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March 3, 2017

Councilman Jon Weinstein

Dear Councilman -

Clearly, we face challenging issues and times in our country, and in Howard County as well and despite our wealth.

As a resident of Howard County, owner of a Howard County-based business, and concerned taxpayer, I wish you to know how I feel about CB9.

Whether we like it or not, our nation has come to rely on, and benefit from, the vast majority of the millions of undocumented immigrants living here. Most undocumented immigrants survived enormous risk and hardship to enter our country. Some felt forced to come here due to persecution, while many faced economic oppression that resulted in part from US economic policies that maximized profits for American corporations by ignoring basic human and environmental abuses and depressing wages of native workers. These policies made earning a decent living impossible, and, in effect, our government's policies drove millions to seek a living wage here in the US.

Undocumented people are typically law-abiding and decent people who simply want to provide for their families. They should be accepted in Howard County, and allowed to live in safety and without fear of deportation or family disruption.

The fear created by President Trump's statements and policies is un-American, and I adamantly raise my voice in opposition to his hatred & distrust of immigrants.

I urge you to side with the real American values and voting to **override** the County Executive's veto of CB9.

Sincerely,

Ken Schaffer  
Ellicott City, MD

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## CB9 vote tonight

Cheryl Zaron <cheryl.zaron@gmail.com>

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Today, 11:45 AM

Weinstein, Jon; CouncilMail

CB9-2017

Jon,

I emailed you earlier this year to voice my support of CB9. I emailed you again right before the vote stating that the current events had made CB9 even more necessary. That was on January 31st. Here we are, only a month later and now we are hearing about people being deported, including the woman in Texas who was arrested by ICE while seeking protection from an abusive boyfriend. I realize that the woman in the story had a criminal record and had been deported prior to this event. However, the one thing that we hear is "undocumented woman arrested while reporting a crime."

That's what gets me the most about CB9. If a person is afraid that they will be arrested when trying to help the police, they will not cooperate with law enforcement. They will not come forward with knowledge of crimes to aid police.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your vote tonight.

Thanks,  
Cheryl  
Ellicott City

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D DocketMasters- Lisa Fenton Kim <lfenton72@msn.com> Reply all |  
Today, 11:44 AM  
CouncilMail; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Weinstein, Jon; Ball, Calvin B; Terrasa, J

CB9-2017

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**To:** councilmail@howardcountymd.gov; MKSigaty@HowardCountyMD.gov;  
JWeinstein@HowardCountyMD.gov  
**Subject:** AGAINST CB9-2017 and its Amendments. I live in Howard County, am strongly AGAINST Howard County Sanctuary Bill CB9-2017. We urge you to vote NO on CB9-2017 and any form of its amendments. Stand up for the 300k legal residents of Howard Cou

Lisa M. Fenton Kim  
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## FW: Please vote against CB9-2017 tonight

CM Clay, Mary  
Yesterday, 12:33 PM  
Sayers, Margery

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

From: Stephen Chan [<mailto:s-chan@mindspring.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 12:33 PM

To: Sigaty, Mary Kay

Cc: Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia

Subject: Please vote against CB9-2017 tonight

Council Member Sigaty,

Greetings. My name is Stephen Chan. I am a resident of your District. I am opposed to CB9-2017 and I implore you to vote against it tonight, so County Executive Kittleman's veto stands. My main objection to CB9 is that it will threaten the public safety of all Howard County residents, both US citizens and non-US citizens. Recent local news reports have spotlighted the brutal and vicious activities of the MS-13 gang. In adjacent sanctuary Montgomery County, WTOP reported on Feb. 16 that "gang violence in Montgomery County spiked in 2016 with what police called an unprecedented jump in homicides. According to a June 2016 report, the county saw nine gang-related homicides in an eight-month span."

We cannot allow this horrible level of violence in Howard County if Kittleman's veto is overturned. Letting CB9-2017 go into effect would be a beacon for more of these gangs members and their murderous activities to spread from Montgomery into Howard. So I urge you to vote against CB9-2017 tonight and let Kittleman's veto stand, for the safety of all Howard County residents. Thank you.

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Stephen Chan  
[s-chan@mindspring.com](mailto:s-chan@mindspring.com)

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## Support for CB9 Override

Jennifer and Robert Blanco <jandrblanco@comcast.net>

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Yesterday, 12:50 PM

**CouncilMail**

Hello County Council,

I am writing to express my support for the CB9 bill and to urge the council to override the county executive's veto of this bill. This bill codifies existing policies within Howard County, preventing these policies from being changed without public input or advance notice. Everyone in our county deserves to feel safe, regardless of their documented status. I strongly feel that this bill is in the spirit of our inclusive, diverse county and that it the council should override the veto.

Thank you and kind regards

Jennifer Blanco

Ellicott City 21042

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## Vote yes to override veto of CB 9.

Leah And Mike <leahandmike28@gmail.com>

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Yesterday, 1:13 PM

**CouncilMail**

I am writing to urge all of you to vote to override the veto on CB-9. Our communities need this bill to be safe. Our immigrant residents need to know they don't have to fear the local police and can report crimes in spite of immigration status.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Leah Miller

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## Pending council votes

MJ Boguslaw <mjboguslaw@gmail.com>

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Yesterday, 1:43 PM

**CouncilMail**

Dear Council Members:

I am a District 5 resident (since 1991) and wish to weigh in on two issues:

(1) Oppose the "sanctuary" designation. Howard County welcomes immigrants. It is the federal government that holds jurisdiction over immigration, not local law enforcement. Recognizing this separation of federal immigration policy enforcement and local law enforcement is sufficient without having to put rules in place that stay the hand of our state and local justice systems to enforce the law. The "sanctuary" designation is a layer of protection which could attract illegal immigrants who work underground markets, e.g., human trafficking, drug trafficking, and even gang-related crimes.

(2) Favor the removal of the BRX designation. It has been suggested that some intersections, such as at Lisbon, are "dying". I don't see it that way. One of the greatest attractions for people living in our county is its rural nature. It is the farming and livestock activity, the open spaces, and the quiet respite from the fast paced urban centers where people work. Lisbon remains a sleepy, rural town, while much of the county is becoming more and more suburbanized. So what's the problem? I see a lot of growth in Columbia and a bit of blight along the US 1 corridor. I don't believe removing the BRX designations at the currently specified locations will inhibit overall growth and development in the county. Leave this issue for the Planning and Zoning review, so that we can work with Smart Growth, rather than incremental growth. These plans should take into consideration existing infrastructure and the costs and benefits of infrastructure development.

Mary Boguslaw  
West Friendship

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## Re: CB-9 vote

mark lewis &lt;marklewis2626@gmail.com&gt;

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Yesterday, 2:22 PM

Weinstein, Jon; Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail

I urge you to again consider to vote for CB-9 as a critical initiative with the ever changing and uncertain federal landscape.

Thank you.

Mark Lewis

On Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 6:12 AM, mark lewis <[marklewis2626@gmail.com](mailto:marklewis2626@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Weinstein,

I attended the council meeting last night on CB-9 and listened to your reasons behind the vote you cast against CB-9 and although I agree in principle to your logic around not passing legislation that makes it harder for Howard County law enforcement to engage with other agencies, I believe CB-9 is about a much more important issue now facing us as human beings.

While the enactment of CB-9 could cause some additional administrative burden, the current political environment is unlike anything we have ever seen and requires a broader view of how government agencies need to value and protect all human rights.

As citizens of Howard County and Columbia, we hold a special role as moral beacons to the disenfranchised and marginalized in our community. We need to take a moral stand to lead the way to a better county for all citizens and to 'set the tone' for how human beings should engage with each other and send a clear message to those who think some human beings are not as valuable as others.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Mark Lewis

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## Please Vote FOR CB-9

Francesca Galbani <frankiegalbani@netscape.net>

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Yesterday, 2:26 PM

**CouncilMail**

Dear Council Members,

I would like to urge you to vote in favor of CB-9 to help our county safe by allowing illegal aliens to report crimes of any kind, without the fear of being reported to Custom and Border Protection.

Thanks

Francesca Galbani  
frankiegalbani@aim.com

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## HCEA urges overriding the County Executive's veto

Paul Lemle <hceapresident1@gmail.com>

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Yesterday, 3:24 PM

**CouncilMail**

Dear Chairman Weinstein and members of the Council,  
I write today to ask you to consider voting to override the County Executive's veto of CB-9. HCEA, MSEA, and NEA share the firm belief is that it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public education that welcomes and supports all students. We further support efforts to protect the well-being and rights of every child, regardless of immigration status, and we consider CB-9 to be an effort that is consistent with our beliefs.

Howard County IS a sanctuary, whether it designates itself as such or not. While our history is imperfect, our ideals do not have to be, and we can make a better future for the many people who come here for our schools and our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Lemle

President, Howard County Education Association

A student asked Soen Nakagawa during a meditation retreat, "I am very discouraged. What should I do?"

Soen replied, "Encourage others."

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Paul Lemle

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## CB-9

Gail Rohrbach <[gail@gailandscott.com](mailto:gail@gailandscott.com)>

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Yesterday, 4:00 PM

**CouncilMail**

Dear Distinguished Council Members,

I have followed the discussion of CB-9 for some time. Like Chairman Weinstein, I have been dismayed at how this became a partisan issue, with two so deeply divided sides. I believe, as he stated, that the people's work happens when we come together in the middle. So I ask each of you to distance yourselves from the history of this bill, and look at it now with fresh eyes, in the world of this moment. Please set aside emotions stirred by rancorous comments, or any errors committed in how this bill was introduced or handled, and just look at the present legislation, as if for the first time.

Everyone seems to agree that this bill codifies existing practice. That is the middle ground. In light of Federal actions and executive orders, we now know that our local policies can be overridden by executive orders at the Federal, or even State or County level. I urge you to act now to codify these policies into law, so that Howard County's practices are determined by us, the people of Howard County and its Council, transparently and with public discussion. Please vote "yes" on CB-9.

Thank you for your attention, and your heartfelt concern for our County,

Gail Rohrbach  
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Columbia, MD 21044

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## AGAINST CB9-2017

christa donnelly <christamaier@msn.com>

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Yesterday, 4:09 PM

**CouncilMail**

Dear County Council Members Sigaty, Weinstein, Ball, Terrasa:

I reside in Howard County. I am AGAINST Howard County Sanctuary Bill CB9-2017. I implore you to vote NO on CB9-2017.

Christa and Brian Donnelly

5148 Celestial Way  
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## AGAINST CB9-2017

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Yesterday, 4:10 PM

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## AGAINST CB9-2017

Nataly Kononenko <usanata@hotmail.com>

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Yesterday, 10:18 PM

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January 17, 2017

The Hon. Allan H. Kittleman  
Office of the County Executive  
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Dear Mr. Kittleman,

Your stated opposition to Council Bill 9 does a great disservice to our community. Undeniably, Council Bill 9, seeking to declare Howard County a “sanctuary” for non-citizens, suffers from poor draftsmanship. Rather than address the Bill’s flaws, you rejected the Bill with an appeal to the basest of human instincts.

Traditionally, legislation, at every level of government in America, consists of a declaration of the policy addressed and the provisions implementing the policy. Unfortunately, the current version of Council Bill 9 contains as many clauses objecting to offensive speech as affirmative declarations of purpose. The language of the Bill indicates a hastily constructed counter to the bigotry revealed during the most recent Presidential campaign.

Plainly, much of the Bill involves a fruitless attempt to circumvent the law of Federal preemption. The Constitution dictates that immigration laws are exclusively the purview of the U.S. Government, and many of the Bill’s provisions represent little more than a failed attempt to circumvent this basic tenet of Federalism.

The Bill does succeed, and thereby merits your support, in precluding County officials from aiding Federal authorities in the enforcement of immigration laws. Whether based on high-minded principle or an assessment of resources, such a limitation is consistent with federalism and thus fully enforceable.

While Bill breaks from certain procedural norms, its clear purpose fulfills our Nation’s highest traditions. Council Bill 9 follows the greatest precedent in defining the American character. More than 150 years ago, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act to appease Southern slaveowners and their allied monied interests. The Act created a Federal crime, punishable by six months in jail, for interfering with the capture of a runaway slave.

In response, fifteen States officially declared their refusal to comply with the Act. The Northern States' defiance of Federal law established the legal fiction of States' Rights; led the Slave States to argue that the Union was nullified; and motivated the forming of a new political party, composed of people whose values compelled them to demand that America provide equal rights to all of its residents. This new party held its first convention in 1860, and its nominee, Abraham Lincoln, became the first Republican President of the United States.

Like the Free States' refusal to aid in enforcing slavery, Council Bill 9 is an official declaration that Howard County will not assist in enforcing our Nation's universally detested immigration laws. The reality is that, for thirty years, Maryland and Howard County officials have unofficially adopted this same practice. In essence, Council Bill 9 merely discloses this traditional response to immigrants in need of assistance.

In stark contrast, your declared opposition presents no new information and no competing principle. First, you claim that the Bill would give a "false sense of security" to those with dubious immigration status. In fact, strict enforcement of immigration laws has always impeded the investigation by law enforcement officers of horrific crimes. Fear of deportation constricts the willingness of immigrants to respond to requests for witnesses. Removing that fear may produce a sense of security, but only if the public goal is to prevent violent crimes.

Second, your stated opposition suggests that Federal law enforcement officials would no longer aid County police in bringing criminals to justice. In the precise case you cited, the truth is that Federal authorities aided the police in Montgomery County, a jurisdiction that has already declared itself a "sanctuary".

It is your third argument that most threatens our community. Your final attempt to justify your opposition to Council Bill 9 speculates that the Federal Government may respond by not funding certain programs. You have thus reduced a debate over principle to a money grab. Anyone sincerely concerned about threats to our American culture must accept that the greatest danger to the American Civilization is not the influx of strangers but our disregard for our fundamental values.

Since time of the Puritans' immigration to New England, Americans have been exceptional because of their choice to follow a moral code. Although rarely of material benefit, Americans feel commanded to welcome the stranger, to provide him with food and shelter, and to treat him justly. Council Bill 9 is an imperfect attempt to declare the County's official adherence to these values. Your stated opposition rests on a willingness to exchange these values for monetary gain. Our Nation's Founders, fully aware of the financial stakes, made the choice of creating a nation of principles.



We now must decide whether to reject or affirm the fundamental moral commandments that activated our Nation. It is my hope that you will reconsider your current position, work to improve the proposed legislation, and demonstrate the leadership that your office demands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Lavine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matt Lavine

RE: CB-9

January 17th, 2017

To: The Howard County Counsel,

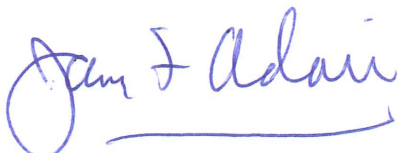
I warmly and sincerely welcome all immigrants who come to our county legally. However, the proposed CB-9 is simply wrong on so many levels. ILLEGALS are defrauding and scamming our system and resources and should not be given the "free pass" that CB-9 would provide. Incidentally, there is no such thing as a "Law Abiding" illegal immigrant. If you don't pay your income taxes you are breaking the law and there are consequences and living in fear of being caught is one of them. Arguing that not paying your taxes for 10 years makes it OK is complete nonsense. The same should apply to the illegal occupiers No matter how long you choose to live in this Country without being properly approved you are still breaking the law. And yes, there are consequences, including living with the fear of being caught. The employees of the Howard County Government and the citizens of Howard County should support our immigration and border enforcement officers in the pursuit of their sworn duties to uphold the law . CB-9 sends the wrong message to the public and especially illegal occupiers that the laws of our country do not apply in Howard County. CB-9 indirectly (but clearly) says that if you are in this country illegally, the welcome mat is out, please move to our self declared "sanctuary". Again, this is simply wrong . CB-9 requires the curtailment of our support for legitimate immigration control and enforcement and that is simply wrong as well.

Illegal occupiers need to immediately go back to their proper home country; either voluntarily or by the helping hand of ICE. There, if they want, they can apply for residency, wait their turn, be properly screened and then be approved like every other law abiding immigrant that legally comes our country.

Then and only then, they should be welcomed here with open and loving arms. And at that time , I for one, will be ready to do so.

But for now..

SAY NO TO CB-9 !!!

  
James F. Adair

Testimony by Dr. Xinning Yang (01/17/2017)

My name is Xinning Yang and I am a \_\_\_\_\_ occupation. I have been living in Maryland for 8 years moving from place to place. My former residences include Silver Spring, Rockville, Elkridge, and Gaithersburg. These are all wonderful places but they just cannot offer an overall quality of life that Howard County can do and this is why I finally chose to settle down in a beautiful neighborhood in Ellicott City. I really love this place and I want to do what I can to make it even better.

I come here tonight to oppose Bill CB-9, because I am deeply concerned about the consequence and impact this bill will bring on our public finances if it is passed.

First, CB-9 does not explain how to generate revenue to support all the public services and programs required for the bill, i.e., public schools, hospitals, social welfare program, security force, libraries, and other public services. It is very easy and convenient for politicians to assert their diversity and humanitarian attributes when they can do so simply by spending public funds. That's the money of people sitting in this room, including you and me. According to county fiscal report 2013, about fifty five percent of the county revenue of Howard comes from property tax and income tax. We don't get a whole lot of state or federal grant and so we the tax payers are directly responsible for the bulk of the county's revenue and I think we deserve to know and choose better how our tax dollars are spent.

Based on what we have learned from Montgomery County's experience so far, it is clear that additional funding will be required to support increasing demand for public safety and service as well as education programs if the sanctuary status is declared. Montgomery County is a host of two sanctuary cities and they just announced an increase of property tax rate by almost 9% for this year.

Furthermore, Bill CB-9 does not provide measures on how to cover the potential loss on federal funding toward certain public services and programs. Very recently, city of San Francisco, a pioneer of sanctuary cities, has encountered potential budget deficit, and has to reevaluate their spending, partially because foreseeing that they may lose federal funding due to the sanctuary city status. The financial constraint may result in cut on housing subsidies for current residents with low income, new leases for buildings to shelter the homeless, which I think lots of people including myself and also those who support the bill do not want to see.

So my question to you council members is simple: We work hard and pay taxes to earn good quality of life in return and we are already experiencing shortage of funding and resources in some areas. If we declare sanctuary status, are we in position to sponsor all the new requirements on such a large scale and risk reducing what we have built and cherished?

Thanks for listening.

Written Testimony Provided By  
David M. Crawford  
Registered Democrat  
District 1

17 January 2017

Council Persons:

I have read and examined CB 9 and I could not be more disappointed. Not only in the intent, but its language. We are a nation of laws and principles and this bill encourages lawlessness and attempts to repudiate those fundamentals. Immigration is not a new issue with our country. We all come from somewhere else. My family on my mother's side are charter and founding members of St Mary's County (Dysons) --the first settlement of Maryland. From my father's side we emigrated from Scotland and England (they came through Ellis Island).

As a registered and voting Democrat I urge you to please come to your senses and not support this bill. Even as affluent as Howard County is we do not have limitless resources. We already have special needs students in our school system who do not receive all the help they need (my fourth grader). Additionally, our roads and infrastructure need repair. Have you driven the county recently? I am sure you do. Additionally, our police will continue to need more resources as my liberal brethren attempt to pass more "feel good, but ineffective" programs like CB-9 encouraging other law breakers to take up residence.

My wife recently went to an Urgent Care facility in Howard County and none of the patients spoke English. I wonder how many of them were citizens and had medical insurance? I talk to friends of mine that are nurses and this is now becoming the norm. It's the new normal. I seriously doubt any emergency room would fail to provide care and assistance to anyone who failed to display medical coverage. America is a generous nation. We are not those people nor do we wish to be. On the other hand we do not want to publish a "Welcome Sign" to those who boldly violate our laws and rob necessary resources from its citizens.

I recently had a back procedure performed at Howard County General Hospital. The preparation period was just under an hour. The procedure took twenty minutes. Literally. My recovery time added another sixty minutes. Literally. I got the explanation of benefits from Cigna. The insurance company shelled out just under \$9,000 to the hospital for less than three hours of care. I wonder why? I am sure all the supplies and staff amounted to that. Really? Eventually, someone has to pay the outlays of the Hospital.

Also, what do you say to all the immigrants who followed a path to citizenship in our country and were successful? Former neighbors of ours in Greenbelt, Maryland, not exactly a conservative community, were proud of their new citizenship and the journey they traveled to accomplish it. What do we say to them? Oops, citizenship is not really necessary. Sorry! Think of the message you are sending our children. If you don't like a law come to Howard County, Maryland because they choose to not only ignore federal law, but impede it. Local, state and federal officials need to work together. The exchange of information benefits all.

Clara Allsup

January 17, 2017

Testimony in Support of CB9-2017

Good evening. My name is Clara Allsup and I am a resident of District 5 in North Laurel. I am speaking today to express my overwhelming approval and support of CB9-2017 to designate Howard County as a sanctuary county.

My parents are both immigrants to this country, and settled right here in Maryland when they arrived. My father came here from Egypt, and my mother was an undocumented immigrant from Mexico. My family was not a burden on our community. My parents paid their taxes and worked incredibly hard in order to provide us with everything we needed, instilling those values in us as well. In my life so far, I have served in our military, graduated from the University of Maryland, been accepted to graduate school, and aspire to become a teacher. My point is, that immigrants and their families contribute to their communities, and help make this community the strong and incredible place it is.

I am gravely concerned about possible changes in immigration policy with the upcoming administration. Trump has stated that he wants to triple the amount of immigration officials, and I think that is more than enough resources being spent to support that effort. Wasting our resources here in Howard County is not only unnecessary, but I believe would hinder state and school officials from completing their jobs. Let's leave immigration issues to ICE.

One of the biggest counterarguments to this proposed bill is that there would be increased crime. These concerns are completely unsubstantiated and are the unfortunate result of xenophobic fearmongering, plain and simple. Time and time again, statistics have shown significantly lower rates of crime among immigrants, including the undocumented. For instance, data from the 2010 Census shows that native-born Americans are 3-5 times more likely to commit crimes than those who are born abroad. Worrying about increased crime makes no logical sense, and demonizing our citizens because of their documentation status is despicable. Immigrants uproot and leave their home countries to create a better life for themselves and their families, *because* they don't want to resort to crime.

I believe that there is a deeply symbolic importance in declaring Howard County as a sanctuary. This is about our values and our principles, and the sheer attention this issue has received should be a good indicator of that. By stating that we will not participate in a witch hunt on our own residents, we also declare that we will not support similar initiatives such as "stop and frisk" on black and African-Americans or surveilling Muslims with a registry system.

I oppose discrimination and stand here to support inclusivity. I will not tolerate discrimination of any kind, starting with our undocumented residents and I ask the same from our elected officials.

## **Testimony for Howard County Council on CB9-2017**

### **Legislative Hearing, 01/17/2017**

Thanks to the Howard County Council for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jonathan Hanen, and I am here to testify on behalf of FAIR, the federation for American Immigration Reform, a 501c(3) nonprofit located in Washington, DC, with over 1.5 million members, that seeks to educate the public, the media, and elected officials about the harmful effects of uncontrolled illegal immigration and the need to reform our nation's immigration laws in accordance with the national interest.

Let me begin with the story of Sarah Root from Omaha Nebraska. Sarah Root had just graduated college with a 4.0 GPA when the very next day, on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, her SUV was rear-ended by an illegal alien from Honduras named Edwin Mejia who was drag racing. Mejia is currently at-large somewhere in our country. He was charged with vehicular homicide, posted bond, and was released by the authorities in Douglas County, Nebraska because that county has adopted sanctuary city policies that impede or prohibit the cooperation of local law enforcement with ICE officers. Specifically, Douglas County refuses to comply with ICE detainer requests. (For those not familiar with the issue, an ICE detainer is a Federal request that State and local jurisdictions hold an illegal alien for a limited time so that Federal officials can assume custody).

Similar stories are being heard all over the country, such as those of 16 year old Tessa Trenchant and Ali Kunhardt of Virginia Beach or Kate Steinle of San Francisco. Tessa and Ali's killer had been twice convicted of a crime and Kate's killer had seven felony convictions and had been ordered deported five times. Tessa, Ali, and Kate would likely be alive today if, Virginia Beach and San Francisco had honored ICE detainer requests and turned these repeat offenders over for deportation during the various times their killers were arrested and released by local authorities.

It is often said that the first task of government is to protect the life, liberty, and property of its citizens. So how did it come about that thousands of illegal aliens who have been convicted are being released without deportation? How did it come about that citizens are dying at the hands of previously convicted illegal alien criminals and illegal aliens who have been ordered deported, sometimes on multiple occasions? The answer is that certain cities and counties declare themselves to be harboring havens for illegal aliens.

To get some clarity on the problem, it is useful to ask: What is a sanctuary city? At this point, there are about 300 to 400 sanctuary cities and counties in the US. The term "sanctuary city" is not a precisely defined legal term. It has evolved over time in the public discourse to designate municipalities that offer expanded social services to illegal aliens and refuse to assist ICE in apprehending them. The typical sanctuary city or county is one that prohibits sharing information with ICE about the immigration status of a detained criminal suspects, and refuses to comply with ICE detainer requests, unless they are accompanied by a federal warrant.

It is common for sanctuary cities and counties to criminalize any sort of reporting of a criminal suspect's immigration status to ICE. Sanctuary policies create local ordinances that leave law enforcement officers open to prosecution for complying with federal immigration law, and this produces a chilling effect that makes the officers disinclined to ever report the immigration status of a suspect when the identity of the suspect is confirmed in searches of federal databases.

The choice of sanctuary cities and counties not to assist with federal immigration law and ICE detainers is legally legitimate—as opposed to wise, good, or just—because our federal system guarantees that states cannot be forced to implement a program of the federal government at their own expense. By deliberately making it difficult to enforce federal laws against illegal alien criminals, Sanctuary cities encourage more uncontrolled illegal immigration and further weaken border security.

How extensive is the problem of uncontrolled illegal immigration, and specifically how many illegal alien criminals are at-large?

The DHS estimates that there are currently 11 to 13 million illegal aliens residing in US territory. Recent ICE estimates indicate that there 1.9 million deportable criminal illegal aliens plus nearly 1 million processed by federal courts and ordered deported, as well as an unknown but significant number of illegal aliens who jumped bail, skipped hearing, or were released by a sanctuary city or county. ICE is over-whelmed and needs the assistance of local law enforcement with detainers and information sharing in order to keep Americans safe from criminal illegal aliens.

With CB9-2017, Howard County is in danger of becoming one of the more extreme harboring havens, as is clear from section 12.2102. NO ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS generally stipulates that an employee shall not engage in enforcement of federal immigration law or collection of immigration status information. Section 12.2103. NO INQUIRIES INTO CITIZENSHIP generally stipulates that no employee shall inquire into the citizenship, nationality or immigration status of a person in connection with their duties. Both of these general provisions contain a crucial exception by adding the caveat EXCEPT AS REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR AN EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND A FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY.

In effect, the proposed sanctuary bill CB9-2017 would bar local law enforcement from complying with an ICE detainer request. It block them from inquiring into the immigration status of a detained criminal suspect and block them from reporting the immigration status of an illegal alien when it is revealed in the course of identifying the suspect via the search of a federal database—all with the caveat UNLESS it is required by state or federal law.

However, if Howard County passes the sanctuary bill CB9-2017, it may well come into conflict with § 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act and § 434 of the

Welfare Reform Act of 1996. Researchers at the Immigration Law Reform Institute claimed in an op-ed for the Hill newspaper that “These two provisions prohibit state and local governments from restricting federal requests for information about any person’s immigration status and mandate that local officials may not be barred from maintaining such information. Without question, information-sharing between state and local governments and the federal immigration agencies is the law of the land.”

Sanctuary law enforcement policies, like CB9-2017, put local law enforcement in a no-win situation. If they enforce the federal law, they run afoul of sanctuary city ordinances and they are often subject to expensive lawsuits launched by open-borders law firms. If they do not assist with ICE information sharing, as they are legally allowed to do, they know they are thwarting the federal immigration law. Moreover, as a matter of conscience, most law enforcement officers, like most Americans, are keenly aware that providing a harboring haven for illegal aliens only encourages more illegal immigration and cheats those who applied to immigrate legally.

A fix for this conundrum of local law enforcement is contained in the Toomey-Black Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities ACT (STOP Act) that was recently re-introduced in Congress. Section 2 (a-b) of the STOP Act will eliminate any constitutional objections to ICE detainers by making all State officials who carry out detainers DHS employees for that limited purpose, and it will remove liability from State and local officials for complying with detainers.

The STOP Act will also address two of the main concerns raised in the pre-amble of the Howard County bill (CB9-2017). First, section 2c of the STOP Act waives the immunity for “any person who knowingly violates the civil or constitutional rights of an individual.” The immunity only extends to complying with ICE detainers and sharing information, the officers, like any US citizen, are liable for violating the civil and constitutional rights of individuals. Second, section 3b of the STOP Act guarantees that local jurisdiction will not be required to share information or comply with a detainer request for individuals who are a “victim or a witness to a criminal offense.” In other words, illegal aliens who serve as witnesses will be shielded from deportation.

Let me dwell for a moment on the claim that if local law enforcement honors ICE detainers, it will have a chilling effect that will make illegal aliens afraid to report crimes committed against themselves or others. This view is based on simple ignorance of the law and the facts. Illegal aliens have always been able to apply for a U-visa that grants them lawful status in exchange for assisting police. A major study completed in 2009 by researchers from the University of Virginia and the Police Executive Research Forum found no decline in crime reporting by Hispanics after the implementation of a local police program to screen offenders for immigration status and to refer illegals to ICE for removal.” In practice, law enforcement rarely, if ever, inquires into the immigration status of crime witnesses. In fact, there is not one documented case where an illegal alien reported a crime or volunteered information that was useful to the police and then was swiftly deported.



I reject the premise of the Howard County bill's pre-amble that honoring ICE detainer requests somehow poses a threat to civil rights of Americans is laughable on its face. No one is suggesting that law enforcement should randomly stop people and require them to prove their citizenship. What is being suggested is that local law enforcement should follow the law of the land by sharing information with ICE regarding only those suspects who have been arrested under probable cause and who it has been determined, in the ordinary course of criminal identification via federal database searches, have been ordered deported or are otherwise wanted for questioning by USCIS.

I reject the premise of the bill's pre-amble that somehow there is a universal human right to live in the United States. The question is indeed one of fairness and the rule of law. Are we to have one uniform law for everyone and continue to be a nation of immigrants who came here legally through the rule of law? Or are we to descend further into illegal immigration lawlessness by rewarding those who broke the law to come here with sanctuary county protections from federal immigration law and Maryland tax-payer funded benefits?

I also reject the premise of the bill's pre-amble that the current federal immigration laws and the system of ICE detainers are somehow racist, xenophobic, and bigoted. The question, again, is one of fairness and the rule of law. Are we to remain a sovereign nation-state whose voters are capable of deciding, through the agency of elected representatives, how many individuals with which diverse skill sets we wish to invite to join our political community? Or, is the precious gift of American citizenship to be seized by the arbitrary force of those who illegally enter the country and take up residence outside the law in a harboring haven?

By refusing to comply with ICE detainer requests and by refusing to share the immigration status of criminal suspects with the USCIS, the Howard County Council is signifying its intent to frustrate federal immigration laws and thereby to join the league of 300 sanctuary cities that are attempting to foist an open-borders policy on the rest of the country. If passed, Howard County will join these sanctuary jurisdictions whose policies undermine the rule of law, encourage more illegal immigration, cheat the millions across the world who applied legally to become an LPR, to increase taxpayer costs for social benefits, lower wages, lower the quality of educational services by flooding the schools with LEP's, and pose both a public safety and national security risk.

Howard County Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Daniel Newberger, my family and I live at 6524 Hazel Thicket Court in Columbia. I am a proud first generation Howard County resident.

My wife, Laura, and I chose to move to Howard County because we think it is the best possible place to raise our two young children. We strongly believe in the values that Columbia and Howard County have historically represented – the values of diversity and tolerance. We believe that Howard County represents the best that is America, and we are proud to live here.

I am not by nature an outwardly political person. Maybe it is a habit from my years serving as a military officer. I do always vote, and sometimes I donate. But I don't protest. I don't march. I don't agitate. I read online about other people's opinions, but I don't post my own. I stay on the sidelines. I go to work, I provide for my family. I take my kids to the pool. I keep my head down. I don't cause trouble.

At least, that's what I used to do. But I can't stay on the sidelines any longer.

Because these are not ordinary times. When the president-elect chose to enflame fears of an imaginary immigration crisis, he was tapping into the ugly undercurrent of American history: fear and hatred of The Other. Fear and hatred of those with darker skin, those with thicker accents, those who worship a different god, those who live a different lifestyle. Throughout our history, Americans who believe that our nation can rise above our basest, cruelest human natures have had to fight to beat down the forces of fear and hatred.

So I can't stay on the sidelines now. And neither can you, the represented officials of the people of Howard County. I chose a side, and now it's your turn.

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 those of us here in this room, or those few voting on Facebook polls. 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.

Executive Kittleman, 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 6, 2018, we still will have the numbers to replace you with someone who reflects our values, the values that we believe Howard County stands for, and must continue to stand for.

## Testimony on CB9 – Xueqing (Sam) Wang

My name is Xueqing Wang and I go by Sam. I live in 6113 Trackless Sea Ct. Clarksville MD. Today I would like to testify to support the CB9 legislation.

Since the introduction of the bill, many has expressed opinions in various channels. I came across an article on social media written by someone who's against this bill and it reasons that the illegal immigrants are cutting lines in front of legal immigrants and so it should be tackled forcefully. I believe many who oppose the bill agree with that rationale. As a matter of fact, I agree too. However, I still support the bill and I would like to use my two real, personal stories to tell you why. Many years back when I still live in Iowa. One time I have to catch a flight but for some reason, I was way too late to the airport. It was 10 min to departure and the line is roughly 30min. Feeling really ashamed myself, I stepped forward and asked one gentleman if I can cut in front of him. He paused a few second and nodded. I stepped in the line but started hearing people behind him complained "hey respect the line, we are waiting too, we are also late". I felt nothing but ashamed. The only words I can say was "sorry" and "thank you". The only thing I can think of is "I will never be late again". Many years later, just two years ago, and again, I was waiting in the line in BWI. I was already in the line for 20min and it is probably still 30min to go. While I was moving forward slowly, I heard a lady asking the person behind me "I am really sorry, I am late to my flight, do you mind I cut in?" I heard a regretful voice saying "sorry I am also tight". At the moment, I still have plenty of time. So I turned back and said to the lady "mam, you can take my place and I go to the end". What I saw on her face was not delight but relieve and regret.

What I want say by these two stories are that those people who try to cut in line are maybe just ordinary persons like us who all make mistakes and feel bad for themselves when doing that. They maybe are just husbands or wives who wants to have a peaceful life here with their family. If it means some delay to get something I will get eventually, so be it. I don't mind those people cutting in front of me and I hope you all don't mind too.



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**Re: Support CB-9 the Sanctuary Bill**

Today, I am here representing the nearly 30 organizations that make up the African American Community Roundtable and their membership. Distinguished Council members your constituents want you to support CB-9. On the day after we celebrated the national holiday recognizing the life and legacy of a world renowned civil rights icon, it is ironic that we're here talking about passing a bill to provide members of our community some peace of mind.

Many of our organizations participate in food distribution programs, clothing drives, mentoring and tutoring serving the needs of Howard County families, some undocumented, who are doing their best to provide a better life for their children. Many with children who are American citizens, these families fear being separate. As the husband of an Howard County Public School ESOL teacher at an elementary school, I have heard stories of concern since last spring as the rhetoric on the campaign trail became ever more popular and inflammatory.

At Celebration Church we have a Spanish speaking congregation with many undocumented members. As their numbers grow I have learned of family situations far more complicated than I ever imagined. Before I engaged with real people who are living here as undocumented residents I was of the opinion to deport them and make them come through the legal process. As I've heard story after story of people fleeing for their lives from government corruption, crime ridden neighborhoods and abject poverty in search of a better future I have made a complete change of mind. And yet most undocumented residents entered legally and their documents expired. Even those with documentation are now very fearful being deported for something as simple as a traffic violation or overdue library book.

As a pastor it is very disheartening to read the incendiary comments about how his bill will cause a flood of undocumented people to come to Howard County. They are already here living and working with and around us. They hold college degrees and work to improve this community just like everyone else.

The fact is we are a nation of immigrants. Some came as indentured servants from Western Europe to escape jail and oppression. Others coming in chains from the west coast of Africa against their will forced to provide free labor to feed the insatiable appetite of a growing privileged nation. Truth be told this land once belong to the ancestors of the very people some are trying to keep out. As in every generation, time and history will judge each of us for how we respond to the needs of our societies most vulnerable members.

This is an issue that our federal government is responsible for solving. Until there is a clear federal plan, local communities must protect these good hard working well intentioned residents. I urge you to support CB-9.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence E. Walker, Sr.", written in black ink.

Lawrence E. Walker, Sr., President  
African American Community Roundtable

I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Maryland, (and the Charter of Howard County), and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (County Councilmen) to the best of my ability.

What part of that oath don't you understand? By passing this legislation you WILL BE in direct violation of your oath and subject to impeachment.

**I would like to know...**

Who thought up this **asinine legislation** and why? We have thousands of needy family CITIZENS in Howard County without burdening our county further by blindly welcoming ILLEGAL INVADERS.

**Please tell me WHAT LAWS can I break that you will give me sanctuary?**

Barack Obama tried to do the same thing and was UNAMIOUSLY rebuked by the federal courts, ruling that his sanctuary status for illegals was unconstitutional.

Please tell me:

- What is the benefit to LEGAL Howard County Citizens?
- How will this help the 1000's of needy LEGAL Howard County Citizens?
- How will this foster quality of life for our LEGAL Citizens?
- How will this help our local economy?

I can tell you with 100% certitude, this WILL:

- Increase crime
- Take away resources needed for our less fortunate citizens
- Degrade quality of life for ALL Howard County Citizens
- Degrade property values – you only need look to our neighbor Montgomery County whose property values have decreased dramatically in the last 20 years due to their ILLEGAL sanctuary status. *As a Federally Certified real estate equity consultant, I speak with a high degree of expertise on this matter.*
- Further burden our schools and degrade education for our Citizens.
- Calvin on Page 2 Lines 6 thru 11 you mention the political climate has galvanized support for xenophobia, islamophobia and racism... and Howard County Residents who are in fear of their safety and liberty.

THE ONLY people I see promulgating fear and hate are Liberal Democrats. I hold in my hand scores of new reports of liberal/progressive/Democrats harming Trump supporters... calling Senator -Tim Scott a "House Nigger" Plots to throw acid on Trump supporters, The Black Congressional Caucus threatening to "Kick some Ass," The BLM movement killed a 4 year old girl by preventing her access to a hospital, 4 young adults tortured a disabled boy taunting him because he was a Trump Supporter, Burning churches, Bullying performers from supporting Trump the list is ENDLESS...

Did you learn NOTHING from our recent national election "We The People" don't want law breakers in our homes, our communities or our nation, regardless of their country of origin.

Do you want Howard County to become: Chicago, Baltimore, Oakland... where their sanctuary status has increased crime 200% in the last 8 years? If you pass this asinine bill, Howard County will surely be on its way to increased crime, property value degradation, poor school performance and worse... ☹

LET IT BE KNOWN, That I WILL discriminate AGAINST anyone who is not here legally and applies for one of my rental homes and I will report those individuals to all county, state and federal law enforcement when I learn of their ILLEGAL status.

Calvin, there is NO NEED for this legislation it is merely your political grandstanding in a weak attempt to garner support for some future candidacy.

Please vote NO on this asinine legislation.

Jeff Underwood, Patriot

**I'M A TOLERANT LIBERAL!**



**AGREE WITH ME OR ELSE YOU'RE  
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Congress

# Tim Scott explains why he corrected a troll who called him a ‘house n\*\*\*\*\*’

By [David Weigel](#) January 11 at 8:43 PM

On Wednesday afternoon, Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) responded to one of the hundreds of tweets he had gotten condemning him for his support of Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) for attorney general. The response, consisting of one word, was one of the last that went to the offending account, before it was shuttered.

Scott, the only black Republican member of the Senate — previously, one of just two black Republicans in the House — said that he had removed Twitter from his phone years ago but sometimes felt the need to respond to critics.

“I have three or four pages of that kind of crap because of the Sessions nomination,” he said. “There were so many n-words and racially insensitive words coming at me over the Budget Control Act in 2011 that my employees were crying. Unfortunately, people feel like they have a license to say stupid stuff, and too often it comes from liberals. So I thought it was a good time to tell people what I thought.”

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## VIDEO: PROTESTERS CAUGHT ON CAMERA PLOTTING TO USE ACID DURING DONALD TRUMP'S INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON - James O'Keefe and Project Veritas have released a new undercover video exposing a plot to disrupt the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. In the shocking video the activists discuss their tactics including the use of **butyric acid** bombs at the National Press Club and Deploraball.

### Project Veritas:

*In this video, Project Veritas investigators uncover a group known as the DC Anti-fascist Coalition plotting to disrupt President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration by deploying butyric acid at the National Press Club during the Deploraball event scheduled for January 19th.*

*The meeting, captured on hidden camera, was held at Comet Ping Pong, a DC pizza restaurant that is better known as the location of the Pizzagate controversy. The coalition members discuss the steps they would need to take to halt the Deploraball event. Project Veritas notified the FBI, Secret Service and DC Metro Police of the content of this video prior to its release.*

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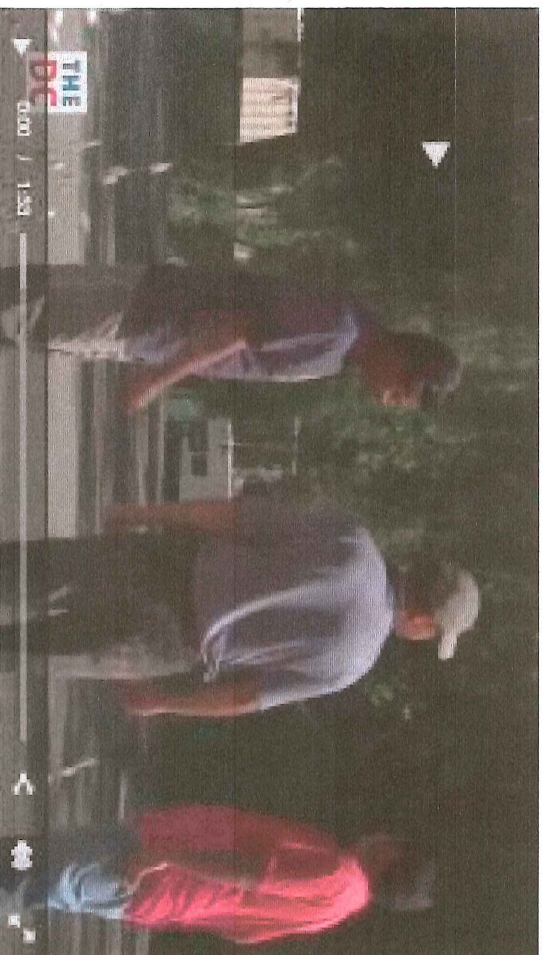
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The Mexican consulate in Chicago said that immigrants are flocking to the Windy City before Donald Trump becomes president because Chicago is a sanctuary city, according to a report Tuesday in [El Financiero](#).

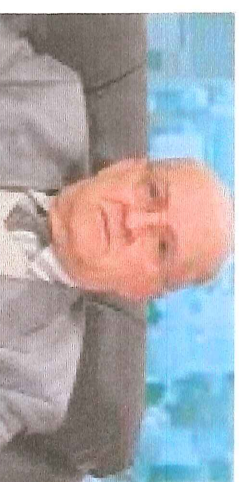
Carlos Martin Jimenez was speaking at a recent gathering of Mexican ambassadors and consuls in Mexico City and said that Mexicans in Indiana and Wisconsin are coming to the Chicago consulate due to it being a sanctuary for illegal immigrants.

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# Anti-Trump Protesters Block Traffic, Cause Death of 4 Year Old

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Paul Johnson of Infowars broke this story earlier today. Anti-Trump protesters block traffic, cause death of a 4 year old child. What a tragedy.



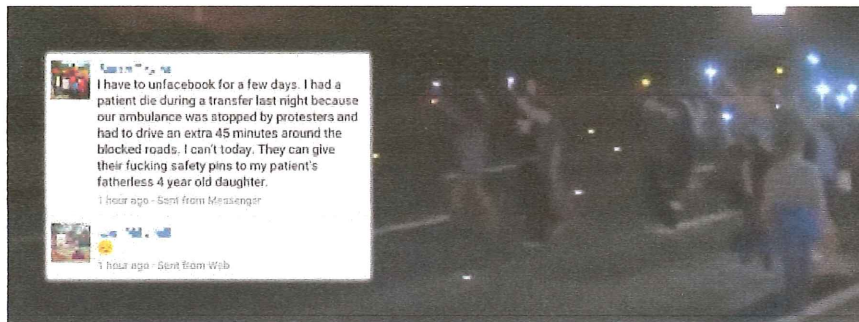
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After Hillary Clinton lost the election, far left protesters have taken to blocking traffic to make a statement. High school kids have been instructed to block traffic as part of this.



Here is the disturbing post from the father of the 4 year old girl who died because the ambulance was unable to get past the protesters and get her to the hospital.



I have to unfacebook for a few days. I had a patient die during a transfer last night because our ambulance was stopped by protesters and had to drive an extra 45 minutes around the blocked roads. I can't today. They can give their fucking safety pins to my patient's fatherless 4 year old daughter.  
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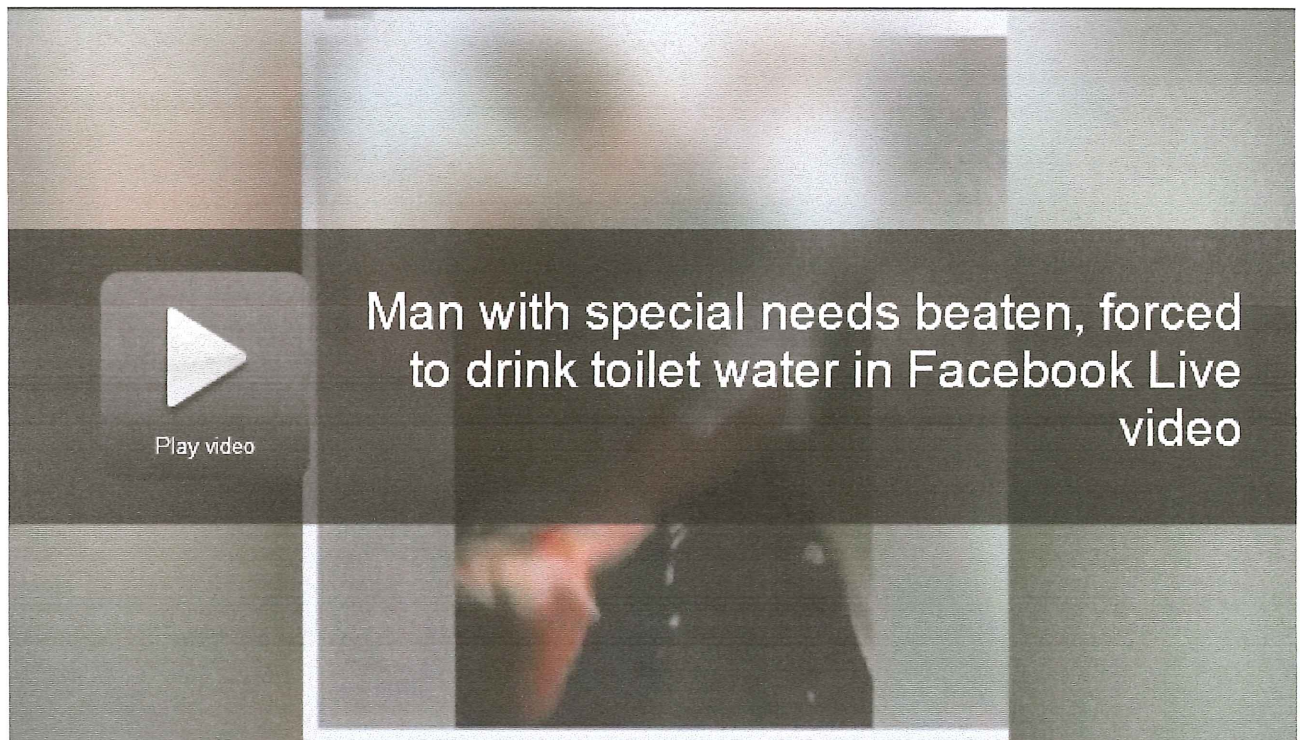
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CHICAGO -- Four people accused of torturing a mentally disabled man were charged with a hate crime and aggravated kidnapping among other charges Thursday.

The attack was streamed live on Facebook.

The disturbing 30-minute video shows a man tied up and his mouth covered, cowering in the corner of room. His attackers laugh and shout "f\*ck Donald Trump" and "f\*ck white people" as they kick and punch him and cut into his forehead with a knife.



(Top row: Brittany Covington, Tesfaye Cooper; Bottom row: Jordan Hill, Tanishia Covington)

Here is a rundown of who was charged with what:

- Jordan Hill, 18, of Carpentersville, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, hate crime, aggravated unlawful restraint, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, robbery, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and residential burglary.
- Tesfaye Cooper, 18, of Chicago, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, hate crime, aggravated unlawful restraint, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and residential burglary.
- Brittany Covington, 18, of Chicago, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, hate crime, aggravated unlawful restraint, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and residential burglary.
- Tanishia Covington, 24, of Chicago, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, hate crime, aggravated unlawful restrain and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said the video shows a "brutal act toward an adult male with mental health challenges."



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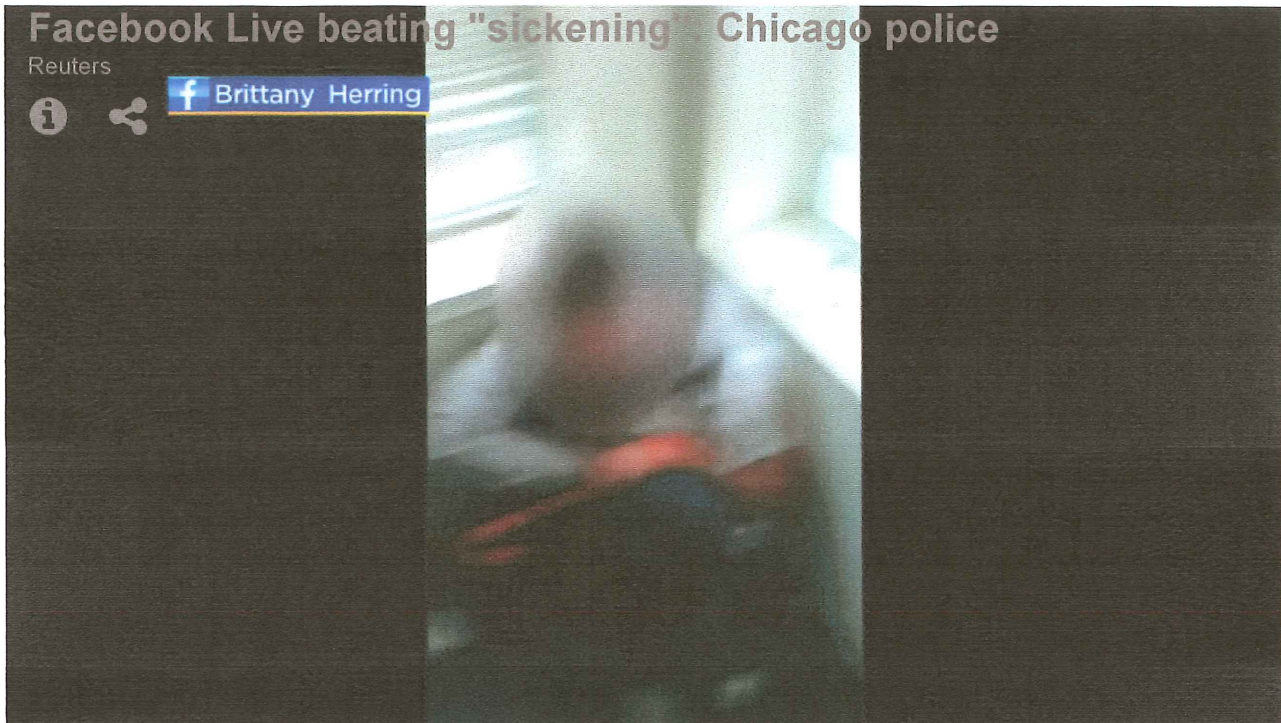
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CNN host Don Lemon said Wednesday evening the broadcasted torture of a bound and gagged victim in Chicago was not “evil,” adding that the suspects had “bad home training.”

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News broke nationally Wednesday after a Facebook Live video showed the victim beaten, slashed, held at knifepoint, and more in a Chicago apartment while assailants are [heard](#) saying “fuck white people” and “fuck Trump.” Chicago police held a press conference the same day to announce an investigation is underway and four adults are in police custody. The suspects held the “traumatized” victim for as many as 48 hours, police [said](#).

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## The Top 30 Fake Hate Crimes Exposed Since Trump Was Elected

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Since November 9, the day Donald J. Trump became the President-Elect of the United States, the media has erupted in reports of "hate crimes" against a large swath of liberal focus groups, especially Muslims. However, despite early reports, it also turns out that

nearly every single one of those reports turned out to be a hoax. So, here are the top thirty fake hate crimes since Election Day.

But before we get to the list, though, at least one American Muslim has **spoken up** to tell his fellow Americans to stop it with the fake hate crimes. Siraj Hashmi took to the pages of Red Alert Politics to tell his fellows to just cut it out.

Hashmi warned the fakers that they are only hurting themselves along with anyone who might suffer a *real hate crime* by turning all so-called hate crimes into mere cries of wolf in the eyes of the American people. Hashmi said, "please don't make up a hate crime, especially when these incidents are so politically charged. Faking a hate crime questions the credibility of anyone and everyone who suffers from real hate crimes."

It is sound advice, indeed. But the only flaw in Hashmi's point is that, thus far at least, it seems as if the only "hate crimes" we are seeing ARE the fake ones!



Anyway, starting on the day after the November 9 announcement that Donald Trump was to become our 45th U.S. president, here are the top 30 fake hate crimes:

#### **#1: Minnesota Police Say it Never Happened**

On November 10 the Minneapolis Police Department **assured the city** that there was never any hate crime reported despite the rumors of one started on social media.

#### **#2: Busted Tale of 4 White Men Harassing Black Woman in Delaware**



In another story where **police noted that they were never told** of any such crime, a black woman in Delaware made the claim that four white men attacked her at a gas station in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. There is no proof it ever happened and the woman who made the claim deleted her Facebook post and disappeared from social media.

### **#3: Vandalism of Trump and Nazi Slogans Appears to be Black Man**

Though police in Philadelphia refused to identify the race of a suspect in the spray-paint vandalism featuring pro-Trump and pro-Nazi slogans on a local building, **surveillance video appears to show a black man** is the top suspect.

### **#4: UL Student Busted for Lying About Racial Attack**

The story of a University of Louisiana Lafayette student who said she was beaten and had her Muslim headscarf pulled of her head by mean "wearing Trump hats" fell apart after police became involved. **The student later admitted she lied** about the whole thing.

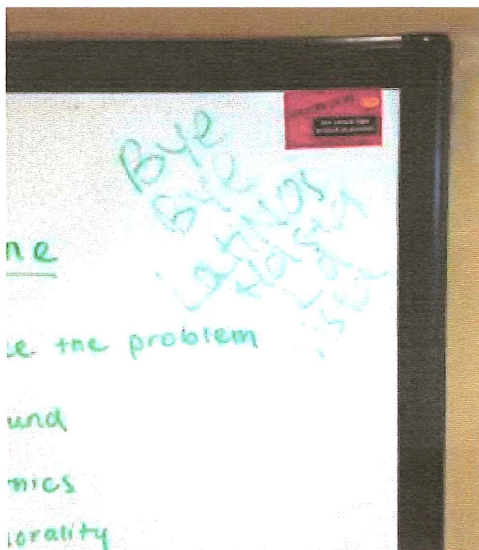
### **#5: Blacks Claim They Beat A Man for Flaunting His Vote for Trump**

A group of black teens **beat a white man and stole his car in Chicago** because they claimed he was flaunting his vote for Donald Trump. Police investigated and found the man had no Trump paraphernalia or bumper stickers and he made no mention of Trump during the attack.

### **#6: SPLC 'Report' Portrays Many Fake Hate Crime Incidents as Real**

The Southern Poverty Law Center are experts at fake hate crimes. Not because they report on them but because some of what they report *is fake in and of itself!* Indeed, just after the election the SPLC put out **an absurd report** regurgitating a list of crimes it claimed were hate crimes many of which were later proven to be hoaxes.

### **7: University Snowflakes Upset Over 'Bye Bye Latinos' Message, But Hispanic Wrote It**



Snowflake students at Elon University in North Carolina were initially **frightened by a message** left on a classroom white board that read “Bye Bye Latinos Hasta La Vista.” But it later turned out a Hispanic student who was mad at Trump wrote the slogan on the board.

#### **#8: Reporter Turns Trump Sign Into a ‘Sign of Racism’**

A reporter talking about a “Trump for President” sign posted on the campus of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point decides that this **MUST BE RACISM**. There was nothing obviously racist about it, but **the reporter made up his own fake news**.

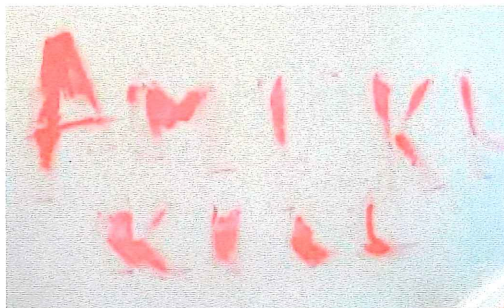
#### **#9: USA Today Falsely Claims Hate Crimes See ‘Dramatic Rise’**

A November 14 report in *USA Today* **makes the false claim** that hate crimes had seen a “dramatic rise” since election day. But most of these crimes have since been revealed as hoaxes.

#### **#10: Chicago Student Claims She is Sexually Harassed**

An openly bi-sexual student at North Park University in Chicago made national headlines after claiming she was sexually harassed by a sign taped to her door reading “Back To Hell #Trump.” **She later admitted** she made it all up.

#### **#11: KKK Vandalism on Massachusetts Campus a Hoax**



Students and faculty at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, were shocked by vandalism reading "AMKKK Kill." It was later **found to have been a hoax** perpetrated by liberal students pretending to be Trump supporters in order to stir up fellow liberals on campus.

#### **#12: Kentucky Student Lies About Racial Slur**

A student at Bowling Green State University told police she was attacked by white men in Trump shirts who threw rocks at her and called her names. After a police investigation, **Eleesha Long admitted she lied** about the whole thing.

#### **#13: Police Find Racial Attack Never Happened**

At the same time Eleesha Long was lying to police about an attack she never suffered at Bowling Green State University, police also took a report from a black man who claimed he was beaten, robbed, and had racial slurs yelled at him. **Police later revealed** that the incident as a hoax.

#### **#14: Man Admits Vandalizing His Own Trunk**



This hoax runs in the other direction as a white man in Texas reported a hate crime against him when his truck was vandalized with Black Lives Matter graffiti. **Turns out he did it himself** to gain sympathy and to reap the reward of the \$6,000 sent to him by well wishers from a crowd source fundraising page.

#### **#15: 'Trump Country' Attack Never Happened**

A black man in Malden, Massachusetts, told police he was attacked by white men yelling that he was going to be lynched because this nation is now "Trump country." **Police discovered later** that the "crime" never happened.

#### **#16: College Snowflakes Call 'Suck it Up Pussies' Note a 'Hate Crime'**

Snowflake students at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, melted when a post it note saying, "Suck it up, pussies!" and featuring a smiley face with its tongue sticking out was found on a window of the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion. **School officials called the silly incident a "hate crime."** The claim couldn't be sillier and qualifies as a fake hate crime, without question.

### **#17: Snowflake Professor Claims Anti-Muslim Hate Crime**

University of Oklahoma Professor Mashhad Fahes claims she was handed anti-Muslim propaganda and that she reported this "hate crime" to campus police before running to Facebook to make a stir. **Campus police, though, say no report was ever made** so the professor's claim seems to be nothing but anti-Trump propaganda.

### **#18: Trump Rules Painted on Wall, Hoax Hate Crime**



Police in Philadelphia initially investigated spray-painted vandalism reading "Trump Rules" as a hate crime. **But it turned out** a black man committed the crime. So, it was hate-crime interruptus for local police hoping for a big case to get in the news.

### **#19: University Student Suddenly Refuses to Help Investigation into So-Called Hate Crime Attack**

Philadelphia authorities **ended a hate crime investigation** filed by a black Villanova University woman who claimed she was beaten by men yelling "Trump, Trump, Trump" because the so-called victim suddenly clammed up and refused to cooperate.

### **#20: Man Set Fire to Own Home to Create Fake Racial Incident**

In a second case of the very few incidents where a white man perpetrated a racially tinged hoax, **a New York fireman was arrested** for setting his own home on fire in an effort to frame the Black Lives Matter movement for the crime.

### **#21: Black Man Pleads Guilty to Setting His Own Mosque on Fire**

**A black man in Texas pleaded guilty** to setting his own mosque on fire in a case that was at first assumed to be an anti-Muslim hate crime.

### **#22: Black Man Admits Faking Trump/KKK Note**

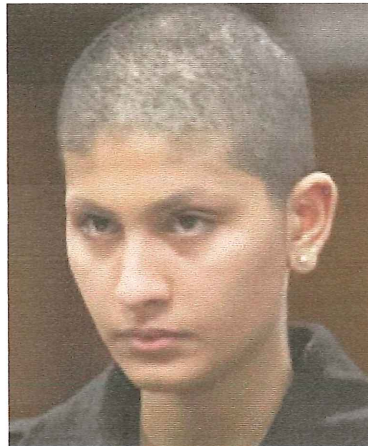


A black man in Orlando, Florida, told police that he was the victim of race hate when a brick was thrown through his girlfriend's car window and a note reading "KKK" and "Trump" was left behind. Fire fighters immediately felt that the car fire was suspicious. **He later admitted** that he is the one who did the damage.

#### **#23: Students Cleared of Hate Crime**

Two students at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, were cleared after they were **falsely accused** of harassing other students with a Trump flag and by yelling "Make America Great Again."

#### **#24: Muslim Girl Admits Lying About Trump Attack**



A Muslim teen in New York City said she was attacked by white men wearing Trump hats on the New York City subway. But the faux victim, teenager **Yasmin Seweid, later admitted she lied** to draw attention away from being in trouble with her parents for staying out too late and for wanting to date a white boy.

#### **#25: Sister Claims Hate Crime Happened Even Though it Didn't**

In a second story related to Yasmin Seweid's lies about being attacked in a New York subway, the faker's sister, Sara Seweid, **went public to insist** that her sister was still a victim of anti-Muslim hate because evil American society made her lie. So, even when a hate crime isn't committed... it's a hate crime... or... or something.



### #26: Muslim Arrested for Nazi Graffiti in New York

Police imagined they had a hate crime on their hands when Nazi Swastikas were left on walls at Long Island College. **Police later called the incident a hoax** and charged a 20-year-old Muslim man, Jasskirat Saini, for the crime.

### #27: Muslims Claim They Are Thrown Off Delta Airline Flight Just for Being Muslim



A pair of Youtube cretins manufactured a video to make it look like they were thrown off a Delta Airlines flight just because they were Muslim. **Later reports showed they were lying** and intended to be thrown off so they could make a hoax video of the whole faux incident.

### #28: Michigan College Dismisses Hate Crime Hoax

Police in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were forced to **dismiss a hate crime report** when no evidence could be found for claims made by a Muslim woman who said she was attacked by a Trump supporter. Video from half a dozen different surveillance cameras in the area not only didn't show the alleged attack, they video didn't even prove the "victim" was there, either! The woman later admitted she was a liar.

### #29: Mississippi Church Burning Committed by Black Man, Not Trump Voter



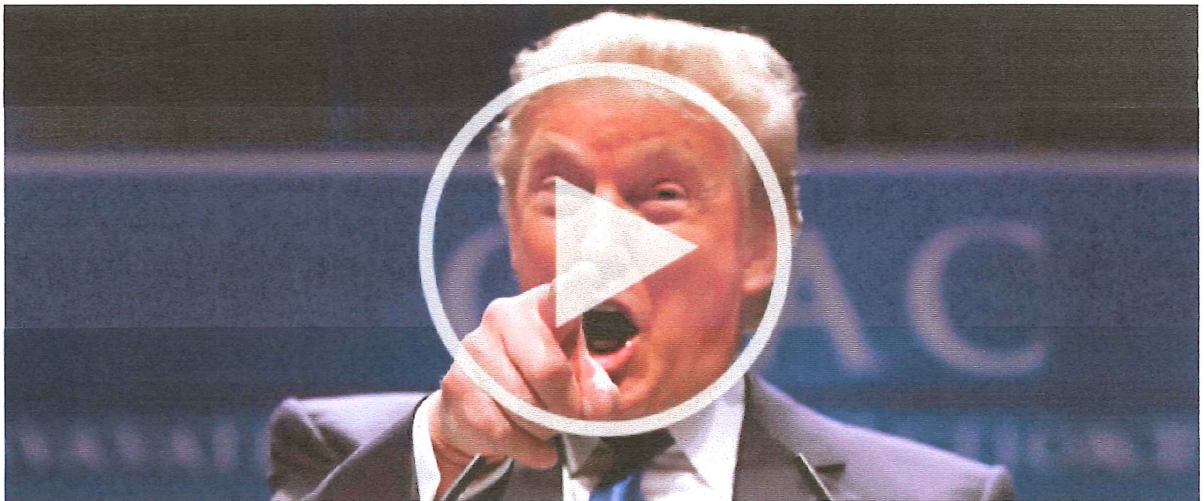
Police in a small, predominantly black Mississippi town have now proven that a black man burned a local black church and left Trump related graffiti. **The "hate crime" aspect of the investigation has been canceled.**

### #30: Man Found to Have Vandalized His Own Home With 'Ni\*\*er' Graffiti

For a third tale of da-white-man-dunnit, a white man in Texas has been charged with **filing a false report** after police found out he spray-painted "Ni\*\*er Lovers" on his own garage.

With all this, there is a lesson. There may, indeed, be a lot of hate in the U.S.A. After all, it is the human condition. But this wild-eyed claim that there are hate crimes being perpetrated everywhere is far more of a myth than a reality.

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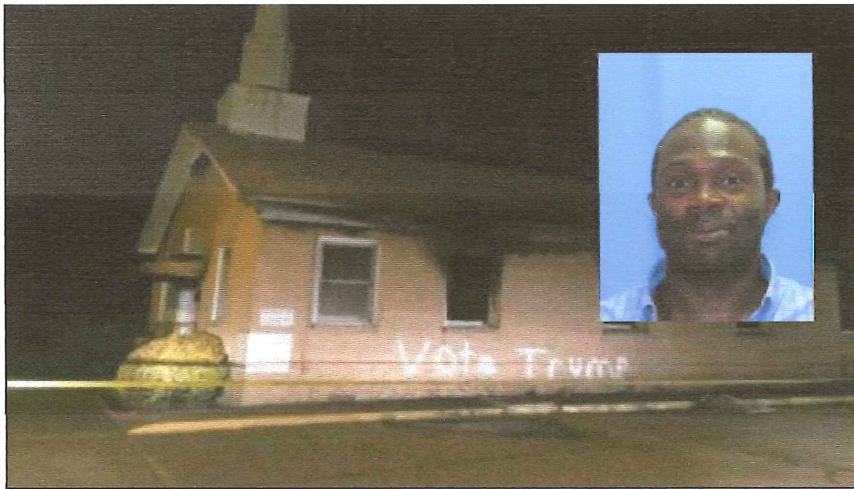
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# HATE HOAX: BLACK MAN ARRESTED IN 'VOTE TRUMP' MISSISSIPPI BLACK CHURCH BURNING

Chris Menahan  
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No one could have predicted this.

From [The Daily Mail](#):

A historically black Mississippi church that had 'Vote Trump' sprayed on it prior to being torched was attacked by a black member of its own congregation, police have said.

The blaze broke out at the 200-member Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville at around 9.15pm on December 1, a week before the presidential election. Commentators were quick to point out the possible political and racial implications.

Officials say that they don't believe suspect Andrew McClinton, 45, was politically motivated - but suggest that he might have staged the attack to make it look like a hate crime.

After the fire at the historically black church, which serves a 78 per cent black city and has a congregation stretching back 111 years, many were concerned about the racial implications.

US Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Democrat whose district includes Greenville, said at the time that the fire and graffiti hearkened 'back to a much darker day in Mississippi.'

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'The political message of the vandalism is obviously an attempt to sway public opinion regarding the upcoming election,' he said. 'I encourage all citizens not to be deterred by this cowardly act and exercise your right to vote at the ballot box.'

Here's how The Daily Beast reported it:

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## A Burned Down Black Church Shows President Trump Wouldn't Condemn His Own Terrorists

The stakes of the election couldn't be clearer from Greenville, Mississippi where "Vote Trump" was spray painted on the charred remains of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.



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The Atlantic:

## A Black Church Burned in the Name of Trump

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, Mississippi, was reportedly set on fire and spray painted with the words "Vote Trump" on Tuesday night.

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I wonder if they'll be labeled as "fake news."

But the announcement that the attacker was not just black, but - according to Hopewell Bishop Clarence Green - a member of the church's congregation, has turned that theory on its head.

Officials have not yet revealed a motive in the ongoing investigation, but have suggested that McClinton, of Leland, Mississippi, may have attempted to make the attack look like a hate crime.

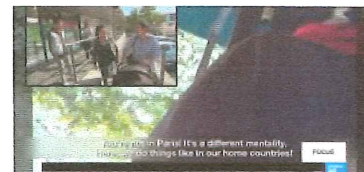
'We do not believe it was politically motivated. There may have been some efforts to make it appear politically motivated,' Mississippi Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, who is also the fire marshal, said.

This isn't the first time McClinton has been in trouble with the law. In 1997 he was sentenced to seven years for attempted armed robbery in Lee County.

And in 2004 he was convicted of armed robbery again, serving eight years in prison.

He also received three years' probation for grand larceny in 1991; that probation was revoked the following year because he received stolen property.

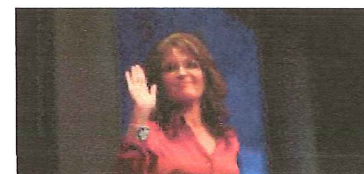
McClinton's supervision by the department ended in February, the spokeswoman said.



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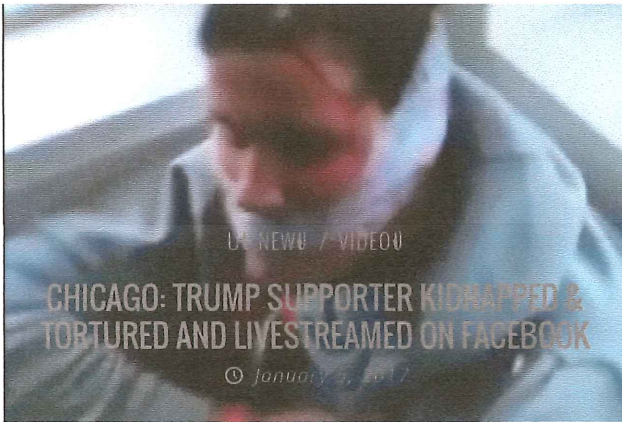


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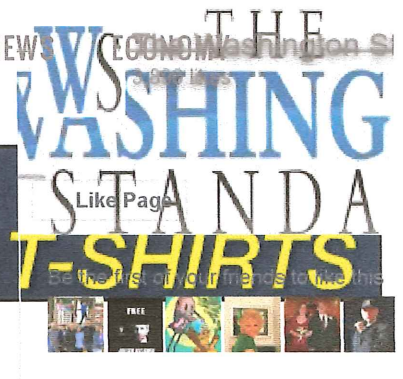
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The internationally publicized story about a Muslim teen who claimed that she was “[verbally abused on a New York train](#)” by three “Islamophobic” Trump supporters has turned out to be a hoax. I was right – [read my column here](#). It wasn’t a guess. I was right because this story fits a definite and disturbing pattern. But the enemedia could not get enough of the story. It was worldwide news. No one in the media questioned all the holes in the teenager’s story. And now the media are missing an even bigger story: This girl is in real danger – not from Trump supporters, but from her family.

The [New York Post](#) reported that “Seweid had been having problems with her strict Muslim Egyptian family in North New Hyde Park because she is becoming ‘Westernized,’ one source said. Those problems were aggravated when they learned she was dating a Catholic, the source said.” Yasmin should be punished for her hate crime hoax, but there is a larger story here that is being ignored by mainstream media: the terror of devout Muslim households.



Because she has a non-Muslim boyfriend, Yasmin is in real danger from her father, her mosque and devout members of ummah. Yasmin Seweid was so afraid of her own family that she preferred to face jail than risk being the recipient of violent treatment from her “strict

Muslim parents.” And it’s clear she had good reason: They shaved her head. A news photo shows Yasmin’s brother Abdoul gripping her in a chokehold.

Ironically, [New York Newsday reported police charges](#) against Abdoul from a few years ago. Allegedly, Abdoul Seweid and his friends were involved in some serious criminal activity Abdoul tried to cover by blaming the involvement of “three unknown males.” Maybe that gave Yasmin the idea for how she was supposedly attacked by the three “Trump supporters.”

It could have been worse for Yasmin, and may still be. But Yasmin’s sister wouldn’t break rank, blaming the NYPD because they exposed the hoax. It’s always this way. Amina and Sarah Said’s brother aided and abetted their father in the cold-blooded execution of their two Texas Muslim teen sisters who merely wanted to live a freer life.

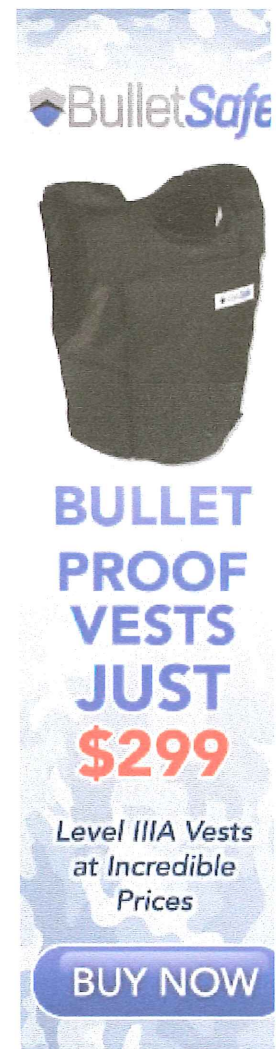
Aqsa Parvez, a Muslim girl in Mississauga, Ontario, lived in what can only be described as a homemade concentration camp before being murdered by her father and brother because she did not want to wear the hijab.

Rifqa Bary, an Ohio Muslim teen who converted out of Islam, was threatened with death by her father before she escaped to safety in Florida.

Bus ads and taxi ads sponsored by the American Freedom Defense Initiative and offering help to these girls have been banned from running in numerous cities. It’s an outrage: Authorities are consigning these girls to their fate and denying them the help that could save them.

The abject terror these young Muslims live with is a deep, dark secret. Fatima Abdullah was abused, beaten and sexually assaulted by family members. Her honor killing in Florida was [classified as a suicide](#) (by repeatedly hitting her head against a coffee table) because the Tampa Police Department feared Muslim reprisals – how does one commit suicide by banging one’s head on a coffee table? Tampa Rescue said she looked as if she had been beaten.

According to neighbors, Fatima Abdullah had brought shame to her Muslim family because of her divorce. The family allegedly didn’t allow her to return to their homeland in the Middle East. Sources close to the family say that they didn’t even allow her to drive on her own, even



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though she had a license. She was the subject of numerous family arguments, and her brothers allegedly treated her horribly. There is a great deal more information on this [here](#) and [here](#).

If Yasmin's sister really loves Yasmin, she should stop blaming the NYPD and help her to freedom. Yasmin Seweid is under severe threat – and she is just the kind of girl who we seek to help at the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI). We get help to Muslim girls who want to be free. At [RefugeFromIslam.com](#), Yasmin can connect with other Muslims who have suffered under the boot of Islamic honor violence. And most importantly of all, she can get to safety.

Sara Yasin of BuzzFeed News asked on Twitter: "so, who is going to save muslim women from pam geller trying to save muslim women." How despicable. Apparently, Sara Yasin would rather see Yasmin end up like Noor al-Maleki, Amina Said, Sarah Said, Jessica Mokdad and other dead American Muslim girls than get my help.



Yasmin, if you're reading this, contact me at [pamelageller@gmail.com](mailto:pamelageller@gmail.com). We will get you help.

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Gospel signer Kim Burrell felt the full consequence of [homophobia](#) this week when her radio program was cancelled following [an anti-gay rant](#).

Texas Southern University [announced Wednesday evening](#) that Burrell's radio show "Bridging The Gap" would no longer broadcast on the KTSU airwaves, the station that carried the program. The show first began airing through KTSU seven months ago.

"The Kim Burrell show is no longer airing as part of KTSU Radio programming," a representative of KTSU confirmed to The Huffington Post.

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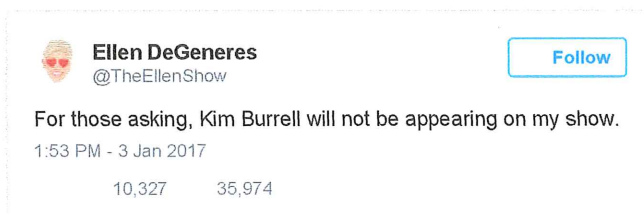
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Burrell, who appeared on tracks with Pharrell, Frank Ocean and others, made waves on New Year's Eve when [video surfaced of the singer delivering a sermon](#) that spewed homophobic rhetoric and called gays and lesbians "perverted."

"That perverted homosexual spirit, and the spirit of delusion and confusion, it has deceived many men and women. You as a man, you open your mouth and take a man's penis in your face — you are perverted," Burrell can be heard in the above video saying. "You are a woman and will shake your face in another woman's breast, you are perverted."

Burrell was initially scheduled to perform with Pharrell on the Ellen DeGeneres show on Thursday, but the talk show host and gay icon [cancelled Burrell's performance](#) following the revelation of her homophobia.



[Pharrell still appeared](#) on DeGeneres' show Thursday, however, and used the opportunity to deliver a powerful message about hate speech.

"Whenever you hear some sort of hate speech and you feel like it doesn't pertain to you because you may not have anything to do with that, all you got to do is put the word black in that sentence, or put gay in that sentence, or put transgender in that sentence, or put white in that sentence, and all of the sudden it starts to make sense to you," [Pharrell said](#). "I'm telling you, the world is a beautiful place but it does not work without empathy and inclusion."

We couldn't agree more.

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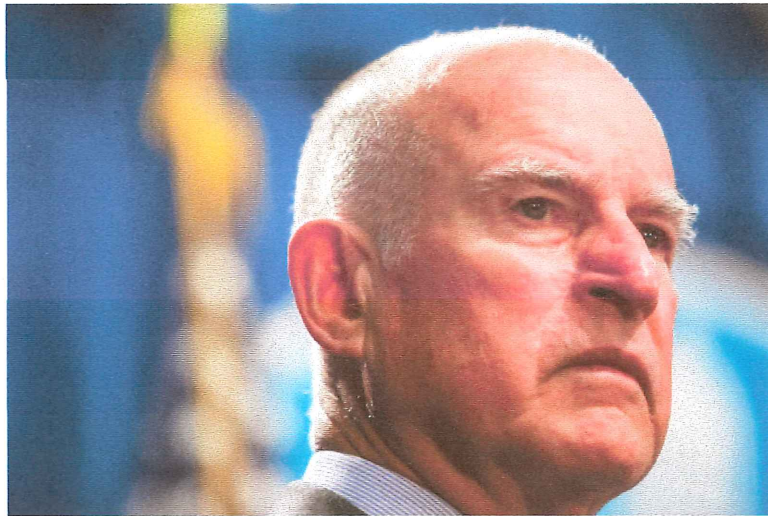
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(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 807; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, § 330016(2) (J), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2148.)

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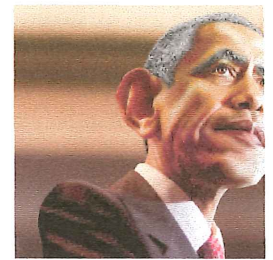
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An organization is engaged in "civilian military activity" if:

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(2)

it receives from any other organization or from any individual instruction in military or naval science; or

(3)

it engages in any military or naval maneuvers or activities; or

(4)

it engages, either with or without arms, in drills or parades of a military or naval character; or

(5)

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(B)

(1)

The following organizations shall be required to register with the Attorney General:  
Every organization subject to foreign control which engages in political activity;

Every organization which engages both in civilian military activity and in political activity;

Every organization subject to foreign control which engages in civilian military activity; and

Every organization, the purpose or aim of which, or one of the purposes or aims of which, is the establishment, control, conduct, seizure, or overthrow of a government or subdivision thereof by the use of force, violence, military measures, or threats of any one or more of the foregoing.

Every such organization shall register by filing with the Attorney General, on such forms and in such detail as the Attorney General may by rules and regulations prescribe, a registration statement containing the information and documents prescribed in subsection (B)(3) and shall within thirty days after the expiration of each period of six months succeeding the filing of such registration statement, file with the Attorney General, on such forms and in such detail as the Attorney General may by rules and regulations prescribe, a supplemental statement containing such information and documents as may be necessary to make the information and documents previously filed under this section accurate and current with respect to such preceding six months' period. Every statement required to be filed by this section shall be subscribed, under oath, by all of the officers of the organization.

(2)

This section shall not require registration or the filing of any statement with the Attorney General by:

(a)

The armed forces of the United States; or

(b)

The organized militia or National Guard of any State, Territory, District, or possession of the United States; or

(c)

Any law-enforcement agency of the United States or of any Territory, District or possession thereof, or of any State or political subdivision of a State, or of any agency or instrumentality of one or more States; or

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Any duly established diplomatic mission or consular office of a foreign government which is so recognized by the Department of State; or

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(e) Any nationally recognized organization of persons who are veterans of the armed forces of the United States, or affiliates of such organizations.

(3)

Every registration statement required to be filed by any organization shall contain the following information and documents:

(a)

The name and post-office address of the organization in the United States, and the names and addresses of all branches, chapters, and affiliates of such organization;

(b)

The name, address, and nationality of each officer, and of each person who performs the functions of an officer, of the organization, and of each branch, chapter, and affiliate of the organization;

(c)

The qualifications for membership in the organization;

(d)

The existing and proposed aims and purposes of the organization, and all the means by which these aims or purposes are being attained or are to be attained;

(e)

The address or addresses of meeting places of the organization, and of each branch, chapter, or affiliate of the organization, and the times of meetings;

(f)

The name and address of each person who has contributed any money, dues, property, or other thing of value to the organization or to any branch, chapter, or affiliate of the organization;

(g)

A detailed statement of the assets of the organization, and of each branch, chapter, and affiliate of the organization, the manner in which such assets were acquired, and a detailed statement of the liabilities and income of the organization and of each branch, chapter, and affiliate of the organization;

(h)

A detailed description of the activities of the organization, and of each chapter, branch, and affiliate of the organization;

(i)

A description of the uniforms, badges, insignia, or other means of identification prescribed by the organization, and worn or carried by its officers or members, or any of such officers or members;

(j)

A copy of each book, pamphlet, leaflet, or other publication or item of written, printed, or graphic matter issued or distributed directly or indirectly by the organization, or by any chapter, branch, or affiliate of the organization, or by any of the members of the organization under its authority or within its knowledge, together with the name of its author or authors and the name and address of the publisher;

(k)

A description of all firearms or other weapons owned by the organization, or by any chapter, branch, or affiliate of the organization, identified by the manufacturer's number thereon;

(l)

In case the organization is subject to foreign control, the manner in which it is so subject;

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A copy of the charter, articles of association, constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations, agreements, resolutions, and all other instruments relating to the organization, powers, and purposes of the organization and to the powers of the officers of the organization and of each chapter, branch, and affiliate of the organization; and

**(n)**Such other information and documents pertinent to the purposes of this section as the Attorney General may from time to time require.

All statements filed under this section shall be public records and open to public examination and inspection at all reasonable hours under such rules and regulations as the Attorney General may prescribe.

**(C)**

The Attorney General is authorized at any time to make, amend, and rescind such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section, including rules and regulations governing the statements required to be filed.

**(D)**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Whoever in a statement filed pursuant to this section willfully makes any false statement or willfully omits to state any fact which is required to be stated, or which is necessary to make the statements made not misleading, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 808; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, § 330016(1)(I), (L), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2147.)

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## California Sends DEVASTATING Message To Trump: 'You're Not Our President'

Ron Delancer

Donald Trump will soon take office as the most unpopular president-elect in U.S. history. His bigotry and belief in all sorts of discredited nonsense make him a threat to the republic. So it's understandable the California doesn't want to be part of this nightmarish experiment, and they are making it clear in the most resounding way.

California Governor Jerry Brown has vowed to fight Donald Trump's dangerous policies on his state tooth and nail.

Brown said California will push back against trump's efforts to stop or reverse policies fighting global climate change.

"We've got the scientists, we've got the lawyers and we're ready to fight," Brown told the applauding audience.

"If Trump turns off the satellites, California will launch its own damn satellite," roared Brown to the crowd.

And referring to Rick Perry, the former Texas governor Trump has selected to lead the Department of Energy, Brown reminded everyone of California's advantages over Texas when it comes to renewable energy.

"We've got more sun than you've got oil," he said.

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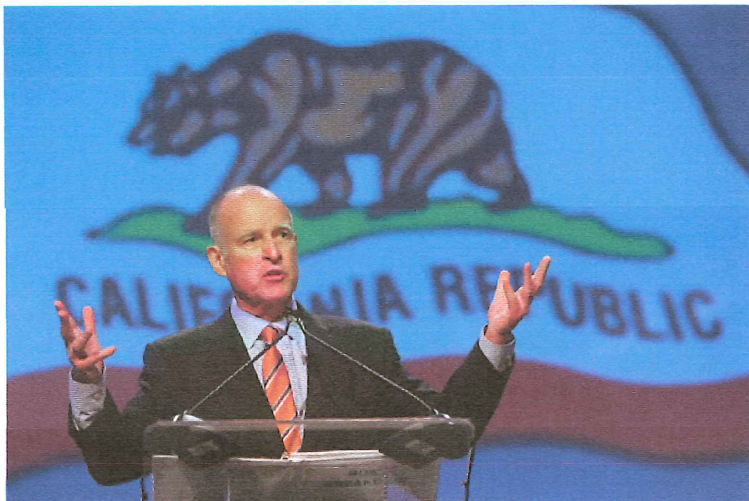
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Brown, who during the presidential campaign joked that if Trump was elected, "we'd have to build a wall around California to defend ourselves from the rest of this country," called Trump a "fraud."

It was fairly clear for whom the message was intended.



*Following Brown's footsteps, the state Democratic leadership has also taken a hard stance against Trump.*

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León traveled to a United Nations summit in Morocco to reassure foreign officials that California would press forward on climate change, while Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom called on the state's public universities to declare themselves "sanctuary campuses" for undocumented immigrant students. And both Secretary of State Alex Padilla and U.S. Sen.-elect Kamala Harris issued statements criticizing Trump's selection of Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general.

And last week, leaders of an effort to split California into its own country opened what they call an "embassy" for the state in Russia as a step to investigate Trump's connection with the Kremlin, according to Politico.

To make it even clearer, some media outlets are sending the message in an unequivocal way: "We'll soon have two presidents, and one will live in Sacramento," positioning the governor of the nation's most populous state as a Democratic counterweight to Donald Trump.

"The most consequential and important Democrat in the United States is the Democrat who governs more Americans than anyone save the president," columnist Joe Mathews Mathews wrote. "Meet Jerry Brown, your shadow president," he added.

There is precedent for a California governor to gird the state against a Republican administration. When George W. Bush was elected president in 2000, California Democrats raised concerns about Republican policies related to water, logging, clean air and energy. Fearing a change on the U.S. Supreme Court could result in the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, then-governor Davis signed legislation in 2002 designed to protect abortion in California even if the landmark case was reversed.

Mathews ends his column writing: "You're our president now, Jerry. Please don't let us down."



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Calvin are you suggesting all Howard County residents who supported Trump are Xenophobic islamophobic and racist? Do you personally know such people?

1 WHEREAS, Howard County is comprised of immigrants from throughout the world who contribute to  
2 our community's social vitality, cultural richness, and economic strength; and

3 WHEREAS, Howard County has a strong tradition of leadership on issues of human rights, respecting  
4 the rights of and providing equal services to all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, or  
5 immigration status; and

6 WHEREAS, the recent national political climate has galvanized support for xenophobic, Islamophobic,  
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8 hate speech and violence; and

9 WHEREAS, unfortunate statements made by our nation's President-elect have bolstered such dangerous  
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12 WHEREAS, the Howard County Council wishes to ensure that all residents of Howard County,  
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15 WHEREAS, we must act now and always to uphold our commitment to be a community free of  
16 prejudice, bigotry, and hate; and

17 WHEREAS, the Howard County Council wishes to affirm that commitment by declaring Howard  
18 County a sanctuary county;

19 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County*

20 *Code is amended as follows:*

21 *By adding:*

Calvin aren't you claiming portions of our population are xenophobic, islamophobic, and racist with no proof ... essentially you are racially profiling them?

do you agree unfortunate statements made by HRCClinton have bolstered such dangerous sentiments and caused many.... ie shutting down roads, rioting and looting, shutting down schools etc.

2

How is it fair to law abiding tax paying citizens to be forced to follow the law and give up any benefits they have earned to fund illegal aliens who have not followed the law and have not paid into our social programs.

Introduced \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Action \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

**Bill No. 9 -2017**

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa

AN ACT providing that certain individuals shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on citizenship status; requiring that certain information related to citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_  
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 *Title 12 - Health and social services.*

2 *Subtitle 21 - Rights of non-U.S. citizens*

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4 **Title 12 - Health and social services.**

5 **SUBTITLE 21 - RIGHTS OF NON-U.S. CITIZENS**

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7 **12.2100. DEFINITIONS.**

8 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

9 (B) (1) *EMPLOYEE* MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EMPLOYEE UNDER  
10 THE HOWARD COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM.

11 (2) *EMPLOYEE* INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

12 (I) AN OFFICER OF THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND

13 (II) AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL.

14 (C) (1) *IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT* MEANS A UNIT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT  
15 ENFORCES IMMIGRATION LAWS.

16 (2) *IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT* INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE UNITED STATES  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.

18 **12.2101. FEDERAL OR STATE PREEMPTION OR CONFLICTS.**

19 (A) A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT APPLY WHENEVER THE PROVISION CONFLICTS  
20 WITH STATE OR ~~FEDERAL LAW~~ <sup>Prohibits ILLEGAL INVADERS</sup>, INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR AN EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
21 COUNTY AND A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY.

22 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM:

23 (1) INVESTIGATING OR ARRESTING VIOLATORS OF THE CRIMINAL LAW; OR

24 (2) ASSISTING A FEDERAL AGENCY WITH INVESTIGATIONS OR ARRESTS RELATING TO  
25 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND SUSPECTED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, OTHER THAN VIOLATIONS OF THE  
26 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

27 (C) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING CITIZENSHIP  
28 OR IMMIGRATION STATUS IF THE DISCLOSURE IS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County is comprised of immigrants from throughout the world who contribute to  
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3 **WHEREAS**, Howard County has a strong tradition of leadership on issues of human rights, respecting  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the recent national political climate has galvanized support for xenophobic, Islamophobic,  
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18 County a sanctuary county;

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20 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard County  
21 Code is amended as follows:

22 By adding:

False

What are those?

the only bigotry + hate I'm aware of comes from Liberal Democrats

1 (1) REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW,  
2 INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR BY AN EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND A FEDERAL,  
3 STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY;

4 (2) REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 23-1405 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ARTICLE OF  
5 THE MARYLAND CODE;

6 (2) AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE SUBJECT OF THE INFORMATION; OR

7 (3) MADE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN CONNECTION WITH AN  
8 APPLICATION FOR A UNITED STATES PASSPORT.

9 **12.2102. NO ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

10 (A) IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AN EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN THE  
11 ENFORCEMENT OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SHALL NOT  
12 ASSIST IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN THE INVESTIGATION OR ARREST OF A PERSON FOR A CIVIL OR  
13 CRIMINAL VIOLATION OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT AS  
14 REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR AN EXISTING  
15 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND A FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY

16 (B) IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AN EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT ASSIST IMMIGRATION  
17 ENFORCEMENT IN THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANY PERSON, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED OR  
18 AUTHORIZED BY STATE OF FEDERAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR AN EXISTING AGREEMENT  
19 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY.

20 **12.2103. NO INQUIRIES INTO CITIZENSHIP.**

21 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF  
22 OFFICIAL DUTIES, AN EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT ASK ANY PERSON ABOUT:

23 (1) HIS OR HER CITIZENSHIP, NATIONALITY, OR IMMIGRATION STATUS; OR

24 (2) THE CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ANOTHER PERSON.

25 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT:

1 (1) THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION REGARDING CITIZENSHIP STATUS IN CONNECTION  
2 WITH THE REGISTRATION OR ATTEMPTED REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN COUNTY ELECTIONS;

3 (2) INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP OF APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS AS SWORN  
4 OFFICERS WITH THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE HOWARD COUNTY  
5 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS;

6 (3) THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR UNITED  
7 STATES PASSPORTS;

8 (4) INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF EMPLOYEES  
9 AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY AS REQUIRED BY TITLE 8, CHAPTER 12,  
10 SUBCHAPTER II, PART VIII, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE; OR

11 (5) INQUIRIES REGARDING CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS REQUIRED OR  
12 AUTHORIZED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL TREATY, OR AN EXISTING AGREEMENT  
13 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY.

14 **12.2104. DISCRIMINATION BASED ON CITIZENSHIP PROHIBITED.**

15 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AN EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST  
16 ANY PERSON ON THE BASIS OF CITIZENSHIP, NATIONALITY, OR IMMIGRATION STATUS.

17 **12.2105. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT CITIZENSHIP STATUS.**

18 AN EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP,  
19 NATIONALITY, OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO A THIRD PARTY EXCEPT:

20 (1) AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.2101(C) OF THIS SECTION; OR

21 (2) IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES.

22 **12.2106. CHANGES IN PRACTICES.**

23 (A) WHENEVER THE COUNTY ATTORNEY LEARNS OF A STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR  
24 INTERNATIONAL TREATY THAT MAY PREEMPT THIS SUBTITLE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY SHALL ADVISE  
25 THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

1 (1) ABOUT THE LAW OR TREATY; AND

2 (2) WHETHER THE COUNTY SHOULD CHANGE ANY PRACTICES UNDER OR PROVISIONS OF  
3 THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (B) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF ANY CHANGES IN PRACTICES  
5 MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS SECTION.

6 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that this Act  
7 *shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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## Testimony in support of CB9

Ying Matties

10228 Little Brick House, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Good evening. My name is Ying Matties. I have been a Howard County resident for the past 16 years. I'm here to support CB9. I am a first-generation Chinese American. I came to this country more than twenty five years ago on a student visa to pursue a doctorate and have been a citizen for 15 years. As a young woman who had never been far from home, the first few years were hard. A feeling of uncertainty about my future was never far below the surface. Missteps in school could jeopardize my legal status. Any major illness or an accident could stretch the limits of my health insurance coverage. There was no safety net to catch me. These struggles are familiar to many immigrants.

Yet I was extremely lucky. Born into a family of two teachers after the end of a destructive period called the 'Cultural Revolution', I was able to obtain an education in some of Beijing's top schools and one of the most prestigious universities in China. Such a completely random event in one's life, the place and time of your birth, set me on a path to a relatively easy life. So many of the undocumented immigrants weren't so lucky.

Let me be clear – I do not support illegal immigration. Congress should fix our broken immigration system. However, lost in the debate is the fact that no child aspires to break the law and become undocumented immigrant someday. Nobody wants to live in the shadows.



Howard County Public Hearing , Bill 9-2017 January 17, 2017

I. Frederick C. Ruff, 9324 Kings Grant Rd., Howard County,  
20723

II. The very outset of this bill there is a statement: **“Howard County is composed of immigrants from throughout the world who contribute to our community’s social vitality, cultural richness and economic strength.”**

A. This statement is not correct because the persons that this Bill relates to, basically targets foreigners that have entered the U.S. **illegally**. Unfortunately in some cases their children who are under the umbrella of their parent’s illegal entry would also be involved .

B. You suggest that giving persons entering the U.S. **illegally “fair and equal access to county benefits, opportunities and services”** will solve stated problems.

C. This bill suggests a remedy that **cannot solve the problems** that you desire. The problems you state are: **Personal “Phobics, Racism, Hate Speech and Violence”**. They do not address the root problems that are related to so called objectives you wish to correct.

D. There are already active laws in effect that deal with problems of **“Racism, Hate Speech and Violence”** via **Local, State and Federal** personal protection agencies.

E. I agree that we need to uphold the commitment to be a community free of prejudice, bigotry and hate as well as a community that upholds the laws that address these issues.

F. In section 8 of the Bill you take a personal attack on the President Elect with no substantial evidence to back it up, which is undocumented and very cowardly to say the least.

G. Bill 9-2017 will not solve the problems that you state in this Bill but will only put additional burdens on the citizens and legal immigrants of Howard County via the Education System, Social Services, Police and Fire services and the Howard County Budget ,for what I believe is your personal Political reasons.

**I thank you for this opportunity to share My thoughts on this Bill and only hope and pray that it is not passed.**

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Frederick C. Ruff*

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## TESTIMONY OF IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY JONATHAN S. GREENE SUPPORTING C.B. 9-2017 JANUARY 17, 2017

Good Evening Chairperson Weinstein, Vice Chairperson Ball, and Councilmembers Terrasa, Sigaty and Fox.

I am an attorney practicing immigration law in Maryland for more than 20 years. My office has been in Columbia for more than 10 years. I reside in Ellicott City and have been a Howard County resident for more than 20 years. I am the first attorney who has served both as a Chair of the Maryland State Bar Association Immigration Law Section and the D.C.-Maryland Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. I have been an expert witness on immigration issues in state and federal cases, and I have taught other attorneys and the public about immigration law through national and local venues including the Maryland State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. I have presented seminars on immigration detainers to the Office of the Public Defender and I have been a guest speaker for classes at both the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore Law Schools. I also serve as an adjunct professor at Stevenson University teaching immigration law.

I have testified dozens of times before the Maryland General Assembly as a representative of legal organizations to assist in explaining how federal immigration law relates to proposed legislation. I am appearing today for the same purpose, to share knowledge of federal immigration law. I am here as a resource to you and to help you understand that this bill does not violate federal law but it very importantly establishes the law for how immigration law works in Howard County.

This bill does not violate federal immigration law. It does not interfere with federal immigration enforcement actions, which will continue to be carried out by the federal government. The Constitution gives the immigration function to the federal government exclusively.<sup>1</sup> Counties are not supposed to be immigration enforcers.

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<sup>1</sup> See U.S. Constitution, Art. 1, § 8, Cl. 4 and 150 years of U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

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Immigration law is complex and hard to understand. There are a lot of people in this room who are going to testify and give your wrong information about federal immigration law.<sup>2</sup> That's understandable. Even our County Executive doesn't seem to understand immigration law. This bill establishes in law what the limits will be for Howard County's involvement with federal immigration law. County Executive Kittleman said that Howard County police have never been engaged in the enforcement of immigration law and that job belongs to the federal government. This bill would make that policy the law in Howard County. But County Executive Kittleman said he will veto a law that makes clear that our police will continue to fight crime but will not carry out the civil immigration enforcement job of the federal government. If he supports the policy, he should support the law. But instead, County Executive Kittleman said he would veto the bill because that law would compromise public safety. If County Executive Kittleman thinks community safety is endangered if our police are not enforcing federal immigration law, then he must be saying that he intends to have our police become federal immigration law enforcers.

This bill will also establish that Howard County government employees will not reveal immigration information about Howard County residents to Donald Trump so he can make a registry of Muslims or Mexicans or anyone else he does not like. County Executive Kittleman said he will veto this bill because Donald Trump is threatening to take away our federal funding. Instead of standing up to a bully, County Executive Kittleman is telling us to turn in our neighbors, our coworkers and our children. That is why this law is needed now. We need to tell Donald Trump and County Executive Kittleman that we are one Howard County, that we choose civility, that we are a place of compassion and diversity and we stand up for our residents.

For these reasons, I ask that the Council vote in favor of CB 9-2017.

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<sup>2</sup> Social media continues falsely to echo the myth that undocumented immigrants are criminals. The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that it is not a crime to be present in the United States in violation of the immigration law. *U.S. v. Arizona*, 132 S.Ct at 2505. This principle has been echoed by the Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which applies federal law to Maryland and three other states. See *U.S. v. South Carolina*, 720 F.3d 518 (2013). The Immigration and Nationality Act, the federal immigration law statute created by Congress, does not even contain the term "illegal alien."

## **JONATHAN S. GREENE**

Jonathan Greene is the founder of the Greene Law Firm, LLC in Columbia, Md. Mr. Greene practices in the areas of family law and immigration law. He is admitted to practice before the Maryland Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for Maryland, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also an adjunct professor at Stevenson University in immigration law.

Mr. Greene has substantial experience in immigration law. He is the first attorney to serve both as the chair of the Maryland State Bar Association's Immigration Law Section and the American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia Chapter. Mr. Greene has served on the MSBA Immigration Law Section Council since its founding in 2008. Mr. Greene previously served as AILA chapter chair-elect, vice chair, chapter secretary, annual conference committee chair, Maryland bar liaison, ICE liaison (twice), CBP liaison, Maryland advocacy coordinator and ICE raid response coordinator. Mr. Greene served in 2005-06 as a member of AILA's national board of governors and was elected to the 2006 national officer nominating committee. He has previously served on other national AILA panels, including the 2014 USCIS Field Operations, 2013 Annual Conference, 2011 Distance Learning and 2010 ICE Liaison Committees. Mr. Greene has advocated for years before the Maryland General Assembly on immigration, and he received the 2008 AILA Washington D.C. Chapter Advocate of the Year Award.

Mr. Greene has given extensive presentations on immigration issues. He has spoken on advanced naturalization and family immigration issues at the national AILA 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2014 Annual Conferences. He has spoken on legal professionalism issues for national AILA conferences in 2011 and 2013 and on state immigration legislation for a 2008 AILA national podcast. Mr. Greene spoke on immigration issues affecting the Latino community at the American University Washington College of Law in 2014. He presented webinars on marriage fraud in 2013 to AILA's national new members division and AILA's Nevada Chapter. He also presented webinars to the Maryland State Bar Association on Special Immigrant Juveniles, Immigration Court and Professional Responsibility. In 2011-2012, Mr. Greene presented four seminars to the Maryland Public Defenders office and he spoke on professional responsibility and family immigration at a Public Defender's Conference in 2015. He has presented immigration seminars for the American Law Institute-American Bar Association in 2004 -2006. He has also addressed family issues for AILA national audio seminars in July 2009 and March 2011, a web seminar in November 2006 and the New York Chapter conference in December 2006. He spoke on immigration law ethics at the AILA New England Regional Conference in 2006 and the AILA Washington D.C. Chapter 2004, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Fall Conferences. Mr. Greene also spoke on family support issues at the AILA Washington D.C. Chapter 2016 Fall Conference. He has spoken on client development at the AILA Washington D.C. Chapter 2002 Legal Practice Series, and he served as a moderator in 2001 and 2008 for chapter conferences. Mr. Greene spoke on immigration issues to the Family Law Committee of the Baltimore City Bar Association in 2004 and presented the association's Milton Talkin lecture in 1999. He has given seminars for Sterling Educational Services in 2006-7 and to Baltimore County Circuit Court judges in 2007. He has spoken at MSBA conferences in 2008-11 and 2015 and presented on criminal and immigration law for the Maryland Institute for Continuing Legal Education in 2008. In 2009, Mr. Greene also spoke at the National Consortium for Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts conference.

**JONATHAN S. GREENE (Continued)**

Mr. Greene's family law experience includes serving as a committee member of the Maryland Lt. Governor's & Attorney General's Family Violence Council in 1996-97 and Vice-Chair of the Family Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division. He served as a committee member and director of the Domestic Violence Task Force of Maryland's Public Justice Center in 1993-96, and he worked with the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence in 1995-96.

Mr. Greene has spoken on family law and immigration issues at the Family Law Hot Tips 2009 seminar of the Maryland Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He also gave a presentation on domestic violence to the Baltimore County Social Services Department in 1996 and taught seminars in 1999-2008 for the National Business Institute on the topics of "Child Custody and Visitation," "Avoiding Common Liability Pitfalls in Maryland Family Law," "Complex Divorce Issues for the Maryland Paralegal," "Complex Issues in Divorce for the Maryland Practitioner" & "Financial Settlement Strategies for Your Divorce Clients."

Mr. Greene's publications in immigration law include "Paying Special Attention: The Changing Strategies for Special Immigrant Juveniles," Thompson Immigration Briefings (Dec. 2016); "The Tricky Triangle: Marriage, Divorce and Permanent Residence," Thompson Immigration Briefings (Mar. 2015); "Preparing Clients for the Marriage Interview," Voice Magazine (Mar. 2015); "Visa Options for International Business," Maryland Bar Bulletin (Aug. 2014); "Spousal Green Cards: The Golden Ticket," Maryland Bar Bulletin (Aug. 2014); "Increasing Importance of Immigration in Family Law," MAJ Journal (July 2014); "Adjustment of Status vs. Consular Processing" AILA's Guide to Immigration Law for Paralegals 2013-14 (Nov. 2013); "Family Feuds: The Impact of Domestic Relations Law on Naturalization," Thompson Immigration Briefings (Aug. 2013); "Immigration Issues in Criminal Law," Maryland Bar Bulletin (Aug. 2012); "Immigration Opportunities for 2012," Maryland Bar Bulletin (Aug. 2012); "Unfortunate Fairy Tale: Unhappy Marriage of Immigration and Family Law," Maryland Bar Journal, Vol. XLI, No. 5 (2008); "All in the Family: How Messy Divorces Can Make a Mess of Naturalization," Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook 717 (2006); "When Immigration Meets Family Law: An International Collision," Family Law News, MD State Bar Association Section Council of Family & Juvenile Law (July 2005); "Immigration Issues for the Family Law Attorney," Maryland Bar Bulletin (Sept. 2004); "H Nonimmigrants," Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook 1 (2003); and the conclusion to the Fall 1999 Cardozo School of Law Journal of International and Comparative Law Fall issue focusing on international violence against women. Mr. Greene also lead coauthored "V Nonimmigrant Visas: A New Breath of LIFE," Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook 575 (2005); "The Vagabond Life of the V Visa Kids," Immigration Law Today Vol. 24. No. 5 (2005); "Marital Disharmony: Immigration Consequences of Separation and Divorce," Immigration Law Today Vol. 26 No 6 (2007); and "Every Rose Has Its Thorn: Issues in Difficult Marriage Adjustment Cases," Immigration & Nationality Law Hndbk. 563 (2008).

Mr. Greene's publication list in family law includes coauthoring "Increasing Remedies for Domestic Violence" for the Maryland Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues (1995). In 1996, he wrote the chapter on Sports and Entertainment Law for The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice: A Lawyer's Handbook, published by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence.

## JONATHAN S. GREENE (Continued)

Mr. Greene has provided extensive pro bono representation and counsel. In 2011 and 2012, he provided pro bono assistance on immigration issues in criminal law matters to the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Mr. Greene also made a presentation to the Howard County Domestic Violence Center in 2012. Mr. Greene has provided counsel to the Maryland Department of Transportation on immigration law issues. Mr. Greene has represented pro bono clients on behalf of such organizations as the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Society, Catholic Charities, Lutheran World Relief and Kids in Need of Defense.

Mr. Greene has also served as a guest lecturer in immigration law at the University of Maryland Law School and the University of Baltimore Law School since 2011.

Mr. Greene has substantial trial and appellate experience in immigration and family law, including reported cases *Simbaina v. Bunay*, 221 Md. App. 440 (2015); *Kuusk v. Holder*, 732 F.3d 302 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013); and *Fox v. Fox*, 167 F.3d 880 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999).

Mr. Greene served for several years as a Contributing Editor to the American Bar Association Student Lawyer Magazine. From 1997-2005, he authored the “Coping” Column, which was recognized by the American Society of Business Publications Editors with the national Gold award for Editorial Excellence in 2001, as well as regional awards from 1999-2001. Mr. Greene has also written feature articles for the magazine from 1995-2002, including several cover stories and an interview with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Mr. Greene has previously been recognized with a “Laurel” for investigative reporting from Columbia Journalism Review. From 1996-2000, Mr. Greene was a frequent contributor to Maryland’s two family law publications, the Maryland Domestic Law Report and the Maryland Family Law Monthly.

Mr. Greene has served as an expert witness and consulting attorney in immigration law and other matters and has been qualified as an expert witness in state court.

Mr. Greene’s media appearances have included WJLA-TV and WAMU Radio in Washington, D.C., and WBAL and WYPR Radio in Baltimore. He has appeared on cable talk shows in Baltimore and Washington. He has also been interviewed, quoted and consulted on numerous occasions by the Daily Record, the Baltimore Sun and the former Examiner. He has also appeared on foreign television broadcasts.

Mr. Greene earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland in 1988 (Dean’s List) and his J.D. in 1996. In 1993, Mr. Greene was recognized with the American Jurisprudence Award for Professional Responsibility. In 1996, he also served as a lobbyist on domestic violence issues before the Maryland General Assembly and as a committee member of the Maryland Commission on the Future of the Courts.

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## IMMIGRATION LAW BACKGROUNDER FOR HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL<sup>1</sup>

By Jonathan S. Greene

U.S. immigration is nearly exclusively the domain of the federal government, and different parts of the government have specific roles in the process. The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government, is the primary creator of federal laws, and the immigration statutes passed by Congress are largely contained in Title 8 of the United States Code. The title is also known as the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”). The executive branch of the federal government is responsible for carrying out the laws created by Congress, but the statutes are usually very broad in nature and require the executive branch to issue regulations to fill in the gaps of the statutes. Regulations can be issued by the different executive branch Departments overseen by the Presidents, and such departments can also issue further explanation of law in the form of policy manuals, practice manuals, FAQs, officer manuals, policy memoranda, stakeholder announcements and other subregulations. Final interpretation of immigration law is conducted by the courts of the judicial branch of the federal government, but administrative law courts often decide cases before they get to the federal courts.

While Congress and the federal courts have important roles in creating and interpreting immigration law, the executive branch handles the vast majority of immigration law matters in its domain of executing the laws. Six Departments handle major components of immigration law, but none more important than the **Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”)**. Prior to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, U.S. immigration was primarily the province of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (“INS”) under the Department of Justice. In 2002, Congress proposed the creation of a new Department of Homeland Security to combine intelligence agency operations. When DHS opened its doors in 2003, Congress broke up the old INS and moved most of its components to the new Department.

The Department of Homeland Security contains three offices focused on immigration issues. **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”)** is responsible for adjudicating petitions and applications for immigration status, visa eligibility and citizenship. USCIS also manages employment authorization applications, international travel permission,

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biometrics and fingerprinting, and asylum requests. **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”)** primarily focuses on investigating, apprehending, detaining and removing noncitizens. ICE’s Office of Chief Counsel provides the attorneys who litigate deportation and removal cases in the immigration courts. **Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”)** inspects persons and goods at airports, seaports and land borders, as well as managing the Border Patrol.

The **State Department** is responsible for issuing visas outside the United States, as well as passports and citizenship certificates for U.S. citizens born abroad. Whereas DHS is in charge of immigration matters inside the United States, the State Department’s immigration role is solely for foreign nationals who are outside the United States. The State Department manages a U.S. Embassy in most countries. Within each embassy is a consular division, which handles the issuance of visas and immigration matters. In countries with large geographical territory or many population centers, the State Department operates separate consulates in other locations away from the embassy. For example, the U.S. Embassy in Brazil is in the capital city of Brasilia, while the State Department also maintains consulates in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Recife.

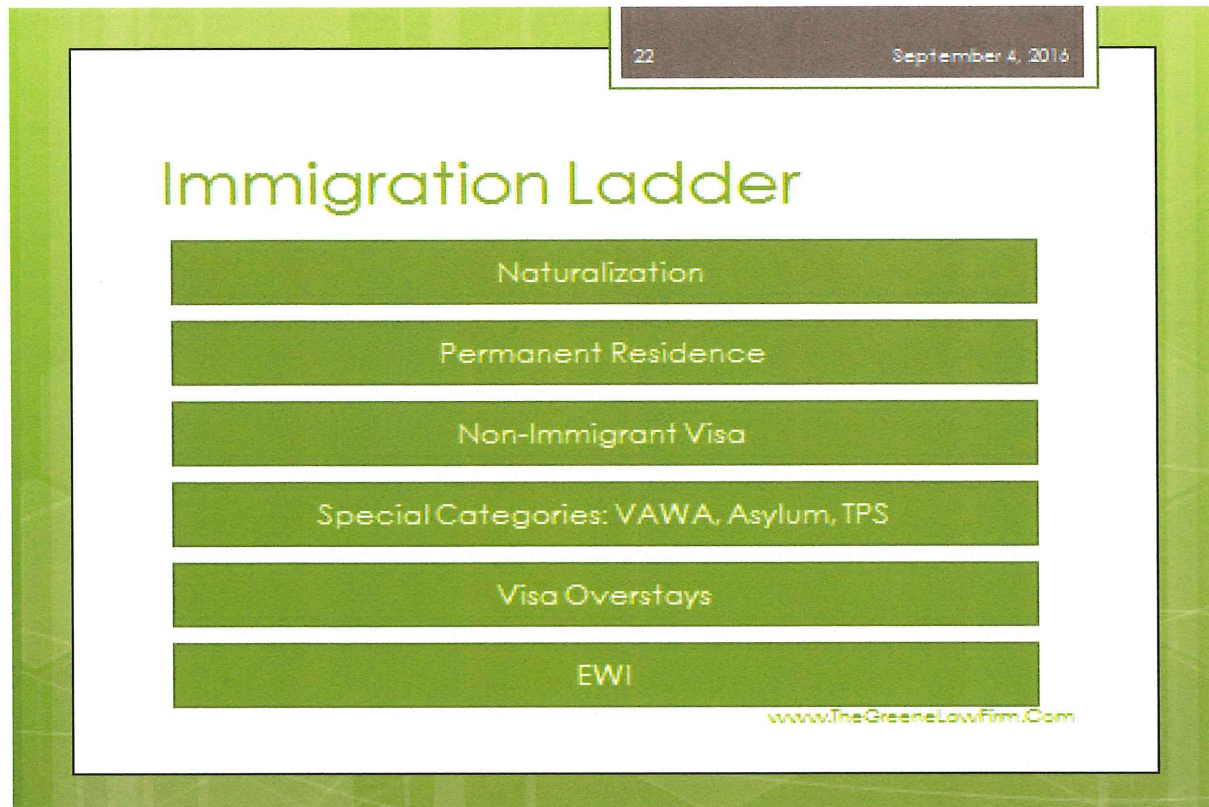
The **Justice Department** was once home to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, most of which was transferred to DHS. The Justice Department still retains the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), which is composed of more than 50 immigration courts across the United States. Immigration courts are administrative law courts charged with issuing orders pertaining to removal and deportation. EOIR also contains the Board of Immigration Appeals, which considers appeals from the immigration courts.

Three other executive branch departments also serve important functions related to immigration law. The **Department of Labor** provides immigration review of certain employment applications in the Office of Foreign Labor Certification, including Labor Certification of employment-based permanent residence cases and H-2 nonimmigrant visas. The Department of Labor also certifies Labor Condition Applications for temporary visas in the H-1B category and makes prevailing wage determinations for all of these kinds of cases. The **Commerce Department** can issue licenses related to the export of certain technology in particular nonimmigrant visa cases. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is responsible for resettling refugees in the United States, providing shelter services for unaccompanied children arriving in the United States and issuing annual poverty guidelines which affect the ability of people to sponsor immigrants who would otherwise be public burdens.

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To understand how the immigration system works, it can be helpful to visualize a ladder of immigration benefits:



The best place to start with a ladder is usually the bottom, but in this case, the best place is actually the middle. If you draw an imaginary line below **Non-Immigrant Visa** on the ladder, everything above the line offers traditional legal immigration status and everything below the line does not have such status. For those entering the United States by lawful means, obtaining a nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate is often the first step on the immigration ladder. Nonimmigrant visas offer a temporary period of stay in the United States, from as little as a few days to as much as seven years or even more. Typical categories include tourists, business visitors, employees, students, trainees, and survivors of crime and human trafficking. (NOTE: Nonimmigrant visa categories start with a letter, such as A, B or C and often include a number, such as L-1, F-1, H-4 or O-2.) Once present in the United States, a visitor can seek to **change status** to another nonimmigrant visa category or **adjust status** by moving up the ladder to permanent residence. Some nonimmigrants are authorized to work in the United States, depending on the visa category.

**Permanent Residence** in the United States is typically obtained by seeking an **immigrant visa** (instead of nonimmigrant visa) at a U.S. embassy or consulate outside the United States. Those who are present in the United States as nonimmigrants are eligible to move up the immigration ladder by adjusting status to permanent residence, if they meet eligibility

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criteria. A permanent resident is issued a card by USCIS (historically known as the “green card,” although not actually green in color). Permanent residence allows a citizen of another country to reside permanently in the United States and travel in and out of the country without having to seek admission, in most cases. All permanent residents are authorized for employment by virtue of that status.

Moving to the top of the immigration ladder provides permanent residents a chance to become U.S. citizens through the process of **Naturalization**. U.S. citizenship often can be conferred through birth in the United States or birth outside the United States to U.S. parents, but the most frequent path to citizenship for immigrants is through naturalization. To become a citizen, naturalization applicants must establish a period of residence and presence in the United States, as well as good moral character. Most applicants also take a test showing their knowledge of the English language and U.S. government and history. Achieving citizenship is the ultimate goal of the immigration ladder.

The categories below Nonimmigrant Visa all may have some opportunities to move up the ladder to citizenship, but there are special challenges and significant limitations for these categories. The **Special Categories** of **VAWA, Asylum and TPS** all feature transitions in legal immigration status. The Violence Against Women Act allows abused spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents to leapfrog to permanent residence, even if they did not have valid nonimmigrant status. Those who have been granted asylum are neither nonimmigrants nor permanent residents, but they are allowed to stay and work in the United States and eventually seek permanent residence. Temporary protected status (“TPS”) is granted to persons present in the United States who come from particular countries which Congress has recognized as devastated by natural disaster or civil conflict, making return to the home country impossible. TPS does not confer permanent residence but allows those with such status to work and remain in the United States as long as Congress authorizes such status. There are other similar quasi-status categories in immigration law, such as Deferred Action and those granted Withholding of Removal. All of these special categories have their own rules for moving or not moving through the immigration ladder.

**Visa Overstays** are a common category which offers limited opportunities to move up the immigration ladder. Nearly all nonimmigrant visa holders have an expiration date on the amount of time they are allowed to stay in the United States, but more than a few overstay their authorized time. Because most nonimmigrant visa holders cannot change or adjust their status once they have overstayed, many cannot move up the immigration ladder unless they leave the United States and file new applications. However, a special exception allows visa overstayers to adjust status to permanent residence if they are sponsored by U.S. citizens who are their spouses, children over 21, or parents (if the visa overstayers are under 21).

Those who **Enter Without Inspection (“EWI”)** represent the lowest level of the immigration ladder because they have the most challenges to moving up the ladder. Without any legal status to start, even sponsorship by relatives usually requires that those who entered without being inspected by an immigration officer leave the United States and seek a waiver to be able to pursue permanent residence. EWI category applicants who are eligible for Special Category

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relief under VAWA, asylum, TPS and related options can remain in the United States in limited circumstances, but many who have entered without inspection have no options to obtain legal status or move up the immigration ladder.

**NOTE: Important Concepts.** The **Visa** is issued by the State Department at an embassy or consulate. A consular officer affixes the visa on a page in the applicant's passport. Visas are essentially entry tickets to the United States and they contain expiration dates. Some visas can be used for multiple entries and some are only good for one entry (the number of entries is spelled out on the visa page in the passport). If a visa expires while a person is in the United States, that fact alone does not require the person to depart the United States at that time.

**Period of Authorized Stay** pertains to the length of time a person is allowed to be in the United States. When a person obtains a nonimmigrant visa and presents the passport and visa page to a CBP officer at the airport in the United States (or the border or sea port), the CBP officer will stamp the passport and write the expiration date for the stay in the United States. Sometimes the period of authorized stay is six months or a year, but in some cases it can even be three years long. Students sometimes have no expiration date for their period of authorized stay and can remain in the United States as long as they are complying with the terms of their visas. When a person changes status or extends status in the United States, USCIS issues a Form I-797 notice that features a new period of authorized stay.

**Lawful Status** is obtained by a person when entering the United States with inspection from a CBP officer. Maintaining lawful status requires compliance with the terms of a visa category, such as attending classes if present in the United States on a student visa. If an application to extend, change or adjust status is filed before the expiration of the period of authorized stay, the applicant also continues to have lawful status while the application is pending with USCIS. A person fails to maintain lawful status by overstaying a period of authorized stay (without a proper pending USCIS application) or by failing to maintain the terms of a visa category.

**Unlawful Presence** is accrued when a person enters without inspection or overstays a period of authorized stay. Unlawful presence periods result in inadmissibility of the person and may require a waiver to pursue permanent residence.

## Testimony in support of CB9-2017

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Good evening, and thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important issue. My name is Dawn Popp and I have been a resident of Howard County for almost my whole life, after moving to Columbia when I was in preschool. My family and I now live in ElkrIDGE, Council District 1. I am here to express my strong support for CB9.

From a practical perspective, I support this bill because common sense, and the experience of other sanctuary cities and counties, indicate that such communities are safer. When people who witness or are victims of crime know that they need not fear questions about their own immigration status if they come forward, that makes us all safer. A safer community should be something we can all support.

Moreover, from a moral perspective, I support this bill because it's simply the right thing to do. This is a defining moment for us as a community. This is where we get to decide if we truly embrace and stand up for the values reflected in the "OneHoward" pledge, or if we are swayed by fear tactics, misinformation, and hate speech that refers to members of our community as "illegals" and other such dehumanizing language. The hateful rhetoric being spread on social media by those opposed to this bill should be evidence enough of how much we need it. Of course, I recognize that passing CB9 is not going to magically eliminate racism in Howard County, but we cannot underestimate the symbolic value of having our government and our community publicly and "officially" take a stand against bigotry in all its forms.

One of the arguments I've heard against CB9 is the concern that federal funding might be withheld in retaliation for us becoming a sanctuary county. I note that Congress, not the President, would need to act to withhold such funding, and that it is extremely unlikely it would *or could* successfully do so. I believe that the same principles of federalism that led the Supreme Court to strike down the part of the Affordable Care Act permitting the federal government to withhold federal funding from states opting out of the Medicaid expansion would also prevent Congress from withholding existing funding based upon the passage of CB9.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak. I hope that you will join me in supporting CB9 so that "OneHoward" is who we really are, and not just an empty hashtag.

**County Council Hearing Testimony in Support of Council Bill 9-2017**

**Tuesday, 17 January 2017 | 6:00pm**

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Good evening. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony in support of CB9. I am Jill Marie Bussey, a resident of Columbia for more than a decade – a home that my husband and I very purposefully chose for raising our family. We love our diverse community and hope that James Rouse’s vision will endure for decades, if not centuries, to come.

I am also an immigration lawyer, advocate and community volunteer. While many of you may know me in my current and former capacities, I wish to be clear that the testimony that I am providing is in my personal capacity alone and do not necessarily represent the organizations to which I am or have been associated with. I support this legislation because I believe that it is an important measure to promote community trust, reduce discrimination and racial profiling and allocate local resources to our local priorities. Further, it is consistent with the *President’s Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing*, which states, “whenever possible, state and local law enforcement should not be involved in immigration enforcement.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce\\_finalreport.pdf](https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf)

at 2.8 million people.<sup>5</sup> To accomplish, the Trump administration would have to resort to aggressive enforcement actions such as sweeps and raids and pressure localities to use their own resources to assist without reimbursement. I note that this would likely entail constitutionally questionable practices as ICE and local police have mistakenly held and even deported U.S. citizens in the past.<sup>6</sup> Many of these deportations have placed people who have legitimately articulated fear of persecution and violence back into the very situation in which they have fled – in some cases leading to their death.

This legislation is needed to protect our community and acknowledge these realities. It is needed because, just as federal immigration policy, our County's current policy could be changed at any moment with little or no notice to the public. It is needed to affirm our values as a community of diversity and inclusion. As a taxpayer, it is needed to serve as assurance that our local resources will not be diverted from pressing local initiatives such as our schools, libraries and infrastructure.

There are residents who have expressed concern about lowered property values because the community becomes too diverse or "brown" – these are fears that we have heard at times in this county and this nation's past – desegregation; during waves of Polish, Irish and Italian immigration; and fears we heard when refugees fled Vietnam and Korea. Many of these

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/upfront/2017/01/barack-obama-deporter-chief-170113105930345.html>; <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/obamas-deportation-policy-numbers/story?id=41715661>

<sup>6</sup> Such was the case for Ernesto Galarza. In his case, the Third Circuit held that the County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, could be liable for damages to Ernesto Galarza, a U.S. citizen improperly targeted and held on the basis of a detainer.

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I am speaking in support of Council Bill 9. As a Jewish woman it is my moral obligation to support this bill and stand up for human rights. Countless times throughout history, individuals, communities, and countries offered sanctuaries for the Jewish people ensuring our survival and existence. The book of Exodus states "You shall not oppress a stranger for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt". Those who feel entitled as US citizens and oppose this bill forget that unless you are native to this land or were forced here against your will through enslavement, we are all immigrants in this country.

County Executive Kittleman vows to veto CB9 that provides optimism and hope for the same undocumented students who he listened to and shook hands with at Stand Up Howard. His statement conveniently mentioned MS13 gangs, and sex and human traffickers, closely echoing Trumps sentiments towards Mexicans, portraying a false image of immigrants as criminals and dangers to our community. He failed to mention that many of the clients of trafficking are white male US citizens and that many of the victims of trafficking are undocumented woman who without this bill would be reluctant to go to the police for help for fear of consequences due to their legal status.

Sanctuary cities create safer communities. They lead to increased cooperation of the undocumented community with the police. CB9 does not interfere with ability of police to investigate or arrest anyone involved in criminal activity, undocumented or otherwise.

US Foreign economic policy like CAFTA And NAFTA along with government corruption has created conditions of extreme poverty, violence, and desperation that lead to immigration. Imagine watching your loved ones starve and suffer, or knowing that your children won't have a future? Wouldn't you do anything to ensure the survival and well-being of your family?

Councilman Fox said that this bill undermines the hard work of immigrants who have obtained citizenship legally. Councilman Fox, I implore you search a US Embassy website for any country in Central America and find where the visa application is. You won't find it because it doesn't exist. Only if you are of wealth and means or come from a developed country are there visa options for you. For a person living in poverty from Central America or Mexico desperate to save their family, there is no process or visa to apply to. With no legal avenue there is no choice but to risk your life through harsh deserts and dangerous rivers and terrain to come here. No one wants to choose that path.

Undocumented residents in this county are our friends, neighbors, and hardworking positive contributors to our community and society. They are also my students whose parents have sacrificed so that they may succeed. As a teacher, I am witness to their potential, dreams, and determination, every day. They are leaders in their schools, honor roll students, and our future teachers, doctors, and lawyers if given the chance. As a teacher it is unbearable to see the fear in the eyes of my students faced with their unknown fate left in the hands of the incoming administration.

The jobs that our undocumented residents do allow everyone in Howard County to have a better quality of life here. If you don't support our undocumented residents, then don't eat the food they cook for you



or eat off the plates they wash for you. Don't enjoy the landscapes and foliage they provide for you. Don't live in the houses they build for you or use the buildings they construct for you in the new downtown Columbia development.

This bill ensures the well-being of all residents in Howard County and truly represents the vision of #ONEHOWARD. I urge you to vote in favor.

My name is Deeba Jafri and I live in Elkridge MD, in Mr. Weinstein's district.

"Mama will Nani be able to visit us? What if Nani can't visit us?" Tears. A flood of them. She's 9 years old and has just heard Trump's words on banning all Muslims from entering the U.S. She is worried my mother will not be able to visit her from England. I will never forgive him for that, for robbing my little girl of her childhood, and for putting such fear into her heart. I hold her. I rock her. I am as bewildered as she is and tell her to put her trust in God and if Nani can't visit us we will visit her. "But I want to show her the cherry blossoms and the azaleas at Brighton Dam and Longwood Gardens, all the spring stuff. She's never been in the Spring. Nani always comes in the fall."

Days later talk of a registry surfaces, the need to have surveillance at our mosques. Now the teenager is upset, reading everything about Japanese internment that he can find. "Mom you should become American now. They treated citizens differently from non-citizens. What if they split us up? You'd die right there and then."

And then there was the backpack. An old Nemo backpack pulled out of her closet packed with things, ready to go if they came for us. She'd swap out the cuddly from time to time. I let it be. Her way.

Calvin and Jen didn't have to introduce this bill. Not at all. But what they have done with this bill is to walk in the shoes of those who don't feel as secure as most of America feels, be it Muslim American adults and children or undocumented immigrants and their children. What this bill does is that it provides peace of mind to my children. For some of you that peace of mind is something you take for granted. On the 23rd of December when the bill was released I said that it was the best Christmas present I could wish for. I meant it, but little did I realize the impact it would have.

I told both of my children what was proposed that evening. "I am happy there are 2 grown-ups in charge who are standing up for me," she said. So just a few days ago I was tidying her room. The backpack is unpacked. The books are back on the shelf, the pencils back in her pencil box, her stuffed animals all reunited again. This is the true power of this bill for me. The peace of mind of a child. I want my children to know that whatever is happening nationally that in their world in their little county two people stood up for them showing tremendous courage and then two more supported them to let the rest of America know that the "othering" of people is just not acceptable in this county. OneHoward with no caveats at all.

Deeba Jafri, Elkridge MD.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/08/donald-trump-muslim-ban-republican-party-chaos>

## **Testimony in Support of CB9**

January 17, 2017

Good evening,

Thank you for holding a hearing on this important issue facing our community and the nation as a whole. My name is Becca Niburg and I live in North Laurel in Southern Howard County. I am here speaking on behalf of Together We Will Howard County (TWW-HC). Many of our members are here in the audience tonight wearing white or green, I will invite them to stand now. You will also hear from some of our members individually as they present their own personal stories about what they have faced recently and what they are seeing as residents of this County. I will let their stories of the importance of inclusivity and safety speak for themselves, but I did want to provide some overall perspective for their testimony as we are all concerned about the safety of our community.

TWW-HC's mission is to take action to foster a safe and inclusive community and to protect and secure equal rights for all people. Our diverse network of close to 800 members live and work in all districts of the County. We believe that Howard County is a great place to live precisely because of its diversity. The County is home to approximately 60,000 foreign born residents and you need only look around the room to see evidence of that here, particularly those of color and our foreign-born neighbors, who feel fear. We also understand that opponents to this initiative have also raised safety concerns.

The Washington Post undertook an investigation in October 2016 to determine the effect of declaring a jurisdiction a sanctuary city or county on the crime rate in the year following

passage of the legislation.<sup>1</sup> In analyzing FBI crime statistics, the investigative reporter found that out of 54 jurisdictions analyzed, 29 jurisdictions experienced no change or a drop in crime. The investigation further compared sanctuary jurisdictions and those jurisdictions as statistically similar as possible. There was no statistical difference.

A research team at the University of Illinois at Chicago noted and anecdotal evidence has suggested that sanctuary jurisdictions may end up being safer in the long term.<sup>2</sup> Other research so far has only looked at the first year after passage, but the first year does not fully demonstrate how sanctuary legislation helps communities. As reported in the University of Chicago Social Service Administration magazine, research consistently shows that immigrants are less likely than those born in the US to commit crimes even as the incarceration rates have gone up in the US.<sup>3</sup> When the American Immigration Council used 2010 Census data to analyze incarceration rates for males between 18 and 39, it found that 1.6 percent of foreign-born males are in jail, compared with 3.3 percent of the native born population.<sup>4</sup> Similar trends go back to the 1980s. In a national survey of police chiefs in large and medium-sized cities administered in 2007-08, 52 percent of law enforcement officials reported that gaining the trust of undocumented immigrants was a top priority in their departments.<sup>5</sup> If this entire population fears that interaction with police would lead to arrest and deportation, they will be reluctant to report crimes, make statements, or testify in court. This chilling effect leaves our community less safe for all of us.

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/10/03/sanctuary-cities-do-not-experience-a-n-increase-in-crime/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.policylink.org/sites/default/files/INSECURE\\_COMMUNITIES\\_REPORT\\_FINAL.PDF](http://www.policylink.org/sites/default/files/INSECURE_COMMUNITIES_REPORT_FINAL.PDF)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ssa.uchicago.edu/sanctuary-cities-debate>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/criminalization-immigration-united-states>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/immigration-federalism-which-policy-prevails>

While conducting research to make sure that these national studies apply to Howard County, I consulted with a colleague in ICE who investigates many of the child pornography and human trafficking cases in this area. He stated to me, unequivocally, that this bill would not hinder any current initiative or action being taken by ICE. ICE will continue to work with the Howard County police as it currently does. This bill will not lead ICE to turn a blind eye to crime within our community nor will it keep criminals from being investigated, charged, and incarcerated regardless of their immigration status.

This bill will help our local law enforcement in gaining trust in traditionally insular immigrant communities which leads to more criminals being taken off of our streets. Because we believe that everyone in our community should be safe, regardless of national origin or any physically defining feature, Together We Will Howard County supports CB9.

**Howard County Council Bill 9-2017**  
**Howard County Police Chief Gary Gardner**

**January 17, 2017**

The Howard County Police Department has a long established reputation for treating all people equally, with respect and dignity. We work hard to make sure that everyone who lives, works, and visits Howard County feels safe and protected from victimization. This is our top priority, and it applies to every person in this county, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or immigration status. In fact, when it comes to immigration status, **we don't ask**. For us in local law enforcement, it doesn't matter. A victim is simply a victim and a witness is simply someone who may be able to help us solve a case, regardless of their status in this country. There is no connection with the enforcement of civil immigration and your police department.

We understand that being undocumented may come with its own general sense of risk or fear, and perhaps recent national events have heightened those concerns. But any victim of a crime may avoid police for a number of reasons.....embarrassment, language barrier, fear of retaliation

from a suspect, or negative cultural experiences with law enforcement in other countries. But in Howard County, fear of being discovered as undocumented by local police shouldn't be one of them.

While I understand the intent of Council Bill 09, I believe we are already achieving much of what this bill is attempting to do. However, passing this practice into law may come with some unknown and unintended consequences, which is why I cannot support this legislation. As Police Chief, I can assure you that addressing crime in Howard County, including gangs, drugs, child pornography, and human trafficking, requires strong partnerships and uninterrupted cooperation with all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. This bill could tie our hands in those crime-fighting efforts.

For example, we need to be able to work with ICE if a deported dangerous felon returns to a Howard County neighborhood. Or if a known violent gang member is living in our community. Our responsibility is to keep all people safe from anyone who would victimize them.

The Police Department's commitment to serving and protecting everyone, without regard to nationality, was not in question before Council

Bill 09 was introduced. We are known and respected as an agency that upholds Howard County's values of diversity and inclusion. I believe we all want the same thing for our county: to promote a sense of security for ALL people and denounce hatred and bigotry. We have confirmed with the Office of Law, and those familiar with federal legal requirements, that there are potential ramifications of this bill.

### **COMPROMISE PUBLIC SAFETY**

The first concern is the potential impact on public safety and our relationship with ICE and other federal partners. The police department has been successful in addressing real concerns of crime, gang activity, illegal drugs and human trafficking through these partnerships.

For example, in the early 2000's, we saw an increase in violence in Howard County by the gang MS-13 from Central America, including homicide, rape, assault, robbery, theft, prostitution, extortion and drugs...a total of more than 60 cases. ICE's help was critical to assist us with arrest and prosecution and in many cases the deportation of these violent offenders. Even after having a significant impact, we still saw deported felons returning to the US and Howard County, creating ongoing concerns.



This type of partnership could be restricted if Howard County adopts a sanctuary status and the federal government deems us non-compliant with federal law. Partnerships with federal agencies cannot be switched on and off if they are going to be effective.

### **LOSS OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING**

Secondly, there has been much discussion about the risk of potentially losing federal funding that provides vital support to our public safety efforts. Presently, the police department receives Department of Justice Grants totaling about \$200,000. In some years, we have received over 1 million dollars. These grants support critical programs like victim services, child advocacy services, and overtime related crime suppression details throughout the year.

The police department has *already* received notice from the DOJ in regards to our Justice Assistance Grant, known as "JAG," which we must re-apply for every year. The notice warns that jurisdictions with sanctuary policies may face consequences, including the loss of grant funds. This is not speculation. The language has already been incorporated into the current

grant application, and we are in the process of re-applying for those funds now.

This is further reinforced by a recent opinion from the Office of the Inspector General that sanctuary ordinances may be inconsistent with federal law, which could result in the loss federal grant money. We seem to be risking funds to adopt a law that would not change any of the current local police practices already in place in the county.

## **CONCLUSION**

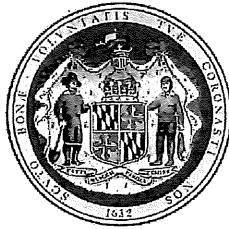
The Police Department's commitment to serving and protecting everyone, without regard to nationality, remains strong. I was recently moved and inspired by two students from HCC who expressed their concerns about being undocumented at a recent county forum. I understand the angst that undocumented students, and undocumented people in general, may feel. But here in Howard County, people who are law-abiding residents and visitors should have no fears regarding their immigration status when dealing with local law enforcement.

We currently have a strong relationship with partners like FIRN, working with people who are foreign-born; HopeWorks, helping ALL victims

of domestic violence; and AGAST, fighting human trafficking. Immigration status is not a factor in any of these cases. In fact, we help foreign nationals or undocumented immigrants in obtaining their U-Visas, when they have been victims of crime.

I believe the police department, county agencies, and other advocacy groups have done an outstanding job keeping lines of communication open with our immigrant communities, providing support, and offering a host of services that allow people to thrive if they wish. We remain committed to building trust in our community and fostering relationships that will continue to make Howard County a great place to live, work, and visit for everyone.

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January 17, 2017

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Council

My name is Byron Macfarlane, Register of Wills and Howard County native. I'm here tonight to express my strong support for Council Bill 9. I support this measure because these are uncertain times. We all talk about Howard County as an open, welcoming, caring place - and it is. But these days it doesn't feel that way to everyone who lives here, and just because this *has* been an open, welcoming, caring place doesn't guarantee it always will be. We are not immune to larger forces that threaten our citizens. We're not sure what the future holds. Some things are certain, though:

While over 70% of Howard County residents voted for a candidate other than Donald Trump, we know he will be our next President. While Donald Trump has maligned immigrants, promised to build a wall, pledged to register and deport all Muslims, then says "They're just words," we know that words matter. And while some dismiss the concerns of our immigrant community and its allies, we know that the anxiety and fear is real. We felt it at the county executive's #OneHoward meeting, at Congressman Cummings' "Stand Up Speak Up" forum, and we are feeling it here tonight.

I felt it the morning after the election, when I received an email from a dear friend who had just moved to Howard County with his husband. They came here for jobs and to raise a family. "Numb," "sick," "scared." Those were the words he used to describe how he felt. Specifically, he was scared about what a Trump presidency could mean for his marriage to another man.

In preparing for tonight's hearing I reflected on how much progress we've made in America, how fragile that progress is, and how hostile and dangerous much of the world remains today. While my friend, like most of us in the LGBT community, is rightfully concerned for his future, we know that there is far greater risk to the quarter of a million undocumented LGBT immigrants living here in America. Many of them have fled the 72 countries where homosexuality is a crime, including half a dozen where it is punishable by death. Many of them have come from regions now controlled by ISIL, which executes gay men by raping them in public, stoning them to death, and throwing them off buildings.

People don't come here for a free ride or a handout. They come here to raise a family, start a business, get an education, and some come just for the chance to live.

My name is Bess Altwerger. I reside at 10925 Shadow Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. As you all know, I am currently a member of the Howard County Board of Education. However, I offer my testimony tonight in strong support of CB9, not on behalf of the Board but as a citizen of Howard County, daughter of first generation Americans, Professor of Education, and national action coordinator of Save Our Schools, a non-profit education advocacy organization.

As an educator, I am particularly concerned that our students' fear of parental loss due to deportation has been heightened by the threats and strong rhetoric of the Presidential campaign. The Migration Policy Institute finds that effects on children of unauthorized immigrants include psychological trauma, material hardship, residential instability, family dissolution and poor academic performance. While they also find that support of teachers and other staff in public school can lead to improved academic performance, it cannot be the sole responsibility of educators to create an optimal environment for learning in our schools. County government must demonstrate their commitment to the education and well-being of our most vulnerable students by encoding into law provisions that would greatly enhance their sense of safety and security.

In 2015, this community celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of school desegregation in Howard County due in no small part to the persistent efforts of Howard County NAACP members Silas E. Craft and Robert H. Kittleman who knew that only through official decree rather than informal policies and practices would equal educational opportunity be guaranteed. Despite widespread public controversy and threats of violence to their families, Craft and Kittleman prevailed in their efforts to end segregation in our county schools.

Today, we read almost weekly reports of bullying, threats and racially charged incidents in our schools and community. I believe that we again stand at the forefront in the battle against hatred and bigotry which today extends beyond race and ethnicity to our immigrant population. CB 9 explicitly directs our county resources toward law enforcement practices that protect the safety and security of all our residents regardless of immigration status. Despite accusations to the contrary, CB9 in fact acknowledges the overriding authority of state and federal agencies, and ensures that law enforcement officers continue to exercise their duties in regard to criminal activity. Further, legal experts agree that despite public threat, it is unlikely and possibly illegal to withhold our federal funds or those of the growing number of jurisdictions in U.S. and Maryland that have enacted policies and ordinances to create safe zones for its undocumented residents.

I urge the County Council and County Executive to support CB9 and continue in the tradition of making Howard County a safe, welcoming home to all our county residents.