

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jung, Deb  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:07 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Support for CB51 / Thank you!!

*Deb Jung*

Council Chair, District 4  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-313-2001

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**From:** Gavin Kohn <gavin.kohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for CB51 / Thank you!!

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Hello Councilmember Walsh, Councilmember Rigby, and Councilmember Jung!

I would like to thank you for your support for ending the HoCo ICE Contract in the bill CB51-2020. I have been involved in activism in Howard County since working on the CB9 - 2016 campaign when I was in high school, and it is very exciting to see that something may come of it after all.

Seeing Councilmembers Walsh and Jung come speak at the anti ICE Contract / Defund pol-ICE protest over the summer was heartening, and I would like to thank you for your support at that demonstration. But even more exciting is seeing councilmembers Walsh and Rigby publicly state their support for this bill that would end our involvement with ICE. I hope I can expect to see Councilmember Jung's name added in support soon (unless I already missed it haha)!

I am very happy to see that change may be coming to this county. I plan to testify in support of CB51-2020, and I will pressure my representatives to support this bill. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help.

Thank you so much!!  
Gavin Kohn

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**From:** cffarctic@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth; Dvorak, Nicole; Little, Cristiana; CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Jones, Opel; Harris, Michael; Alston, Ashley; Rigby, Christiana; Gelwicks, Colette; Facchine, Felix; Jung, Deb; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Yungmann, David; Knight, Karen; Skalny, Cindy  
**Subject:** CB51-2020

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the pre-filed legislation B51-2020. I find the proposal irresponsible and dangerous. I am extremely disturbed how our elected officials to continue to pander to special interest groups while ignoring the safety of their constituents and law abiding citizens of our great country. Our law enforcement agencies should cooperate and communicate at all levels. Are we that far removed from 9/11 that we forget the dangers that we face in this world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Charles Fleck

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**From:** Dvorak, Nicole  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** FW: Howard County Detention

For the bill file – testimony on CB51

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**From:** Connie Prince <walkbyfaith24and7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 11:10 AM  
**To:** Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Knight, Karen <kknight@howardcountymd.gov>; Skalny, Cindy <cskalny@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Howard County Detention

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Dear County Council Members,

Years ago I was very involved with the County Council and County Executive re support for the Lisbon Volunteer Library which I started and greatly appreciated their support. Years after the County Library took over my library, it became the current library in Glenwood.

I am currently aware of the bill under consideration to stop the detention center from housing individuals as they await disposition in immigration-related proceedings. I want to state my opposition to this change. People who are currently being accused of breaking our country's laws through the immigration process should be detained to allow them to legitimize their situation. Our law enforcement should protect us from all lawbreakers. No one is above the law. We should not be deciding which laws we will enforce. That is not law enforcement's place or those in county government. And no, I am not prejudiced. I have adopted children from Central America and Korea, but I brought them into the country legally. I feel that those who want to come into our country should go through the required procedures and our government needs to know who is coming into our country, for our protection and safety. That's the government's job...to protect the citizens. In giving these probable lawbreakers a "pass", we are indicating that we also are not law-abiding citizens. You may not agree with how ICE has handled these people in some instances, but that's like saying we're not going to arrest anyone because they may not be treated well in jail. We have to do our part to support the law. And the people who decide to break the law may not like all of the consequences. Since these people who have probably broken our immigration laws are now in our detention center, it seems they haven't had consequences enough to stop breaking our laws.

Yes, this proposed legislation is probably due to the current protesting this summer but we shouldn't be reactionary just because of the current "in" position. Certainly there are other more appropriate ways of changing inequality rather than supporting lawbreakers by helping them avoid the natural consequences of their choices, since obviously some will continue to defy our laws until they learn to do otherwise.

Sincerely  
Connie Prince

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**From:** tammy spengler <tammy424@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please support CB51!

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Dear Opal Jones and County Council Members,

I am a resident of District 2 and am writing in support of County Bill No. 51-2020, which will end Howard County's contract with ICE to detain immigrants in the Jessup jail. This Bill is commendable, antiracist, and forward-thinking. We welcome the Council's leadership in working to end all forms of racism in Howard County.

Until our immigration system is overhauled and ICE stops racial profiling, we cannot be complicit with or subsidize ICE's efforts. ICE's practice of racial profiling has been clearly demonstrated in Maryland and throughout the county. Please note that the majority of the detainees at the Howard County Detention Center are from Central America and Africa even though most immigrants coming to the US now are from Asia.

Supporters of the status quo have posited several unsatisfactory arguments to continuing the ICE contract. My responses to these arguments are listed below.

Argument 1: Detention in the Jessup jail makes it easier for detainees to get legal representation.

- Most detainees do not have legal representation, no matter where they are incarcerated. Legal fees easily top \$10,000 for uncomplicated cases, a price most detainees cannot afford, especially since they are no longer employed. We have seen no evidence that detainees in Jessup are more likely to have lawyers than detainees in other jails.
- ICE moves more than half of detained immigrants around the country, making in person representation difficult or impossible. According to Mr. Kavanagh, the average length of stay for detainees in the Jessup jail is 90 days, much too short a time for a legal case to be resolved.
- This issue is moot at present, since all legal representation is virtual due to COVID-19.
- It is immeasurably easier for immigrants to obtain legal representation when they are in the community instead of in detention.
- Most detainees in HoCo are already in Deportation Proceedings and will not have any more hearings or appeals that will require them to meet with an attorney.

Argument 2. Detainees in Jessup are closer to their friends and family, making visiting easier.

- There are no in-person visits now because of COVID-19.
- Many detainees do not live in Howard County or even in Maryland. ICE places detainees from all over the county in the Howard County jail.
- Undocumented family members may not feel safe enough to visit an ICE facility. Moreover, they cannot visit without a valid photograph ID from a US government agency or other federal identification card.
- If the detention center really wants to facilitate family visits, it would provide free telephone and Skype calls for all detainees.

Argument 3: It is better for immigrants to be detained at Jessup because Jessup is “nicer” than other detention centers.

- The Jessup Detention Center is not a hotel. Justifying detention because our jail is marginally better than others is no excuse for collaborating with unjust and racist policies. If there are fewer detention centers, ICE will detain fewer immigrants.
- There are less expensive and more effective ways to monitor undocumented immigrants than detention. For many years, the government relied successfully on alternatives to detention including regular in person and telephone check-ins with law enforcement and electronic monitoring. Detainees released from Fredrick Detention Center and other mid-Atlantic detention facilities have been sent home with other monitoring programs, such as ankle bracelets.
- Putting people in detention also stops them from working, paying taxes, supporting their families, and contributing to the community.

Argument 4: Jessup detainees are dangerous criminals and keeping them locked up makes the community safer.

- While the detention center has refused to provide us with comprehensive information (see attached—we need something about the PIA requests), we do know that many detainees have been charged but not convicted, and many have been accused of nonviolent crimes.
- ICE takes many detainees to Jessup immediately after they have completed serving their sentences in jail and prison. They have already served their time and now they are being incarcerated for being immigrants, especially for being Latinx and Black immigrants. This assumes that the justice system was “just” to begin with. Many people are forced to take guilty pleas due to their financial inability to hire a criminal attorney. Also saying that they are still a danger to the community assumes that the criminal justice system was incorrect in releasing them, that there is no possibility of rehabilitation, and that once a person has committed a violent crime, they will inevitably do so again. This flies in the face of multiple efforts in the county, state, and country to help rehabilitate former inmates and assist them in feeling like they belong in our communities. There is no basis for assuming that immigrants will be more likely to reoffend than people born in this country, and in fact, plentiful evidence that both documented and undocumented immigrants are less likely to commit crimes and less likely to be incarcerated than people born in America.
- Continuing to detain immigrants makes the entire community less safe since undocumented residents are less likely to report crimes and cooperate with the police.

Thank you for supporting CB 51 and for holding true to Howard County’s stated commitment to equity, diversity, and human rights. While it is true that Howard County represents only one ICE contract, it is also true that social change and social justice begins at the local level, one community at a time. You have the opportunity to stand up for justice and compassion. Please vote yes on CB 51.

Thank you, Tammy Spengler

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Columbia MD 21045

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 5:20 PM  
**To:** rozzinner@gmail.com  
**Subject:** District 2 - ICE contract

**First Name:** ROSLYN

**Last Name:** ZINNER

**Email:** [rozzinner@gmail.com](mailto:rozzinner@gmail.com)

**Street Address:** 8112 Sea Water Path

**City:** Columbia

**Subject:** ICE contract

**Message:** Opal, please respond letting me know your position on ending the contract with ICE and the Howard County Detention Center. I understand Liz Walsh is writing a bill, will you vote for or against it?

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** dlley59@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Council - ICE contract

**First Name:** Dana  
**Last Name:** Ely  
**Email:** [dlley59@verizon.net](mailto:dlley59@verizon.net)  
**Street Address:** 8211 Reservoir Rd  
**City:** Fulton  
**Subject:** ICE contract

**Message:** I would like to be counted as being against ending the ICE contract. I am a NAY on that one. If we do not obey Title 8 of the US Code(Immigration), can we ignore title 16(Environment) also? The Left is very fond of spouting the phrase"No one is above the law" except when it comes to their pet issues. I reside in District 5



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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:34 PM  
**To:** taliatracton@icloud.com  
**Subject:** Council - ICE out now

**First Name:** Talia  
**Last Name:** Tracton  
**Email:** [taliatracton@icloud.com](mailto:taliatracton@icloud.com)  
**Street Address:** 6662 Mohawk Court  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** ICE out now

**Message:** Howard County should no longer cooperate with ICE, which has a notorious record of human rights abuses. You should be a leader in putting families above profit. As your constituent, I demand the council works to end the contract with ICE immediately. Immigrants are part of our community too.

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**From:** Cristina Sovereign <cristina.sovereign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** abolish the ICE detention center

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Even if you ignore the moral and ethical reasons why our county should not host an ICE detention center, please consider its impact on the entire community's health. Evidence shows that the COVID virus spreads more easily in environments where social distancing cannot be maintained. Surely, the detention centers would lack the necessary conditions to keep either the prisoners or their captors safe from spread. Then, the captors eat lunch or do other activities within our community that put the rest of us at risk. For the safety of the rest of the community, do not allow ICE to detain immigrants in Howard County.

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** taliatracton@icloud.com  
**Subject:** District 3 - End ICE Contract

**First Name:** Talia  
**Last Name:** Tracton  
**Email:** [taliatracton@icloud.com](mailto:taliatracton@icloud.com)  
**Street Address:** 6662 Mohawk Court  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** End ICE Contract

**Message:** Howard County should no longer cooperate with ICE, which has a notorious record of human rights abuses. You should be a leader in putting families above profit. As your constituent, I demand the council works to end the contract with ICE immediately. Immigrants are part of our community too.

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:38 AM  
**To:** Todes.judith@gmail.com  
**Subject:** District 4 - ICE

**First Name:** Judith

**Last Name:** Todes

**Email:** [Todes.judith@gmail.com](mailto:Todes.judith@gmail.com)

**Street Address:** 10738 SYMPHONY WAY

**City:** COLUMBIA

**Subject:** ICE

**Message:** Thank you for standing up for justice and due process. Howard Count's relationship with ICE must end.

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 1:34 PM  
**To:** alan.rein@gmail.com  
**Subject:** District 3 - ICE partnership

**First Name:** Alan  
**Last Name:** Rein  
**Email:** [alan.rein@gmail.com](mailto:alan.rein@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 7295 Swan Point Way  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** ICE partnership

**Message:** Dear Councilwoman Rigby, We are writing you to urge you to oppose the continuation of the partnership between our county jail and ICE. We should not be participating in this cruel arrangement or supporting in any way the xenophobic policies of our current federal government. Thank you, Alan Rein and Sara Sukumar

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** joannelocke@gmail.com  
**Subject:** District 2 - Immigration

**First Name:** Joanne  
**Last Name:** Locke  
**Email:** [joannelocke@gmail.com](mailto:joannelocke@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 8575 Autumn Harvest  
**City:** Ellicott City  
**Subject:** Immigration

**Message:** Dear Councilman Jones, I am one of your constituents. And I am asking you to support legislation to end the county's contract with ICE and stop detaining immigrants in the Jessup jail. I know that councilwomen Liz Walsh and Deb Jung already support this and we need your vote to pass the legislation. Would you be willing to meet with me and a few other members of Indivisible to discuss the issue?

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**From:** Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Rigby, Christiana  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Howard County's contract with ICE to warehouse immigrants in the Howard County jail.

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Are you ever going to support cancelling the county's contract with ICE to warehouse immigrants in the Howard County jail? Calvin Ball refuses to cancel the contract because he says these immigrants being held by the federal government (illegally in my view) are better off in Howard County than they would be in other places. What would Jim Rouse have said about this? What about Calvin's effort a few years ago to have Howard County declared a sanctuary county? There are times when it is important to **TAKE A STAND**. The county executives position seems similar to "These people are better off here than they would have been at the **Auschwitz** concentration camp." What would pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer have said about this?

Ray Donaldson

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Councilwoman Christiana Rigby <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Keeping Up with Christiana - May 2020 Newsletter  
**Date:** May 7, 2020 at 5:40:16 PM EDT  
**To:** [rtdonaldson@gmail.com](mailto:rtdonaldson@gmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** [ffacchine@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ffacchine@howardcountymd.gov)

## Keeping Up with Christiana!

Raymond,

Welcome to our May Newsletter! This month, as we continue to live in the new normal during COVID-19, I am incredibly grateful for the numerous community organizations and Howard County residents who have stepped up to help our neighbors in need.

I would like to highlight just a few community efforts that have inspired me during these challenging times:

**Columbia Community Cares**



Almost immediately after this pandemic impacted Maryland, Howard County resident Erika Strauss Chavarria created Columbia Community Cares to meet community needs.

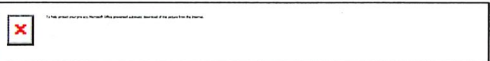
With over 4,000 members on Facebook, Columbia Community Care is collecting and distributing donations of groceries, toiletries, and other items in need. You can learn more about how to donate, volunteer, or access resources [here](#).



Howard County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) is a group of community organizations

focused on collecting and deploying resources during a local disaster.

If you are able to donate, are in need of [grocery/medicine delivery](#), or are in need of a mask, please visit COAD's website [here](#) to learn more about their services.



The [Community Foundation of Howard County](#), [Horizon Foundation](#), [United Way of Central Maryland](#) and Women's

Giving Circle of Howard County established HoCoRespond.

The goal of this coalition is to support Howard County nonprofits on the front-line of COVID-19 support, focusing on assisting with food security, housing, childcare and healthcare. To date, HoCoRespond has raised over \$400,000 for Howard County's nonprofits. [You can learn more about HoCoRespond here](#).

In addition to these organizations, County Executive Ball recently launched a "HoCo Donations Collections" map and database to share information with county residents on how they can donate groceries, toiletries, cleaning products, and other items in need during COVID-19. You can visit the database and learn more [here](#).

As we head into warmer weather, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you are experiencing any issues in your community or would just like to get in touch. We are here to help with your concerns and listen to your feedback. Wishing you a safe, happy, and healthy May!

Yours in service,



Christiana Rigby  
Councilwoman, District 3



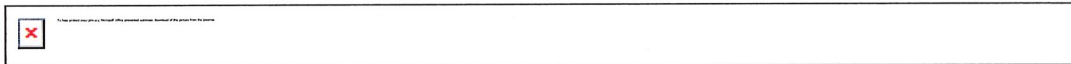
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## COVID-19 Update

As COVID-19 (coronavirus) cases continue to increase in Howard County, I am closely following all updates from the state and federal government. To date, there are over 1,000 cases of COVID-19 in Howard County, and 30 of our Howard County neighbors have lost their lives to this disease. This is an incredibly challenging time for families across the nation, but I continue to be encouraged by the acts of kindness and generosity in our community.

Howard County Government is working closely with the Howard County Health Department, Howard County General Hospital, and the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that our county is flattening the curve of COVID-19 cases and has adequate response measures in place. For additional information and updates on our County's response to COVID-19, I encourage you to visit Howard County Government's COVID-19 [website](#).

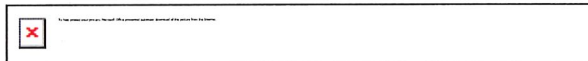
If you or a family member think that you may have coronavirus, please contact your healthcare provider, who will determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19. You can learn more about the process of getting tested for COVID-19 in the infographic below. For additional information on testing, please visit the Howard County Health Department's [website](#).



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## May 2020 Legislation

This month, I joined my colleagues on the County Council in introducing and sponsoring several pieces of legislation, including:



- **CB33-2020:** The Rental Protection and Stability Act, which would prohibit rent increases for residential tenants, commercial tenants, and mobile home owners in Howard County for the duration of our State of Emergency. This legislation is an important start to protecting the 30,000+ Howard County renter households, many of which are financially strained during COVID-19. This legislation would prevent these households from seeing their rents increased during the pandemic. Read more [here](#). *Introduced by Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and Christiana Rigby.*
- **CR85-2020:** legislation adopting a progressive structure to Howard County's recordation tax as part of the FY21 Budget. This legislation provides tax relief on property sales below \$300,000 and strengthens Howard County Government's financial position. The recordation tax is a one-time cost paid when real estate is sold to a new owner, typically split as part of the closing costs of a real estate

transaction. Read more [here](#). *Introduced by Christiana Rigby. Co-sponsored by Opel Jones.*

**[You can find the full text, details, and description of current and pre-filed legislation here.](#)**

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## Tax Credit Application Deadlines Extended

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, Howard County has extended the deadlines for several tax credit applications. Over the next several months, eligible Howard County residents can apply for a number of local tax credits from Howard County Government.



These tax credits include the Senior Tax Credit, the Aging-in-Place Tax Credit, the Public Safety Officer Property Tax Credit, and more. You can learn more and find information on all of Howard County's tax credits [here](#).

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## Upcoming Council Dates

- May 18, 7:00 PM - Legislative Public Hearing
- May 18, 7:00 PM - Emergency Legislative Session
- May 27, 2:30 PM - Legislative Work Session
- June 1, 7:00 PM - Legislative Session
- June 15, 7:00 PM - Legislative Public Hearing
- June 22, 1:00 PM - Legislative Work Session
- July 6, 7:00 PM - Legislative Session



**[You can find more information about our schedule on the Council's full online calendar.](#)**

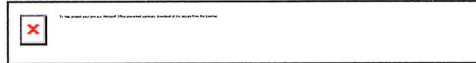


Please note: all County Council meetings and sessions are live-streamed and available to the public online. Due to ongoing concerns about coronavirus, **residents wishing to testify on local legislation may do so virtually** (sign-up [here](#)). Residents are also encouraged to submit written testimony to the County Council by emailing us at [CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov).

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## Howard County Autism Society - Grants

The Howard County Autism Society is offering small Emergency Grants (up to \$250) to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism and their families who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 through its Madhu Thibaudeau Family Fund. Funds can be used to cover the cost of food, rent, utilities, medical needs, autism-related materials or other critical needs. Download the grant application [here](#).



Additional autism-specific COVID-19 resources are available at [www.howard-autism.org](http://www.howard-autism.org) Questions? Email [info@howard-autism.org](mailto:info@howard-autism.org) or call 410-290-3466.

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## Draft Regional Transit Plan

For residents interested in the future of public transportation in Central Maryland, the Maryland Department of Transportation is soliciting feedback on their [Draft Regional Transit Plan](#)!



The Plan looks at how to improve the existing transit services, which areas can be better served by transit, and where new services could be appropriate. You'll also see a broad array of initiatives to help us move forward in a way that serves everyone – from specific, targeted local actions to long-term and large-scale projects that will meet the changing needs of the region.

The Draft Plan is available for [review and comment](#) through June 18th, 2020.



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## Green Bin Composting Service

Howard County Government is currently looking to expand their "Green Bin" composting service to additional communities in Howard County. This program reduces household trash, reduces greenhouse gases, and helps the planet!



District 3 residents who are interested in the "Green Bin" composting service in their community are encouraged to sign up and signal their interest in the Green Bin program [here](#).

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## Complete the 2020 Census



As of May 7th, roughly 71.5% of Howard County households have responded to the Census. BUT, that still means over 28% of

Howard County households have not yet responded -- equal to about 91,000 uncounted Howard County residents!

Haven't completed the 2020 Census yet? It's quick, easy, and safe to fill out online and will bring federal resources to Howard County.

I encourage you to take 5 minutes and visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to respond for your household today.

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## Upcoming District 3 Pre-Submission Meetings

There are currently no pre-submission meetings scheduled in District 3 this month.

[You can find info and updates on all of Howard County's upcoming pre-submission meetings, public hearings, and development plans here.](#)

## COVID-19 Resources

## HCPSS Free School Meals

HCPSS is offering free breakfast, lunch, AND dinner to anyone age 18 & under and/or any HCPSS student through the end of the school year.



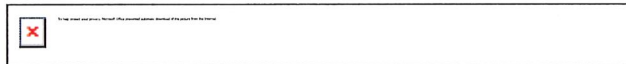
Participants will be given a Grab-N-Go snack, lunch and dinner for that day, as well as a Grab-N-Go breakfast for the following day. Friday distributions at school-based locations only also will include meals to sustain children through the weekend.

There is no application, enrollment, or fee for this program, so please share this information widely with our HCPSS community. Stop by any one of the 11 school sites or 3 community locations between 11:30am and 1:30pm to pick up meals. [More info here.](#)

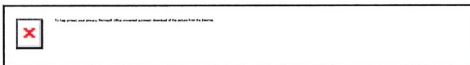
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## Unemployment Services

If you or a family member recently lost a job due to COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment insurance from the state of Maryland.



After a number of issues and long delays for MD residents applying for unemployment, the State has updated and streamlined their system for unemployment. You can find more information and apply for unemployment benefits [here](#). You can also find more information on job opportunities and employment assistance from the Howard County Office of Workforce Development [here](#).



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## Healthcare Enrollment

Marylanders can now enroll in quality, affordable Maryland Health Connection health plans. Visit [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov) and request or select "Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period."

The special enrollment period has been extended to **June 15, 2020** due to the public health emergency.

All eligible, uninsured Marylanders may qualify for this emergency special enrollment period.

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## Business Resources and Assistance



Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) has published a [resource page](#) for local businesses and employers looking for relief and assistance.

Last month, Governor Hogan announced several business grants, loans, and assistance programs. You can find the full info regarding state & federal resources for businesses [here](#).

Maryland has received a federal designation as a Small Business Disaster Loan Area. Small businesses can [learn more and apply here](#).

## Want to Get in Touch?

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Please feel free to contact us by email or phone. Plus, you can stay up-to-date with Christiana by following us on social media, where we post daily updates on events, county news, legislative priorities, and Christiana's activity! Don't miss out on any District 3 news!

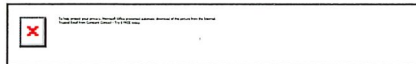
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**From:** ying matties <ymatties@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** End contract with ICE

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Dear Dr. Ball and County Council,

I learned that in March a group ICE detainees that were housed in Howard County were transferred to Etowah County Detention Center in Alabama. <https://theintercept.com/2020/04/12/coronavirus-ice-detention-jail-alabama/>

This begs the question, how much longer are we going to continue aiding this cruel agency?

I campaigned for quite a few of you during the 2018 elections because I believed that you respect and value the dignity and basic human rights of immigrants such as myself. The refusal to end the contract with ICE has made me question where your true beliefs lie. And if my personal experience and other Howard County Immigrant Justice Coalition members' experience is any guide, many people are starting to ask the same question. The look of shock and dismay on their faces when they heard that Howard County, under the current administration, still has a contract with ICE says it all. Please know that only a very small fraction of the county resident knows about the contract, a problem that Coalition is actively working to fix by educating people as much as we can.

I hope you will take the time to read the article and consider what active role you are playing in this horrendous situation.

Regards,

Ying Matties

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin  
**Cc:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** You need to close down the ICE facility in Howard County

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County Executive Ball,

You need to close down the ICE facility in Howard County. I'm a lifetime Democrat and I was in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia from 1962 to 1964 when Harris Wofford was the Peace Corps director for Ethiopia and all of Africa. I've been a member of Friends of Latin America in Howard County since 1985. I have lived in Howard County since 1972 and am currently living in Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant. I thought we had voted in many Democrats in the First District in the last election.

You need to get rid of ICE. Do we need a primary challenge for County Executive in the next election?

Ray Donaldson



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**From:** Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Salgado Leslie  
**Subject:** Fwd: End ICE contract now

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I encourage all council members including my representative, Liz Walsh, to **end the Howard County contract with ICE**. I have been a member of Friends of Latin America since 1985.

Ray Donaldson  
2911 Pauls Provision  
Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Leslie Salgado" <[cuba\\_is\\_hope@comcast.net](mailto:cuba_is_hope@comcast.net)>  
**Subject:** End ICE contract now  
**Date:** April 8, 2020 at 6:47:01 PM EDT  
**To:** <[crigby@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:crigby@howardcountymd.gov)>

Dear Councilwoman Rigby,

I am writing to you as your constituent and also as Chair of Friends of Latin America, one of 16 member organizations of the Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice.

Our request is very simple, **please support legislation to end the Howard County contract with ICE**. Under Articles 2 and 4 of the County Charter, in case of an immediate emergency affecting public health, the Council can pass bills with much shorter public hearing requirements.

Legal experts in our Coalition with members such as ACLU and CASA believe **the council does in fact have the authority to pass legislation to end the IGSA contract with ICE**.

Based on public health experts' advise, detention centers and jails across the country are releasing detainees, including Frederick County!

Finally, I highly suggest that you read today's article on this subject in the Washington Post. Here is the link for your convenience:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/ice-coronavirus-detention-centers-release/2020/04/08/f4dcaef8-74ee-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/ice-coronavirus-detention-centers-release/2020/04/08/f4dcaef8-74ee-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d_story.html)

I would appreciate your response so I can inform our members of your position.

Sincerely,

**Leslie P. Salgado, Chair**

Friends of Latin America (Formerly Howard County Friends of Latin America)

[www.friendsoflatinamerica.org](http://www.friendsoflatinamerica.org)

***“La lucha que se pierde es la que se abandona” Che Guevara***

***The struggle that is lost is the one that is abandoned (My interpretation in English)***

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Richard A. Kohn <rkohn@umd.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Yungmann, David; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: End contracts with ICE

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Dear Mr. Yungmann,

Thank you for your timely and thorough response. I will say briefly that I have contradictory information and additional references in addition to what you provided, but I thank you for providing references.

I have now spoken with four men who were locked up in the ICE detention center in Jessup, and none of them fit the four criteria you referred to. All of them were lucky enough to eventually make it through the Court Proceedings and be released. You might wonder if they are lying, and I will seek corroborating evidence. However, does it not seem odd that they would be released after their hearings if they were known hardened criminals?

In addition, some of your statements were contradicted by Mr. Ball and Mr. Cavanaugh in the press. They claim it is not a profit generating endeavor, although I may doubt this, I would like to see the balance sheet.

I will prepare a more thorough response when I have the time.

Again, I thank you for attention to this issue and for candidly stating your position and rationale.

Rick Kohn  
Columbia, MD

On Dec 9, 2019, at 7:27 PM, Yungmann, David <[dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Kohn,

I couldn't even get past your second sentence without reading the first misstatement and most of this email makes assertions that even my most liberal leaning friends wouldn't suggest. I doubt any of my responses below will change your perspective, but I'll give facts one more chance and again encourage you to do some research on the Howard Co facility and county policies. It's an important issue that deserves rational discussion of facts.

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**From:** Richard A. Kohn <[rkohn@umd.edu](mailto:rkohn@umd.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 9, 2019 9:37 AM  
**To:** Yungmann, David <[dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov)>; CouncilMail  
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Dear Mr. Yungmann (and County Council),

Thank you for your response regarding Howard County contracts with ICE. Contrary to your comments that putting innocent people in jail is a wonderful opportunity for the County to make money, You apparently didn't read the criteria that I sent, all four of which are pretty different than innocent people.

I doubt the County actual makes money. First, the millions of dollars received is gross income to the county, but it also costs millions of dollars to jail innocent people in ICE detention in Howard County. The County may well be losing money. I understand that you wish it lost money so you could justify your position, but it does. Extensive analysis of the contract has been done due to public's interest in the topic. The previous Council or the current County Exec would have eliminated had it not provided important funding for other corrections programs.

Furthermore, the money provided by ICE ultimately comes from US taxpayers so the citizens of Howard County are ultimately paying disproportionately for it. If you have an issue with the use of your Federal taxes write to Congress. If ICE didn't have a contract with us they would with another county. The violent prisoners need to be detained somewhere.

Regarding the prison, how many of the immigrant detainees did you speak to when you visited the ICE detention facility? Did you ask if they are provided opportunities for education, recreation, etc.? Everyone in the Howard Co unit are provided with those programs.

Did you visit the child detention facilities in other states also? We are discussing a county program. The only facility I'm familiar with is McAllen that was converted to a child holding facility in 2014. It's apparently nicer than an adult detention center but still not a great place.

Of course, a part of my objection is that ICE is an outlaw organization which violates US and international law and the County should not be assisting them. I have spoken with former immigrant detainees of the Howard County ICE detention center, and their stories contradict what Calvin Ball and associates are saying. It would appear that none of the detainees are criminals. That is frankly absurd. I'm sure every prisoner in that facility claims they didn't do it but there are multiple checks and balances to ensure these people meet the criteria. One we discussed during our tour was deported twice only to re-enter, had open warrants for crimes in I believe two states, is covered in MS-13 tattoos and was convicted of raping a 6 year old family member for several months.

In the most serious cases, they have completed their sentences and should be released because of this. The average stay in the ICE unit is 4 months. It's a temporary detention spot that gives prisoners better access to family members and their attorneys. They ultimately leave for State or Federal prisons.

Others in the prison were never even accused of a crime, let alone arrested and tried. Some of these prisoners were released after more than a year in detention because immigration courts found them to have been detained without cause. Again I wish you would have done some research. Nobody being

detained on an immigration violation only is eligible to be held. There are other counties in Central MD that do allow immigration detainees to be held while they await trial.

All of these people are housed together without adequate protection from more dangerous members, and they are housed together with alleged gangs (which would be a helpful recruiting tool for the gangs). They have a system in place to separate prisoners in I believe 3 different risk levels but I imagine some get placed incorrectly.

Use of isolation for non-offenses is excessive. I agree. There is only one small group of cells used for isolation which has been stripped down to protect prisoners on suicide watch.

With respect to immigrants, the facility does not even meet minimal requirements for detention. For example, exercise time is not consistently provided, there are few books and almost no books approved for non-English speakers, access to internet and law documents is not provided and many of these individuals need to prepare for their own cases because they can't afford a lawyer and are not provided a court-appointed attorney. But, irrespective of how good or bad the conditions are in the ICE detention facility, or whether the County makes money or not, the County should not be keeping non-violent innocent people in a jail. The library in the detention center is full of books, as it is actually a branch of the HoCo library system. I can't comment on the number of foreign language books but I did observe different sections by language. There are 3 PC's with full access to Lexis-Nexis (a pretty expensive system to license) and apparently many of the prisoners have taken in interest in law either for their own cases or in general. There are several large activity yards and indoor activity spaces that were in use when I visited. I don't recall asking if any were ICE prisoners. I did go into an ICE unit during lunch and spoke with a few of the prisoners but not much was going on since it was lunch time.

An additional issue is that immigrants in Howard County are afraid to contact the police, go to the hospital, and are even afraid of receiving library services, or sending children to school and receiving educational services. The collusion of County Agencies with the illegal ICE organization, and the potential for collusion of County workers with ICE contributes to these fears. As racial profiling is illegal in Howard County, County agencies must stop assisting ICE with racial profiling in the County. The fact that many of our residents are afraid to call the police when they are witnesses or targets of crime makes them more likely to be victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and gang activity. The County's cooperation with ICE violates the rights of Howard County residents, and makes us all less safe. Every agency in Howard County has a consistent written policy of not asking about immigration status. That written policy prohibits contact with ICE. Howard Co has placed zero prisoners in the ICE unit. The prisoners are detained by ICE and are eligible to be housed in Howard Co based on those 4 criteria. That doesn't mean that some are afraid to report crimes, but that fear is being made worse by folks who misrepresent the policies of the county. There are notices all over the community non-profits, police stations and county buildings letting people know they are safe to report crimes. Instead of spreading untruths, you might want to help these neighbors understand the policies so they aren't as scared.

As the only Republican on the County Council, you may believe your party expects you to support policies that harm immigrants. The Trump Administration certainly would approve of your stance. This contract does not harm immigrants.

However, many Republicans support fiscal responsibility. There is nothing fiscally conservative about carrying out a contract for the Federal government that costs the County more than it returns, not true

prevents able US residents from working to support their families not true

, and ultimately increases both County and Federal taxes. Yes, dealing with illegal immigration is expensive which is why I prefer a secure border.

Many Republicans appeal to libertarian values, but there is nothing libertarian about putting innocent people in jail (or for that matter unnecessarily restricting where they live or work). Not true

You could certainly justify opposition to the County's policy. We have policy disagreements with people on different polices all the time and my only real expectation is that people debate facts not wild conjecture. But we all end up engaging people who are so passionately committed to their position they don't want to research the facts or will reject them if they don't line up. Thanks for your emails and discussion.

End all contracts with ICE.

Rick Kohn  
5218 Wood Stove Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

On Dec 8, 2019, at 10:37 AM, Yungmann, David <[dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Kohn I encourage you to do some research on the Howard County contract with ICE. I actually toured the facility last week and gained a much better understanding of its operations including the facts on the ICE contract. The detention center operates well below capacity excluding the ICE prisoners, so this contract generates significant income to the county for space that would be sitting empty. That income funds a myriad of other valuable programs that help rehabilitate other detainees including mental health, substance abuse and education. In order for ICE to house a prisoner in Howard Co, the individual must meet one of 4 criteria. These are not ordinary working people going about their business. They are real bad guys, most of which are the highest level criminals in the county facility, and the community is safer with them in jail. Here's more info if you'd like to research

further: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Corrections/The-Facilities/Detention-Center>

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**From:** Richard A. Kohn <[rkohn@umd.edu](mailto:rkohn@umd.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 2, 2019 8:12 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** goodfamily4@verizon.net  
**Subject:** District 4 - ICE immigrant detention in Howard County

**First Name:** Margaret

**Last Name:** Goodlin

**Email:** [goodfamily4@verizon.net](mailto:goodfamily4@verizon.net)

**Street Address:** 10714 Mid Summer Lane

**City:** Columbia

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