Thank you,

Mary Goldberg
5486 Ring Dove Lane
In the sanctuary county of Columbia,MD 21044
4437659750

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

Subject: Sanctuary or restatement of practices bill

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 4:06:46 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ann Balcerzak

To: Weinstein, Jon

CC: Sigaty, Mary Kay

This has been difficult for me but in light of the testimony & recent events of the administration, I can support codifying the practices of law enforcement. Additionally, the stop & questioning of the 30 yr. resident of Harford Co. an Indian woman on the probable cause of suspicion of theft while she was walking in her own neighborhood, strengthens my opinion & my husband's opinion, that this measure may be needed.
Ann Balcerzak

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: sanctuary bill

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 9:26:41 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: George Clack

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty, I understand that the sanctuary bill will come up for a vote soon and that you are undecided. Very briefly, I'd like you to know that my wife and I - lifelong Democrats who have lived in Howard County since 1974 and, as Hickory Ridge residents, have voted for you many times over the years - strongly support this bill. We see passage of sanctuary status for Howard County as a fundamental moral issue.

The election of Donald Trump has made my wife and I truly politically active for the first time in our lives. We attended the sanctuary hearings, sent a comment earlier to the Council, and have been defending the bill on social media. At first, I thought it was a vital but largely symbolic bill that would be important in drawing a line that would tell the president that his immigration policies are both irrational and immoral.

Just today, however, I learned of County Executive Kittleman's fiercely anti-immigrant record in the state legislature. I now believe that codifying the county's present practice in the form of a sanctuary bill could be well be necessary to keep Kittleman from joining Trump in further steps against immigrants. As I'm sure you're aware, this is a county that voted for Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump by a more than two-to-one margin. I frankly don't see why you would have hesitation in voting to pass this bill.

George Clack

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George Clack

410-997-4226 (office)

grclack@gmail.com

Subject: CB 9-2017, Ammendment #3 Sanctuary Bill

Date: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 10:14:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: C Gocke

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of the Sanctuary Bill. I believe that it is incumbent upon us, the citizens of Howard County and our elected representatives, to make a statement in support of our neighbors, fellow students, co-workers and friends who are undocumented immigrants. This bill would not violate any federal laws. It would provide endorsement of an idea in current short supply--that our society works best when all inhabitants are committed to respect and support for each other. Perhaps most important example of this support must come from officials of the state, who play an out sized role in the lives of the undocumented. I believe CB 9 achieves the proper balance of support for immigrants and support for our law enforcement officials. I urge you to vote for CB 9-2017.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gocke
10310 Cromwell Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Council District 1

Subject: Support for making Howard County a sanctuary county

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 10:23:13 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jen MacCormack

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilmember Sigaty,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for CB9-2017. I believe that Howard County should be a place where residents can live without fear of being harassed and discriminated against based on their apparent ethnicity and/or immigration status.

I am myself an immigrant to this country, and I know that the hardships faced by minorities are already enough burden without living under fear of law enforcement asking to see their "papers" if they call for help.

Do you intend to support the rights of your minority constituents and make Howard County a sanctuary county? I would very much appreciate a response from your office on this matter. My address is 6113 Loventree Rd, Columbia MD 21044., and my phone number is 410-564-4685.

My sincere thanks,
Jennifer MacCormack

Subject: CBFebruary 4, 20179

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 12:38:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Kay Armstrong Baker

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

February 4, 2017

Dear Mary Kay,

As you know, John and I live in your district. Please vote for CB9 this Monday. Howard County has a long history of inclusion and is a beacon of light to minorities. This bill is counter to everything we hold dear. In this present climate, by opposing CB9, you are basically echoing the xenophobia, fear and the discrimination against immigrants biased on race and religion that reflects the policies promoted by the Trump administration. We who live here are better than that. Vote for COB. It's the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Kay Armstrong Baker
John F. Baker

Subject: Sanctuary city

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 12:43:28 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Cheryl Ludwig

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Honorable Sigaty

I am appalled at our federal government and its policies on immigration. These are no ordinary times. Checks and balances are of the utmost importance as our federal government refuses to make a statement to our citizens, our immigrants, our foreign students, our DACA kids, to our nation and finally to the world that we value our heritage and people of color. As our federal government will not or cannot put a halt to an authoritarian government, it is the responsibility of state and local governments to be the check and balance to extremism. Sanctuary cities are an important and necessary step to provide a safe haven for immigrants, documented or not as well as to protect our civil liberties as citizens. I have researched the consequences of sanctuary cities and while the president threatens to hold federal funds from those who choose to take a stand against his autocratic measures. States rights are still protected and it would not be in the president's best interest to alienate states as well as the global community. If we fail to make our voices heard in this issue we will have given up our right. State governors and local jurisdictions must become the solid check and balance system that our democratic republic needs to survive the policies of Steve Bannon and Donald Trump. It is imperative we take a brave step to be a leader of state's rights as other jurisdictions have done. This is just the first step in our battle for democracy during a time we never imagined would happen.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ludwig
10101 Gov Warfield Pky
Unit 366
Columbia MD 21044
301-639-4746

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Sanctuary County

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 1:04:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Leslie Englehart

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Yes we have our share of bigots. But we are a proudly diverse county. Make Howard County a Sanctuary County or you will be voted out.

Subject: CB-9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 1:07:28 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Katherine Dilworth

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

My name is Katherine Dilworth and I live in Howard County. I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of CB-9 and the protections it offers immigrants in our county.

Although I admit the bill struck me as largely unnecessary when proposed, the travel ban enacted by President Trump in recent days has changed my mind on the need for Howard County to stand up and make such a statement. I do not believe it will impede immigration officials' ability to do their job, nor will it result in a flood of illegal immigrants to Howard County. In fact, one of Kittleman's objections stated on his own website, the threat of losing federal funding, is exactly why we SHOULD stand up as a county that can make our own choices about how we treat people, rather than lining up behind the hateful rhetoric coming from the president. He is not a king. And the more often he sees that the country will not cave to his bullying, the faster he will realize this.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of me and my fellow county residents, and thank you for considering my opinion on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Katherine Dilworth

Subject: Please vote in favor of CB-9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2:40:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jeff Biggs

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

Jon and Mary Kay,

Please stand up for inclusion, opportunity and anti-discrimination in Howard County by voting in favor of CB-9.

— Jeff Biggs

BiggsMac: Macintosh, iOS & macOS Consulting

Subject: Support FOR the "Sanctuary County" bill - CB-9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2:46:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Annette Lamouse-Smith

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I urge you to pass this bill to declare Howard County a sanctuary county, because I dread the specter of turning us into a nation of informants (accidental or maliciously) and collaborators in the face of despotic rule.

We must resist intimidation and threats by the new administration before it becomes impossible to do so. As reported, only less than 1% of the county's budget is coming from federal grant money, ironically some of these are related to fighting crime.

This sanctuary bill as proposed is clear that it is not intended to shelter criminals but to give our non-white, non-christian immigrants and citizens the assurance that they can trust their neighbors and local government. Some opponents arguments simply imply that immigrants - documented or not - are automatically to be assumed criminals.

I believe it is important that we are codifying with this bill vague policies and any existing practices to prohibit local law enforcement and other agencies from gathering unnecessary and unwarranted information that can be abused.

Thank you.

Annette Lamouse-Smith
5068 Blacksmith Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Please vote for CB-9!

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 3:56:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: idee

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thanks for your thoughtful reply to my previous email urging you to support CB-9.

I am writing again to ask you to support it, because Donald Trump's Muslim ban has made voting for CB-9 even more necessary.

We are at a crossroads in America, one of the few times in our lives when we must take a stand, when silence is assent, when we can't avoid taking sides. When Donald Trump signed his Muslim ban, he compelled us to either support his Muslim/refugee/immigration/wall policies or oppose them- there is no middle ground.

It is even more important than ever for Howard County, for Maryland, for Democrats to oppose them, to take a stand against fear, against xenophobia, against a climate of persecution towards Muslim-Americans, immigrants and refugees. If we don't- who will?

I know that for elected representatives, moments like these can present special risks, but the opportunities for leadership are also great. And isn't that what those who run for office sign on for? To lead? To recognize those moments when they must stand up for what is right, even when it is unpopular, to do their duty to their country and to serve their constituents?

Please vote for CB-9. If the Howard County Council won't act on behalf of all of its residents, regardless of religion or national origin- if you won't- who will?

Thanks for reading,

Sincerely,

Edith Williams
10080 Cape Ann Drive
Columbia, MD 21046
410-730-2507
idee23@comcast.net

Subject: Vote for CB-9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 6:55:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Karen Spence

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms.Sigaty,

We urge you to support CB-9. The executive orders of President Trump are very disturbing to us. We know many immigrants, both legal and undocumented. They enrich our communities. We ask you work to pass this bill so that our communities can do what we legally can to protect them. We are a land of immigrants. The fear-mongering and scapegoating of immigrants for our country's problems is disgraceful. We are better than this!

Thank you.

Karen and Helene Spence-van Oijen

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Council Bill 9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:30:51 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: ngbyers@verizon.net

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilors Sigaty and Weinstein,

I'm sure you are familiar with the poem by Pastor Martin Niemoller in regard to the cowardice of the Germans during the Nazi regime - "First they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist....etc."

Well, the Trump regime has already come for the Muslims, but courageous people ARE speaking out...the ACLU, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, Judge James Robart and thousands of everyday citizens protesting at airports.

Next, they will be coming for the Latinos, which is a centerpiece of Trump's anti-immigrant agenda. At the Council hearing for CB9 you heard the testimony and saw the faces of "Dreamers" and others testifying on behalf of people too afraid to come out of the shadows. Remember them. For soon they will come for the DACA recipients, who went to school with our own children; soon our own police force may be enlisted for racial profiling to arrest and deport our hard working neighbors whose only "crime" may be entering the Country without proper documentation; soon there may be raids conducted at workplaces causing chaos to our businesses. When that happens, what will be the policy of Howard County, sanctuary or complicity?

Fate has placed you in a unique position to stand up for human rights or allow Trump's anti-immigrant, white Nationalist agenda to triumph. The argument that the Right puts forward that these measures are for the protection of our jobs and our personal safety has been soundly debunked and I believe you can see through that. I believe you are decent, fair minded individuals who are tasked with a very difficult decision, but we are living in difficult times which require greater courage. We know they are coming for the Latinos, where will you stand?

Respectfully,
Norma Byers

5644 Stevens Forest Rd. #210
Columbia, MD 21045

Subject: Sanctuary

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:32:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: David Marker

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Dave Marker, C. Ball Yahoo, Terrasa, Jen

Jon and Mary Kay,

Mary and I really want to strongly urge your support for CB-9. While the practical impact on County policies will be small, the message it will send to the most vulnerable among will be powerful. Howard County is strengthened by its diversity and we stand together.

The message it will send to the most powerful among us, President Trump, will also be powerful. We will not run away when he tries to bully his way into changing America. We will stand strong, together.

I look forward to seeing you at the voting session Monday.

David

Subject: CB9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 9:22:42 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Tina Horn

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

I'm friends in Facebook with several of the parents who had kids in Alex's Cub Scout troop. One of the moms just had her third baby, a beautiful little boy with the chubbiest baby cheeks I've ever seen. He's so beautiful. Her mother still lives in Iran and is caught up in the Federal level immigration mess. We are keeping a Nana, a grandmother, from her newborn grandchild.

It is heartbreaking to me to live in a county that has the opportunity to stand up against that sort of mindless nonsense but whose leaders may refuse to take one simple small step to say "No, all people are welcome here." We could keep our rightful place as leaders in the USA.

Will you please vote for CB9?

Respectfully,

Tina Horn
10509 Tolling Clock Way

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: In favor of CB9

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 9:48:23 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Kathy Harris

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I will be out of town on Monday and trust there will be a positive vote for CB9. Kathy Harris

Subject: Sanctuary Proposal

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 10:07:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: maura conley

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hi Mary Kay,

I understand it may be a moot issue at this point but I would like to understand this proposal better.

Can you point me to materials that would explain how the operation of the police force would change if this were passed?

Does Howard County currently question people about their citizenship status?

What is the origin of the "Sanctuary City" concept?

The press coverage is too superficial to understand what it would really mean.

Kindest regards,
Maura

Subject: Fw: Constituent In Support of Council Bill 9-2017 - Please vote for the bill

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 12:29:32 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Erinn Mansour

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Council Member Sigaty,

I am not your constituent, but I am a citizen of Howard County and a local activist, and I support Council Bill 9. I hope you vote for it Monday. I know it's a complex issue and I know you've been swamped with aggressive opponents of the bill for weeks now. What you may not realize is the breadth and depth of support for this bill that exists among quietly devoted faith communities, neighbors, and activists throughout our County and beyond it. I sat through 4 hours of the public hearing testimony and 5 hours of the subsequent work session. I realize this will be a tough vote to make, no matter what you decide, but I deeply believe that passing CB9 is the right thing to do. I will back you up in every way I can, if you vote for it, and I have lots of friends who support it, too.

Although I don't know you personally, I have been an active Democrat in Howard County for many years now, and appreciate your service to our community. You may have seen me more recently in my new role as Delegation Administrator for Howard County's Delegation to the General Assembly. Clearly, I am writing to you now simply as a private citizen of Howard County, committed Democrat, Christian seeker, and community activist; these views are my personal opinions. In fact, I held back from sharing them, to some degree, because I wished to maintain a professional distance given my new role with the Delegation. I also wanted to consider the matter carefully and hear all that the our community had to say.

Given recent events, however, particularly the President's aggressive, morally reprehensible, and legally flawed executive orders pertaining to refugees and immigration, I am now compelled to act in every way possible. Over the past year I have worked closely with my religious community, various interfaith groups, and other peace and social justice activists to support refugee resettlement in Maryland and in the United States. After the Governor said he wouldn't welcome Syrian refugees in Maryland anymore in the Fall of 2015, and the escalating violence in Syria, I was led to work with volunteers the following Spring to gain 76 signatures from MD legislators on a letter drafted by Senator Jamie Raskin in support of fair and continued refugee resettlement, including Syrians. I have been actively engaged with advocates and volunteers supporting refugees since that time.

As we have seen in our history before, sadly, refugees and immigrants, both legal and unauthorized, have once again become the targets of fear and anger in this country, and our County. What's worse, it is our President, and our federal government, that is poised to shower our state and local government with edicts that will engulf local and state law enforcement with the unfunded and illegitimate mandate to act as immigration enforcement officers. Given their lack of training and the complexity of immigration law, and the specious nature of federal orders of this kind, it seems quite plausible that local law enforcement will make mistakes that could lead to lawsuits against the County, drain our resources, and undermine the public trust required to maintain effective local law enforcement, crime prevention, and community integrity.

Please don't let this happen. Please support our community and protect us from the xenophobic reign of fear and hatred President Trump has begun to inflict on our country and our community. This is only the beginning, he will not stop, unless the other branches of our federal government check him, and state and local officials, like you, stand up to him. It will take all of you, and all of us, to protect the delicate fabric of the beautifully diverse communities and democracy we enjoy here in Maryland and Howard County.

Please vote for CB9. Thank you for your service to our community and your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Erinn Camp Mansour
2236 Kaitlins Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Subject: CB-9

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 8:38:41 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Holly Mays

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I'm a resident in your district and I wanted to share my opinion with you regarding the proposition to make Howard County a sanctuary county. I understand why some might oppose this. We live in scary times and people are struggling financially which makes the idea of using our tax money to support people who have maybe never paid taxes unpalatable. It's uncomfortable for some to ignore or tolerate people who might not appear to be deserving of our quality of life or who just seem too different. But in the 12 years I've lived in Howard County, I'm proud to have enjoyed the diversity in our community. I feel that this is one of the benefits that paying county taxes affords us. I would encourage you to look at the benefits of diversity on community and children. How it positively affects our lives, from cultural richness to providing a bolster to our economy. I feel it is important to live up to our reputation as a tolerant and diverse county by choosing inclusion, choosing humanity, and choosing civility.

Holly Mays

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Cb-9

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 12:04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Chris Rogers

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilwoman Sigaty

I am sending this email to register my support for the sanctuary bill, CB-9. While i think it is an imperfect solution, I feel it is useful in light of the lack of national-level action on immigration reform.

Regards

Christopher Rogers
Clarksville

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Sanctuary City support

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 4:08:38 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: brentish@verizon.net

To: Weinstein, Jon, Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: ejkamens28@gmail.com

Jon Weinstein and Mary Kay Sigaty:

I'm writing in support of Sanctuary City. It is my belief that James Rouse built an inclusive community for all of us.

Please add my name to your list of supporters for this this proposal.

Elisa J. Kamens

Proud to be a Howard County Columbia Resident

Subject: SUPPORT CB-9

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 4:47:58 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: JEROMEj CRIPE

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Jerry Cripe, M.D.

Subject: Regarding CB-9

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 5:30:24 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ray Klich

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I urge you to support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current political climate and recent Presidential Executive Orders appear to be precursors for allowing mass deportation efforts to be put into effect. The "Orders" are not limited to illegal immigrants who are convicted of crimes but to "acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense". They will include undocumented immigrants working, paying taxes (who have stated on a federal employment forms that they were legally allowed to work) and who could be using: food stamps or if their children receive free school lunches; individuals using fake identity cards; persons who "may" use Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Local Police (and other Gov't Departments) will be expected to cooperate with Immigration Agents. Currently Howard County does not discriminate against undocumented immigrants because of their legal status.

- Discrimination against undocumented immigrants (because of their legal status) along with preventing access to immigrant refugees is immoral and inhumane. It is also against the values that our country (and town) were originally founded on. I believe our political leaders have a moral and ethical responsibility to help & assist these individuals instead of treating them as criminals and cause more hardship/human suffering.

- Howard County receives very minimal grant funds from the federal gov't (< than 1 %) of it's annual budget.

- My wife and I chose Columbia, MD for our home because of its: history, reputation and founding principles of not discriminating against people of different cultures, religion, etc. Our hope is that Howard County will continue to stand for values of: inclusion, opportunity, welcoming and provide a safe environment for all it's citizens.

- My Great Grandparents (from both my mother and father) were immigrants in the late 1800's. They were political refugees from different countries who came here and gained a foot-hold for a safe/better life. My point is, that was not too long ago, and they were accepted by the US.

- If you were in the "undocumented immigrants" shoes what would your life choices be?

Thank You, Ray Klich

7305 Little Bird Path

Columbia, MD. 21046. (H: 410/ 381- 4782).

Subject: Howard County Council plans vote on immigrant sanctuary proposal..

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 11:09:37 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Manish Vaja

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, Congressman John Sarbanes

Dear Mary Kay Sigaty,

We are really concern about the vote for above bill. We don't want to give local enforcement agency power to "Slaughter People" based on the appearance. We are peace loving tax paying US citizens. We strongly believe in Democratic values. If you ever have doubt about the status of immigration, please stop by at our home, and we will happy to provide every details. We are extremely against local enforcement agency to have power of "law enforcement, judge, and executioner". There is a reason to have INS, and we are paying enough federal tax to cover those expenses. We should not be in the business of instilling fear in the society. I am a life long Democrat, please make sure this republican fear mongering tactics. Please take stand against this type of bill. It is absolutely against Democratic value.

Regards

Manish Vaja

Subject: immigrant sanctuary proposal - Vote in Howard County
Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 11:30:05 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Manish Vaja
To: Kittleman, Allan
CC: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Allan Kittlman

We are really concern about the vote for above bill. We don't want to give local enforcement agency power to "Slaughter People" based on the appearance. We are peace loving tax paying US citizens. We strongly believe in Human values. If you ever have doubt about the status of immigration, please stop by at our home, and we will happy to provide every details. We are extremely against local enforcement agency to have power of "law enforcement, judge, and executioner". There is a reason to have INS, and we are paying enough federal tax to cover those expenses. We should not be in the business of instilling fear in our society.

I am really disappointed in the way you are handling the Howard County Money. There is a road 108, close to RiverHill High School, right across RiverHill Garden Center, has Big Damaged area on the edges of the road. If you can't fix this really small issue for more than two years, technically you should resign for poor performance. I saw, you on the Ramp of Great Star Drive during the election time in the morning. It is the time to do the right thing for the RiverHill community. Let Federal Govt do their job, and you focus on Local roads, not the INS "immigrant sanctuary proposal – Bill". If you are planning to use Veto, better take vote from Howard county people on this issue.

Please fix the 108 road first.

Regards

Manish Vaja

Subject: Fwd: Hi friend!

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:25:44 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Clay, Mary

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ginnie Gick sent her support for CB9.

Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ginnie Gick <ginniegick@yahoo.com>
Date: February 5, 2017 at 11:39:11 PM EST
To: Mary Clay <mclay@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Hi friend!

Hello there!

First of all, thank you for trying to help my friends, Scott & Laurie. They really appreciated it, and so do I!

Second, obviously I know where Calvin, Jen and Greg stand on the sanctuary bill... but I don't really know where Mary Kay stands. And since she's my council person and I'm all about contacting my representatives lately, I thought I'd send over my support for the bill. I feel strongly that Howard County was built on the values of civility and acceptance, and my friends and I have had many conversations about this proposal. We all feel that it is unfounded fear that is making some residents turn their backs and shun their fellow man. It's just not the Howard County way.

So, for what it's worth, I am in support of the sanctuary bill.

See ya!
Ginnie

Subject: Vote in favor of Sanctuary Bill

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 10:02:24 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Patricia Baker

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I urge you to vote in favor of the Sanctuary bill proposed by your colleagues Ms. Terrasa and Mr. Ball. The proposed law, as I understand it, serves to codify and formally cement the practices that already exist amongst local law enforcement. The argument that it would put our community in greater peril just does not hold water. On the contrary, not passing this legislation would drive undocumented immigrants further into the shadows of our community and reduce their willingness to cooperate with local law enforcement. Not passing this bill would erode the fragile relationship between local law enforcement and our immigrant population, stretch resources and make law enforcement harder.

Howard County has a long history of welcoming people of all backgrounds and encouraging diversity. Indeed, James Rouse founded Columbia with these goals in mind; that we should live in a community that encourages economic, racial and cultural harmony. These tenets, so deeply engrained in our county history, beyond even the borders of Columbia are being tested at this time.

The current national political landscape and contentious attitudes towards immigrants, Latinos and Muslims will be viewed as a dark chapter in American history on par with the disgraceful treatment of Native Americans, Japanese-Americans during World War II and the stain of Segregation. In Howard County, let's choose to rise above the scapegoat mentality of our national leadership. Let's place humanity and compassion above divisiveness and hateful rhetoric. Let's go high when the others have gone low. Let's choose to set Howard County apart and let's choose Sanctuary.

Thank you,

Patricia Baker

4404 South Meadow Ct.

Ellicott City, MD 21042

Subject: why you should vote YES on CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 11:48:52 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mary Barton

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilmember Sigaty,

As the Enrollment and Transitions Coordinator of the English Language Center at Howard Community College, I strongly encourage you to vote YES tonight on CB9. In my position at the college, I am in constant communication with adult English Language Learners here in Howard County. Fortunately, when we enroll our nearly 2,000 students annually in HCC's non-credit ESL program, we are not required to ask them about their immigration status. However, that doesn't mean it doesn't come up.

Immigration status typically comes up when I am counseling a student and it becomes clear that the student or one of their family members could use the support of one of Howard County's community service providers. If they are undocumented or have not had permanent resident status for at least 5 years, there are many services for which they do not qualify. And though that can be frustrating, it is an understandable policy.

However, it is always troubling when I am meeting with an undocumented student who is distraught because they have been a victim of a crime such as domestic violence or abuse, assault, fraud, or theft and they have not reported the crime to the police because they fear it will trigger an unwanted action from ICE, either for themselves or someone they care about. I do my best to convince these students otherwise, in addition to referring them to an agency such as FIRN, CASA, or Hope Works, that can support them regardless. Yet, I always remain concerned that their inability to trust the police leaves them vulnerable to future victimization.

Ms. Sigaty, I want you to know and believe that this really does happen! And, regardless of immigration status, everyone deserves the cover of safety that the Howard County Police Department can provide. Offering "sanctuary" to our undocumented neighbors will make Howard County a safer, healthier and truly welcoming community for all. Please vote YES on CB9.

Best always,

Mary Barton
9052 Early April Way
Columbia, MD 21046
618-660-5243

Subject: in support of Sanctuary Bill

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:12:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, weinstein@howardcountymd.gov

I'm writing in support of the Howard County Sanctuary Bill that is before the County Council. I believe it is important for us to pass this bill on principle as a statement of our community's support of immigrants, refugees, and other innocent people who live in our community.

Undocumented immigrants who are trying to make a life here do not endanger us, and the current administration's Ban on Muslims and Refugees does NOT address what are real dangers — it merely targets innocents. Targeting undocumented immigrants threatens to separate children from parents.

The myth that being a sanctuary-on-record will increase crime is absurd and has been debunked; it should not be perpetuated.

Howard County is strengthened by diversity and compassion — those are values we should promote. President Trump's threat to withdraw federal funds should not deter us from doing what is right.

Yours,
Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

Rabbi Amy R. Scheinerman

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Torah commentaries: www.taste-of-torah.blogspot.com

Ten Minutes of Talmud: www.tenminutesoftalmud.blogspot.com

Subject: Sanctuary County Vote

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:15:04 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: mccollumw@comcast.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Barbara Cell, mccollumw

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty:

Apparently the "contact me" function on the council web site does not work, so I'm using direct e-mail to let you know my opinion, as a constituent of yours, about the vote this evening on declaring Howard a sanctuary county.

I am opposed to it for reasons with which you are quite familiar.

Your vote on this measure will send a clear message to your constituents.

Vote against it and we will know you are not willing to take unnecessary chances with the lives and property of everyone in the county.

Vote against it and we will know you value on the quality of schools in the county.

Vote against it and we will know that you value your fiduciary responsibilities in handling taxpayer money.

Vote against it and we will know you are aware of the realities of what happens to education, the crime rate, and the overall quality of life in other sanctuary areas.

Vote against it and we will know you care that criminal illegal aliens negatively affect all of us, including you and your family.

William W. McCollum
5051 Whetstone Road
Columbia, MD 21044
(443) 745-9129

Subject: Please support CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:31:37 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: TAHIRA MUSSARAT HUSSAIN

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

PLEASE SUPPORT CB9

THANK YOU

TAHIRA HUSSAIN

Subject: PRO: CB-9, but late to the game

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:38:04 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: clynneathome@verizon.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing to voice my adamant support for county bill CB-9. I have attended meetings since the very beginning, and I did not immediately rush to support the bill. However, given the current very troubling climate in our nation and in our county, as evidenced by many hateful interactions that I have personal knowledge of, as well as Mr. Kittleman's record on immigration issues, I would strongly encourage you to support the bill. A resolution simply won't go far enough to make the vulnerable feel safe and wanted here. I work in HCPSS, and have many immigrant students who know no other life or country than this one.

Please, please, do the right thing, and vote in support of this bill.

Thank you,

Lynne Culberson Phillips
Ellicott City

Subject: PLEASE vote yes on CB 9 tonight

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 12:52:05 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dan Berland

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Council Member Sigaty:

I am writing as someone born in your district and who has lived in your district for all but eight of my 42 years to implore you to stand up for the values my hometown of Columbia was founded on and that have made me proud to be a Howard Countian by voting yes on CB 9. I also ask you not to pursue the "compromise" I have been reading about, which seems to me not so much a compromise on the nature of our values, but simply a compromise on how strongly we support those, and therefore will send exactly the wrong message about who we are.

My parents moved to Howard County to start a family expressly for the purpose of making sure that their children would be raised to understand the value of diversity, and while I moved away to go to college, when my wife and I began to start a family, the same reason drove us to leave beautiful San Diego and return here--to do everything we could to ensure that our children would grow up to value diversity, inclusion, and equality, things we consider to be bedrock elements of being a good citizen, and a good human. My mother was raised in the segregated Midwest in the forties and fifties, and while her parents insisted she go to college in the Midwest (too many Communists at the coastal universities), by the time she was pursuing her PhD she was free to choose a school in New York City. She has described to me feeling literal terror in that diverse environment, but she had soon done a complete 180 on issues of race and resolved that she wanted to be part of raising a new generation of Americans who would seek empathy, value difference, and tear down barriers. That was her entire reason for moving to Howard County and, 27 years later, my entire reason for returning.

I haven't been as involved in local issues as I should, given my long residency, but I have paid close attention to the debate around CB 9, and I need to tell you that it has shaken me to my core. I attended the work session on the bill and was very proud of the way you, as my representative, conducted yourself. I felt a high point was the moment when you reminded those assembled that when we are talking about those affected by CB 9, we are talking about people. Unfortunately, that was immediately followed by the lowest point, when opponents of CB 9 in the audience began to shout, "We are people too!" I was raised to understand that human rights are not a zero sum game, and that respecting and valuing the personhood of people different from us does not diminish us, but makes us stronger. I learned those values everyday growing up here in Howard County, and I was shocked and saddened to see them so readily repudiated by others who live here.

And that is why CB 9 is so important to me: I know that Council Member Fox, and others (including some supporters of CB 9), would like to make this about a referendum on Trump, but I hope you will not make your decision on that basis; rather, I hope you will see CB 9 as asking the question of who we are as Howard Countians. Do we stand for tolerance, equality, diversity, human rights? Or are we fearful, insular, and indeed in some cases, hateful? I never thought that in my lifetime Howard County would be having this identity struggle, and yes, I want us to tell the rest of the world who we are, loud and clear: that we value each and every person who has chosen to live here with us, that we are defined by our empathy and not by our fear. But more importantly, I want us to tell that to our children, the next generation of Howard Countians, who so many of us are raising here in order to promote and strengthen those values in the world. And I want to help even those who oppose CB 9 learn the worth of those values, and I commit to you that if CB 9 passes, I will help you and other community leaders however I can in reaching out to those folks with love and compassion in hopes of deepening our understanding of each other. Thank you for your time and for all of the work that you do.

Dan Berland
5630 Vantage Point Rd.
Columbia, Maryland
41-948-0971

Subject: Sanctuary Legislation

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:05:13 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Deb Jung

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Council Member Sigaty,

I writing to ask you to support the Sanctuary legislation that will be before you tonight for a vote. I am familiar with the legislation and I believe that in these uncertain times, legislation is the best response to ensure the safety of our immigrant population in Howard County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Debra Jung

Subject: CB9 Vote Tonight

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:09:12 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sbzaret

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hi, Mary Kay--

I attended the **Women Democrats of Howard County** meeting last week, and was disturbed to hear about County Executive Kittleman's record with regard to immigrants' civil rights. It is now more important than ever to ensure that our county does not repeat the ignorant and divisive actions being urged by the current administration in Washington.

The "Sanctuary" bill, CB9, being considered by the Howard County Council, is an example, I think, of the way in which we can both symbolically and practically push back against the fear being drummed up in our community, and around the country. This bill is NOT an immigration bill—immigration policy is determined by legislative action at the Federal level. This bill is rather about policing in Howard County, and this is where I am most concerned about the impact of the President's over-reach.

I have been on the Kings Contrivance Village Board for over ten years, and as former Chair of the CA Board of Directors, I was briefed every year on crime statistics for the county. I know from experience that we are still understaffed in police officers and detectives, with scarce policing resources being spread too thin between villages. Villages have to "share" police presence and this is a constant concern of our residents. After all the progress of the past year, and the emphasis on community policing, our county police officers should NOT be tasked with stopping or questioning people about immigration status on the basis of appearance, or nationality, or especially religion. That is not their job.

I was struck by the number of photos on your County Council site that depict you engaging with people of all nationalities and religions on community projects that emphasize our shared values of diversity, tolerance and cooperation. This is a critical time to follow through with a clear message to our immigrant residents that you stand with them, and with all county Democrats, against the intolerance that threatens our continued progress as a vibrant community.

I understand that some council members have suggested a council "resolution" as an alternative. But a resolution, although a statement of principle, is NOT binding--there is no force of law to defend the innocent from aggressive attacks on civil liberties. Our County Council needs to speak up, in a unified voice, and push back against the blatant animosity we heard at the hearings.

I have known you for years, Mary Kay, and I know that people look to you for leadership--I urge you to create a legacy of trust and integrity, by voting "YES" on CB9.

Best regards,

Shari Zaret
Kings Contrivance Village Board

Subject: Please vote YES on CB-9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:35:56 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nancy and Robert Schweiss

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

February 6, 2017

Dear Councilmember Sigaty:

I am writing to you today to ask that you vote "yes" on Council Bill 9.

We have long lived with a legal fiction that states that no one is to live here without the appropriate federal government paperwork. Yet undocumented persons are living here, working, going to school, and paying taxes. Some would say all "illegal aliens" need to go back where they came from. But that would include individuals for whom Howard County is the only home they remember, who have been educated in our schools, and who have so much to contribute to our community.

The determination of exactly who should be allowed to stay and under what circumstances is not a simple one. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals was an attempt to create a policy that would partially address these matters.

The recent executive orders banning travel and immigration have questionable constitutional grounding and are thrusting us into an uncertain legal climate. We need to weather this period while the legality of these executive orders are determined in the courts.

Your "yes" vote on CB-9 would send a clear message that Howard County will stand by the protections offered under Article 10 of the U.S. Constitution to prevent county police officers from being deputized to carry out federal immigration laws. We need our police officers to be available to work on behalf of our community's safety. Further, we need to ensure that undocumented aliens will feel safe contacting police when they are victims of or witnesses to crime, for their safety and the safety of the entire community.

Today a chaotic atmosphere reigns. People who live among us are at risk. Please provide all of our residents with some sense of stability by refusing to allocate county resources to expedite federal executive orders.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Nancy Schweiss
6201 Woodleigh Drive
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: CB-9 - please vote yes

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:41:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Timothy Dilworth

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms Sigaty,

My name is Tim Dilworth and I live at 2625 Daisy Road in Howard County. I'm writing to express my support for CB-9 and urge you to vote in favor of it.

My reason is simple: We are a nation of immigrants, and I think now is not the time to turn our backs on those who have come to America to make a better life for themselves, and who contribute to forging a stronger country. To me, nothing captures this key American spirit better than the words from "The New Colossus" inscribed on the base of the Statute of Liberty:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

I believe in an America where that lamp shines brightly and where that golden door is open to those in search of the same opportunities that drew our own fore-fathers and mother to this country. We are not a nation that lives into fear, or that retreats behind walls--I believe we are stronger, smarter and better than that.

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of Howard County, and I hope you vote in the way that I think serves the county and our nation best--please help pass CB-9.

Best,

Tim Dilworth
2625 Daisy Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

Subject: Sanctuary for Howard County

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 3:36:17 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Anna Vianna

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms Sigaty,

I'm a Columbia resident in zip code 21044, and I'd like to express my support for CB9 - Sanctuary for Howard County. I realize that Federal funding would be compromised, but I truly believe in the diversity that I've been privileged to enjoy since moving to Howard County in 2001. I am also expressing concern about any opposition to the sanctuary, since I believe this would greatly affect our local resources and not only hinder communication and relationships between residents and police officers, but using our local officers to investigate federal issues would take away from their time patrolling our neighborhoods and compromise the safety of our residents.

It is my understanding that you may be agreeable to a resolution on sanctuary, but I truly feel the resolution would simply not be enough in light of Mr. Kittleman's poor track record in immigration issues.

Thank you so much for considering voting Yes for Sanctuary and keeping the safety of Howard County residents a priority.

Kind regards,

Anna Vianna-Siddiqi
5372 Fallriver Row Ct
Columbia, MD

Subject: Pls VOTE YES on Sanctuary Bill

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:09:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Anita Broccolino

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Clay, Mary, Singleton, Julia

Hello Councilmember Sigaty-- I just sent you a similar message via FB, but in case you don't see that in time, am emailing you as well!

I ask that you stay strong in protecting the values Americans hold most dear. PLEASE Vote YES today on the Sanctuary Bill.

Money is NOT the most important thing.

Do not allow discrimination, fear and finances to be the reason to vote No.

Peace & Justice always prevail, and you will be on the right side of History.

Hope you are great and thank you for your service!!

Best,
-- Anita B.

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2352 Ridge Tree Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Subject: Sanctuart county

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:10:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ron Kohanski

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

My family supports designating Howard County as a sanctuary county, and the protection of the inherent dignity of every person in our community. We urge you, please, vote in favor of the bill 9-2017.

Regards,

Ron Kohanski

6085 Covington Rd.

Columbia, MD

Subject: my position on the Sanctuary bill

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:21:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: ellen sellers

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms Sigaty,

Thank you for your service on the Council.

I live in the west Fulton area. I am writing to let you know my position on the 'sanctuary' issue. I am opposed to making Howard County a 'Sanctuary'. Illegal immigration is a complicated issue that will not be resolved by dividing our communities further by the use of labels such as 'sanctuary'.

Best regards,

Ellen Sellers

Subject: Sanctuary Vote Tonight

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:22:07 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Barbara Lawson

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay, mksigaty@gmail.com

Good afternoon, Mary Kay - I am sure you can guess where I stand on the sanctuary issue. I am hopeful that you will be supporting the bill. We are a community that must stand up for the humane values that have stood the test of time. Many thxs for all your hard work and hours of listening to so much testimony.
Barbara

Barbara K. Lawson

Subject: Vote

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:45:24 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: mjmonck@gmail.com

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

I want to thank you for your vote tonight. I know it was difficult but I think you voted on the right side. Thank you again.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:50:38 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Ainy Kazmi

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for voting yes. I know it was a difficult decision but I appreciate that you were here tonight and that you voted YES.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting Councilperson Sigaty's office regarding Council Bill 9-2017. On behalf of Ms. Sigaty, I appreciate the thought and time put into your statement. She will take this into consideration as she and her colleagues continue their work on this issue.

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Mary Clay
Special Assistant to Mary Kay Sigaty
Howard County Council, District 4

3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(410) 313-2001

-----Original Message-----

From: ainykazmi@gmail.com [<mailto:ainykazmi@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:43 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Subject: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

Ainy Kazmi
9913 Frederick Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042-3627

January 24, 2017

Mary Kay Sigaty
Councilmember

Mary Kay Sigaty:

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.

THIS BILL SHOULD BE PASSED. 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.

Sincerely,

Ainy Kazmi

Subject: THANK YOU

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:56:13 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: LINDA Wengel

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

There have been a lot of tearful moments these last months, both of utter despair with our president and joy at seeing the people rise up. Your affirmative vote tonight was one of those moments. Whatever the final outcome, I thank you for listening and doing the right thing. Linda

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: Support CB 9
Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:08:37 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Katja Fort Rhoden
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Attachments: image2.JPG

Mrs. Sigaty,

Thank you for your vote tonight in support of CB9, I emphasize with the tough position you found yourself in.

Katja Fort Rhoden

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2017, at 4:46 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Rhoden,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Your statements are thoughtful and measured. Further, they reflect the community that Howard County – residents, business owners and others alike – assert it to be: one that is inclusive and encourages diversity. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation. Thank you for the additional information.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Katja Fort Rhoden <katjafort@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 6:05:42 PM
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay; CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Support CB 9

Mrs. Sigaty,

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

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

And please see attached copy of an exchange I had on December 20 - my communications are in blue. I have

personally experienced that people with uncertain immigration status fear reporting crimes.

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

Thank you again,

Katja Fort Rhoden

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Yes - absolutely

Sent from my iPhone

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

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> Mrs. Sigaty

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> I am writing to ask you to support CB 9.

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> I believe it represents the values that made Columbia and Howard County great, we have always been leaders and trend setters. CB 9 represents the vales that make our community the best place to live.

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> I was born in California, my father is African American and my mother is German American, and I was raised in Columbia. Based on my ethnic features, I have been told more than once to "Go Back Home" for the safety and civility of all citizens please support CB 9.

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- > Bring Back The Values of The People Tree.
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- > Thank you for your service.
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- > In community,
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- > Katja Fort Rhoden
- > 11009 Apple Orchard Ct
- > Laurel, MD 20723
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Subject: Cb9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:11:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: mkg2761

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

THANK YOU!

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

Subject: Thank you for supporting CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:18:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jenny Fetters

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Ms. Sigaty,

Thank you for voting tonight in favor of CB9. You voted to protect our hard working residents from harassment and an uncertain future under the recent presidential orders now under federal judicial review. Howard County's immigrants need the certainty of protection and support from our community.

Sincerely,

Jenny Fetters

Sun Circle Way

Columbia

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Thank you, Councilperson Sigaty.

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:18:13 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Corey Andrews

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilperson Sigaty,

Thank you for your brave support of CB-9.

I'd like to let you know that you will have my support, and the support of the Young Democrats, in any of your future endeavours.

Corey Andrews
President, Young Democrats of Howard County
coreymichaelandrews@gmail.com
cacoreya@yahoo.com

Subject: Thank you

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:19:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Susan McCarty (sent by sgmccarty@gmail.com <sgmccarty@gmail.com>)

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Hi Ms. Sigaty,

I just wanted to thank you for your vote in favor of the sanctuary bill this evening.

Sincerely,

Susan McCarty
6901 Annabel Ct
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Thank you for voting yes on CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:27:19 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Beth Webb

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I live in the River's Edge neighborhood and I just wanted to thank you for upholding the values that Columbia was founded on and voting yes on CB9 this evening.

Sincerely,
Beth Webb

Subject: Howard County

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:29:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Betsy Hudson

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing to express my support for making Howard County a sanctuary for immigrants.

Thank you,

Betsy Hudson
11036 Wood Elves Way
Columbia MD 21044

Monday, February 13, 2017 at 10:46:19 AM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:02:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Joel Broida

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Broida Joel

Mary Kay....thank you for your vote. Good job.

Joel Broida

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Thank you for your YES vote on CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:02:49 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: MARY ANNE NEWKIRK

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thank you so much for your yes vote on CB9 tonight. For me, passing CB9 protects not only undocumented immigrants, but Howard County residents who are American citizens but whose skin color is not white. The incident in Bel Air with the Indian-American woman deeply touched me. It is important in these tumultuous times to make explicit how residents are to be treated in their own neighborhoods.

Your discomfort tonight was very visible. I admire your courage and thank you for making a hard decision in support of our civil liberties, one thing that makes America great.

Warmest regards,
Mary Anne Newkirk
A District 4 voter

Subject: Thank you

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:04:17 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Patty Reed

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

I want to thank you for voting in favor of the Howard County Sanctuary bill tonight. It is comforting to know that my representative on the County Council had the courage to stand up for what is right, even in the face of a well-organized and vocal opposition.

Sincerely,

Patty Reed
6016 Laurel Wreath Way

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Re: I Support CB-9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:17:33 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Mike Hossom

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilperson Sigaty,

Thank you for your vote in favor of CB-9. I agree with your statement that "when one side wins, we all lose". It's a shame that things have come to this.

Sincerely,
Mike Hossom

On Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 2:46 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Hossom,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. She has received a great deal of messages from both sides of this issue and is reflecting on the testimony of all who have been engaged on this legislation.

She will take your position into consideration as she and her colleagues deliberate on this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

Julia Singleton
District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty
District 4
[410-313-2001](tel:410-313-2001)

From: Mike Hossom <mhossom@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:44:21 PM

To: CouncilMail

Subject: I Support CB-9

Hello, my name is Jay Hossom. I am a resident of Howard County and I support making Howard a Sanctuary County. I believe that my neighbors should never fear going to the police or any other government employee.

Sincerely,
Jay Hossom
9609 Pastora Place
Columbia, MD 21045

Subject: Sanctuary city

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:15:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: kimcarey198@yahoo.com

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for voting yes on CB9. We support you and will continue to fight for the rights of immigrants. We want to make a better life for all families. This is what Rouse wanted. I teach and live and raise my kids in this county. This is who we should be.

Kim Carey

Subject: CB9-2017

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:29:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Lori Szeliga

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Good evening,

I am emailing to tell you that I disagree with your vote for CB9-2017. The bill is politically motivated and is totally unnecessary in our county. This county already welcomes people of all nationalities. No sanctuary is needed here.

It is sad that politics is more important to you than plain common sense. It is also disappointing that you caved to political pressure from your party.

I support County Executive Kittleman in his veto of this bill.

Lori Szeliga

Subject: Thank You-in support of CB9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:32:57 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sunmy Brown

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Ball, Calvin B

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thank you for voting YES to Council Bill 9 this evening. I applaud you for your thoughtfulness in sharing your comments this evening and standing united with Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa in supporting this bill.

Your vote tonight meant so much to my family, friends, and neighbors; I simply cannot find the words to fully express my deep gratitude and appreciation for your vote this evening.

I know we still have an uphill battle as County Executive Kittleman has publicly committed to vetoing CB9. However, your vote tonight signifies how important it is to be standing on the right side of history.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully,
Sunmy Brown

Please excuse any typos sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you!

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:38:39 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jodi Brown

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thank you so much for your vote tonight in support of CB9. I admire your courage and your willingness to serve ALL the people in Howard County.

Respectfully,
Jodi Brown

Subject: Thank you for your vote tonight on CB 9

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:56:44 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dan Berland

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Council Member Sigaty:

Thank you thank you thank you for voting in support of CB 9 today. Although I know that the 3-2 vote is not enough to overcome a veto (if none of the other positions change), I feel strongly that, at least for tonight, Howard County reaffirmed the values that have made it a great place to live and raise our children. I appreciate you standing with those values.

Dan Berland
5630 Vantage point Rd, Columbia

Subject: So very proud

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 11:03:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: elizabeth moses

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

As a resident of District 4, I, like so many others, have been waiting anxiously for your vote on CB9. I, like many others, sent you a deeply felt request to carefully consider this bill and it's true power.

Tonight I sat next to my dear friend David Saunier, who has had so much faith in you all along. You made us both so very proud to call you our council woman.

I understand what a very difficult couple of weeks it has been, and I'm sure you will be receiving negative feedback, too.

Please know you chose the path of progress, love, and respect for the humanity in each and every one of us in Howard County. I have no doubt you do know this.

Deepest thanks and appreciation,

Elizabeth Moses
Beaverbrook, Columbia

Subject: With gratitude and continued commitment

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 11:23:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Gena Chung

To: Ball, Calvin B, Sigaty, Mary Kay, Terrasa, Jen

Dear Council Members Ball, Sigaty and Terrasa,

It is with **tremendous gratitude** that I'm writing to you just hours after the **momentous passage of the CB9 bill**. Thank you for your **courageous leadership and moral fortitude** in presenting, defending, and supporting this bill, which establishes Howard County as a community devoted to the principles of human dignity, diversity and inclusion, and equal opportunity and protection under the law. By your words and actions, you proudly declared that Howard County would unflinchingly reject discrimination, hate speech and destructive isolationism that threatens to unravel the fabric of our nation- a nation that was founded on the **self-evident truth** that, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain **unalienable Rights**, that among these are **life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**"

In the past year, and particularly in the past few weeks, I have seen and heard one too many heartbreaking examples of that founding American principle (and others) betrayed. But by the **grace of God** these moments of despair have been diffused by the unifying and irrepressible faith and goodwill that we have found in one another. You have bravely and steadfastly led the charge in the face of fierce (and often ugly) opposition. You fulfilled your role as our elected officials with dignity, integrity, and an unwavering sense of purpose. I would like to thank you on behalf of our community, and I pledge my continued commitment to stand firmly with you and my fellow community members to fight for what is right: to protect our fellow residents, to promote peace and unity, and to prove that America is not a land of "carnage," but a land of grace, opportunity, generosity and fulfillment.

I am aware that there is still a lot of work ahead of us, but am buoyed by the strength and will of my community partners, my own personal faith, and your support as elected officials.

With gratitude,
Gena Chung
240.375.9927
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Subject: Thank you!

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 11:34:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Stefanie Feldman

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Stefanie Feldman

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:08:58 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Laurie S. Coltri

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Good morning,

I am writing to thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting CB9-2017, the Sanctuary County bill. I realize that casting the deciding vote was difficult for you, because I was in the hearing room when the vote was taken.

It is patriots like you, who take risks to protect the Constitution and fundamental values of our country, who give us some measure of hope that the next four years will not spell the demise of our great, generous, and tolerant nation.

We for our part will strive to come together as a county, and be what the greater nation needs to become: united and mutually supportive in our diversity of backgrounds, experiences, beliefs and values. We saw signs of this coming-together last night, with supporters and opponents of the bill treating each other with cordiality and civility. Hopefully, friendship is not far behind. We answer the call of love.

With profound gratitude,
Laurie S Coltri
Columbia (Oakland Mills)

Subject: Thank you

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:55:19 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Colleen Hughes

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms Sigaty

Thank you, thank you for your vote last night! I feel like the uncertainty of the world we live in right now requires a higher level openness and kindness. I understand that CB9 will require an extra burden for our police officers. Sending a strong positive message to our entire community overrides that.

Thank you for all you do
Colleen Hughes

Subject: Re: Sanctuary County

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:09:16 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: peterportez@comcast.net

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for last night's vote.

Peter Muncie

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:18 PM

To: peterportez@comcast.net

Subject: Re: Sanctuary County

Good evening Mr. Muncie,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. Ms. Sigaty will consider your viewpoint as she and her colleagues on the Council deliberate this legislation.

Sincerely,

Julia

Julia Singleton

District Aide to Councilperson Sigaty

District 4

410-313-2001

From: peterportez@comcast.net <peterportez@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:04:35 AM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Subject: Sanctuary County

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I am writing you to let you know that I strongly support efforts to make Howard county a so-called "sanctuary" county.

Sincerely,

Peter Muncie

10354 Sixpence Circle

Columbia

Subject: Thank you

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:35:26 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Beth Omalley

To: Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen, Sigaty, Mary Kay

... for your courage and your vote.

Rev. Beth O'Malley

Subject: You Rock

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:47:40 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Sabina Taj

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Category: Junk

You are amazing MK.

Thank you.

Sabina Taj

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you!

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:48:33 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: rosalba davis

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Kittleman, Allan, Weinstein, Jon, Derik Davis

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

The vote you cast last night makes us proud to live in Howard County. Your vote put Howard County on the growing list of jurisdictions that are leading the long fight ahead for a more inclusive, less bigoted future for all our kids. HoCo kids now know that their parents and family are safe. It is a relief for so many families!

And for people like us, who are citizens and in Derik's case, who served in the military to safeguard our ideals, we can look into our daughters' eyes and assure them that we made the right choice to live here.

Even if CB9 still faces challenges, we are confident that the ongoing debate will serve to enlighten our neighbors - and our leaders - about why we need to protect all our residents. HoCo must never allow itself to fall prey to the dehumanization of our neighbors, which poisons our children's minds. Passing CB9 is one very important step toward that goal as we continue to work in other areas to ensure that never happens.

We thank you for doing your part to keep Howard County the kind of community we want to raise our kids in.

Gratefully yours,
Rosalba and Dr. Derik Davis
4082 Fragile Sail Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042
District One

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you!

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:10:01 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Anne Reis

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Category: Junk

I want to say THANK YOU for your vote last night confirming HC's intention to protect all of our citizens. It makes a huge difference for our nation and for the residents of our county. With your vote, i can now say that I am truly proud to live in Howard County.

Hurrah fo you, and God Bless you!

With appreciation and much sincerity,

Anne Reis

Subject: Re: Support

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:40:06 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Cinjimalvey

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you so much for voting for CB-9 last night. I really appreciate your time & consideration in this!!

Cynthia Alvey

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2017, at 1:57 PM, "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Alvey,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. She has received a great deal of messages from both sides of this issue and is reflecting on the testimony of all who have been engaged on this legislation.

She will take your position into consideration as she and her colleagues deliberate on this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Cinjimalvey <cinjimalvey@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:58:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support

Hello,
I am a resident of Howard county for the past 28 years, and I support CB 9, making Howard county a sanctuary to the immigrant community. Thanks.

Cynthia Alvey
5489 Bright hawk ct
Columbia , MD 21045
410-964-3534

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Sanctuary Bill

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:53:47 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Eden Valley

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thanks so much for doing the right thing and voting "yes" last night.

On Jan 30, 2017, at 2:44 PM, Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Dear Bette Hoover,

Thank you for contacting Councilperson Sigaty's office regarding Council Bill 9-2017. On behalf of Ms. Sigaty, I appreciate the thought and time put into your statement. She will take this into consideration as she and her colleagues continue their work in this issue.

Sincerely,

Claire

Claire Silberman

Staff to Mary Kay Sigaty

Howard County Council, District 4

3430 Court House Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21043

(410) 313-2001

-----Original Message-----

From: edenvalley@verizon.net [<mailto:edenvalley@verizon.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:03 AM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Subject: Support pro-immigrant bill to protect rights and public safety

Bette Hoover

5085 Green Bridge Rd

Dayton, MD 21036-1207

January 23, 2017

Mary Kay Sigaty

Councilmember

Mary Kay Sigaty:

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 recommit's 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.

Please do there right thing and support Bill # 9. Protecting the civil rights and liberties of ALL Howard County residents, including vulnerable noncitizen residents, is who we are in Howard County. Civility is our motto. We need to have laws that support our values. Thanks for voting YES.

Please vote YES on Council Bill 9-2017.

Sincerely,

Bette Hoover

410-531-5610

Subject: Thank you for voting for CB9

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:00:37 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Judith Todes

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for voting for DB9. I was glad to hear that you related to today's immigrants because of your personal experiences.

Subject: Re: CB9-2017
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:14:25 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Jen Nussbaum
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Attachments: image003.png, image004.png, image005.png

Dear Council Member Sigaty,

I was there last night. I heard your speech. This will not be long.

I am incredibly disappointed by your stand with CB9-2017. This bill is based on fear from illegal immigrants and does not acknowledge the fears of legal citizens that reside in Howard County. These are the people that elected you to office. It is a divisive bill with potentially devastating repercussions to our county and our people. I strongly suggest that you reconsider your position.

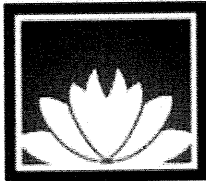
I would like to share a quote that was sent to me on Facebook: "If one American loses their life - is killed - as a result of letting in dangerous, unvetted people into this country, you are to blame."

Are you willing to take that blame?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen Nussbaum



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Subject: Thank you for your support of CB9
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:25:29 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Chiara D'Amore
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

Thank you for your support of CB9 last night. It was clear that you put a tremendous amount of time and thought into your decision and I do believe you are on the right side of history in a complicated time. I would like to think that Mr. Kittleman will reconsider his guaranteed veto, but if he proceeds with that path you have the full support of a large and very active community of progressive patriots when the Council takes up the override of the veto during your March 6th voting session. If there is a way in which we can offer you support in this process, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Chiara D'Amore

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Chiara D'Amore <chiaradamore@yahoo.com>
To: "councilmail@howardcountymd.gov" <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 4:17 PM
Subject: reiterated support for CB9

Dear Howard County Council,

Thank you for the time and energy you have put into the process of developing and considering CB9. As you prepare to vote on this legislation tonight I wanted to reiterate everything I said in my original email and quote Holocaust survivor Eli Wiesel:

“We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe.”

Now is the time to stand on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chiara D'Amore

From: Chiara D'Amore <chiaradamore@yahoo.com>
To: "councilmail@howardcountymd.gov" <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:56 AM
Subject: Support for CB9

Dear Howard County Council,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Chiara D'Amore

Subject: Fwd: CB-9

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:30:58 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dana Rose

To: Kittleman, Allan

CC: Ball, Calvin B, Fox, Greg, Terrasa, Jen, Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear County Executive Kittleman,

As a follow up to my phone call today to your office and my email of last week, I urge you not to veto this bill.

Ugly and disrespectful language as uttered from Councilmen Fox is what causes divisiveness. WE are better than that.

Please stand for ALL of Howard County and do not veto this bill. Thank you

Dana Rose
6192 Devon Drive
Columbia, MD

21044

443-878-5813
juskit5@gmail.com

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

From: Dana Rose <juskit5@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 3, 2017 at 6:06 AM

Subject: CB-9

To: <akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>

Cc: <gfox@howardcountymd.gov>, <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>, <jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov>, <cball@howardcountymd.gov>, <jweinstein@howardcountymd.gov>

Dear County Executive Kittleman,

I am a voting resident of Howard County.

I am very concerned and disappointed that you are not in support on CB-9. As you know the vote is on Monday. If passed you currently plan to veto this bill.

My father-in-law, a resident of Howard County since the late 1960 was an emigrant from Grenada. He was accomplished in his country as a school master. He came to this country, was accepted into Howard University and became a pediatrician. Along with his wife, he raised four children in Columbia. Two of his children became physicians and still reside in Howard County. You most likely went to school with them.

The majority of immigrants documented or not are hard working people.

While disappointing, your position on this issue is not a surprised based on you record on such bills as the DREAM Act.

It however is time for all of us to stand up for the respect and dignity for all. The hate expressed by individuals on your side of CB-9 was vile. If your position remains, I will place you in that same category. Please reconsider your

position on CB-9. Anything short of a law is just window dressing.

As stated I vote. **Now** I not only vote I have become politically active and so have many of my friends. We are looking forward to 2018 and beyond. Your voting record is readily available and will be reviewed, scrutinized, and widely shared.

Please note I was unable to leave a voice mail message, but I will not be deferred on this issue and on any other issue I feel strongly about.

Thank you.

Dana Rose
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21044

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[443-878-5813](tel:443-878-5813)

Subject: thank you

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:43:18 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jean Silver-Isenstadt

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Ms. Sigaty,

I want to add my voice to what I know is a chorus of gratitude for your support of CB9. I know this has been a shockingly controversial bill and I appreciate your heart and courage in taking a vote that felt difficult. As a child of Wilde Lake, your vote meant a lot to me personally as well.

-Jean Silver-Isenstadt

Mary Kay, Thank you for voting YES on CB9 last night. I greatly appreciate your support for making Howard County a Sanctuary City.

Judy Grusso
Fundraising and Marketing Consultant
410-493-5978

Monday, February 13, 2017 at 10:50:04 AM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Thank You!

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:10:16 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Judy Grusso

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Subject: Re: SUPPORT CB-9

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:12:28 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: JEROMEj CRIPE

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you for voting for CB-9. I know that was not an easy decision but did stick with good values.

Jerry Cripe

On Feb 5, 2017, at 4:47 PM, JEROMEj CRIPE <jeromecripe@aol.com> wrote:
Jerry Cripe, M.D.

Subject: Re: Support of CB9
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:30:52 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Cheryl Lynn Jenkins
To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Councilperson Sigaty,

Thank you for your vote last night on Council Bill 9. I am sure you had to weigh both your personal convictions and the wishes of a wide constituency. Thank you for your courage and for standing up to fear. This vote made me proud to live in Howard County.

Cheryl Lynn Jenkins

From: Sigaty, Mary Kay <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Cheryl Lynn Jenkins
Subject: Re: Support of CB9

Good afternoon Ms. Jenkins,

On behalf of Councilperson Sigaty, thank you for your correspondence regarding Council Bill 9-2017. She has received a great deal of messages from both sides of this issue and is reflecting on the testimony of all who have been engaged on this legislation. She will take your position into consideration as she and her colleagues deliberate on this legislation.

Sincerely,
Julia

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

From: Cheryl Lynn Jenkins <clstauf@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:11:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CB9

Dear Council members:

I am a resident of Howard County and I am in support of making Howard County a sanctuary city. I want to live in a community that is compassionate to everyone.

My neighbors should never fear looking for support from the community they live in and to the people that are charged with keeping us safe.

For me, my family, my children, my neighbors, PLEASE support this bill.

Cheryl Lynn Jenkins
21042

Monday, February 13, 2017 at 10:50:18 AM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Thank you for supporting CB-9!!!!!!

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:38:31 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nancy Perkins

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Thank you so much for supporting CB-9! I was sitting in the Banneker room last night in support of the bill and you came through! Supporting the Bill was a tough decision but it was the right decision. Your address to the room was heartfelt and gracious. Thank you again.

I live in your district and have supported your campaigns since you ran for school board. You have been a great assets to our county and I am disappointed you can not run in the next election. You have always served us well and we are fortunate for your service.

Thank you,
Nancy Perkins

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you for standing up

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 11:14:43 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Jen Hayashi

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilwoman Sigaty,

Just a brief note of appreciation for your thoughtful deliberation and carefully-considered decision to vote for CB9 last night. I am glad your conscience led you to make the choice that I believe will do the most good for the most people in our county and beyond. Thank you for your public service, not only by your discrete actions but also by your transparent process.

Jen Hayashi
Running Brook

Subject: Thank you for your vote

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 11:22:53 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Dinah O'Berry

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Councilperson Sigaty,

Thank you so much for your yes vote on CB 9. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dinah O'Berry

*Dinah Kay O'Berry
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Columbia MD 21044
410-992-3948 (H)
410-227-7092 (M)*

Subject: Thank You

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 11:44:27 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Paula

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

CC: Ball, Calvin B, Terrasa, Jen

Hello,

I am sure you thought long and hard before voting in favor of CB 9. I'm sure it hasn't been an easy few weeks for you.

My sons are 15 and 20 and attended Phelps Luck which has a high immigrant population. It's likely many are undocumented. They deserve the protection of our county until such a time that they or their parents can work out their status.

So on behalf of these friends of my boys, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Paula Seabright

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Thank you for support CB-9;

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 1:19:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Normale

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Dear Mary Kay,

Thank you for supporting CB-9. Even if we are unable to over ride the veto, I feel uplifted that our council voted in favor.

Today I am filled with joy. CB-9 was approved by the Council and our refugee family has been rescheduled to arrive on Valentine's day. Hoping the Appeal's court does not rule before that time.

Our refuge family was suppose to arrive tomorrow and Trump's ban stopped that. The family is sponsored by 5 faith communities including a synagogue and a mosque and 3 Christian churches. The initiative is lead by the Kittamaquondi Community church in your district (www.kc-church.org)

Thanks again for your vote.

If there is anything we can do to encourage the two no votes to help override the veto please let me know.

Blessings

Normale Doyle

5580 Vantage Point Rd

Unit 3

Columbia, MD 21044