

Sayers, Margery

From: Lilly Chen <lillyhouse888@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:48 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: strongly oppose the CB63-2020

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Dear Council members,

I came to the United States through legal immigration process and became a naturalized US citizen more than ten years ago. Having lived in Howard County for more than 11 years, I felt strongly to protect the integrity of this County against the sanctuary bill CB63-2020.

I am all for sensible immigration laws, and we must make a clear distinction between legal immigration and illegal immigration.

Dear Council members, you would not encourage break-ins or play favoritism for persons who cut in the line, do you? If so, you would NOT believe in something is designed to work against the existing immigration laws.

If you truly believe our immigration laws were flawed, then you should propose a reform in the immigration laws instead of attempting to make rules and regulations at the local level in contrary to the federal laws. By supporting CB63-2020, you would betray our trust and severely undermine the safety and integrity of Howard County.

During yesterday's hearing, I heard the opposing views from each side. Overall, the people who were against CB63 were truly thinking for the wellbeing of the Howard County residents. Whereas the people who were for CB63 were making false narratives as if the immigration laws were outrageously wrong. Again, if the immigration laws were outrageously wrong, they should have fought for changing those laws instead of misusing our tax money to fund their own political agenda!

I am with many hardworking Howard County residents. Together we strongly oppose the CB63-2020. On behalf of my friends, neighbors, and colleagues, I respectfully urge you to stand up for the people and fight against this self-serving, insidious, morally corrupt County Bill 63-2020.

Sincerely yours,
Li Chen

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From: Connie Peng <conniepeng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB63

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Dear Council members,

I live in D2 and I want to ask Open Jones:

Why do you put illegal aliens ABOVE legal residents?

Are you serving illegal aliens rather than legal residents?

Do you know your job as a council member is to protect county residents' safety & enhance their well-being? Why are you doing the OPPOSITE?

Why do you expose legal residents under FEAR & danger because they are likely to be harmed by illegal alien criminals/gangsters?

Do you know that all legal immigrants have gone thru years of VETTING process - criminal background check, finger print, etc. but illegal aliens have NONE? And do you know how dangerous that is without vetting?

Do you know all sanctuary cities have suffered higher drug/rape/murder crimes? It's a fact! Don't deny it! You need to educate yourself!

If you don't know the answers and don't know your job, you need to drop CB63!

Please stop HURTING our county legal residents!

County residents should always be FIRST, not illegal aliens! KNOW YOUR JOB!

Thank you.

Connie

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From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 1:45 PM
To: jennifer.feldman1@verizon.net
Subject: District 4 - VETO CB 63

First Name: Jennifer
Last Name: Feldman
Email: jennifer.feldman1@verizon.net

Street Address: 10241 BRADLEY LN

City: COLUMBIA

Subject: VETO CB 63

Message: As a HoCo citizen I strongly urge you to veto bill 63 making HoCo a sanctuary city. We, as citizens, have a right to be protected from criminals. I do NOT want HoCo to be a sanctuary county!

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Frazier <sue.frazier@alight.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB63-2020 - Sanctuary county

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I have lived in Howard county for 20 years, **and I am opposed to Howard County becoming a sanctuary county.**

With the challenges caused by the coronavirus, now is not the time to take on additional responsibilities and costs. We can't even keep the schools open !

Please DO NOT vote for bill CB63-2020.

Susan Frazier

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From: John Wisniewski <JWisniewski@dspipeandsteel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 8:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB63-2020

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Council

I oppose Council Bill CB63-2020. I don't understand why this was not on the ballot in November.

My family and I have real concerns. We are a country made up of Legal Immigrants. We've gone through the proper process and met our requirements to become citizens. I believe dropping people illegally into a community will create unnecessary stresses to both the existing citizens and the illegals. They have not gone through the process to assimilate.

The fact that the illegals status must be confidential makes no sense. I have concerns over safety in the communities. Additionally, this will inevitably lead to an increase in county taxes.

Regards

John Wisniewski
DS Pipe and Steel Supply
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



*Maximizing resources in the Latino community through
Networking, advocacy and education*

November 30, 2020
Councilmember Opel Jones
George Howard Building
1st Floor
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Support for "Liberty Act" (CB 63-2020)

Dear Councilmember Jones:

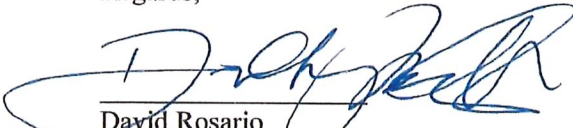
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Latino Providers Network (LPN), I am writing to express our unanimous and enthusiastic support for Howard County's "Liberty Act," CB 63-2020.

The LPN believes that immigrants, documented and otherwise, are integral parts of all American communities and deserve to engage with their local government without fear of arrest, harassment, or discrimination based on their legal status, or that of their loved ones and neighbors.

Often, the attitude and messages received by immigrants are hostile and unwelcoming. This can have serious consequences for New Americans, and their American-born children. We have seen individuals and families eschew critical services and withdraw from public life, all out of fear of adverse immigration consequences. In some cases, this fear can even keep immigrants from contacting the police when they have been the victim or witness of crime, resulting in communities that are less safe for everyone. To effectively mitigate this tendency, the messaging from local governments who seek to affirm their New American constituents must be firm and unequivocal. We believe that CB 63-2020 accomplishes this in Howard County.

The Board of Directors of the Latino Providers Network applauds this initiative by the Howard County Council. It is our feeling that the Liberty Act will solidify the County's status as a place that welcomes immigrants and embraces the vitality and diversity that they bring. This bill sends a clear message that in Howard County all people, regardless of immigration status, can feel safe and welcomed.

Regards,



David Rosario
Board President, Latino Providers Network

Sayers, Margery

From: dherrera=pppcs.org@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of Dee Herrera
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Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: End the IGSA contract with ICE in Howard County

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Dear County Council Members and County Executive Ball,

As a resident, I am concerned that Howard County still has not ended the contract between ICE and the detention center in Jessup. I urge you to pass (CB) 51 and sign it into law as soon possible.

We cannot continue to value profit over the well-being and safety of immigrants.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, there is a great need to reduce the number of people held in detention.

Also, by not being detained, more immigrants will more easily be able to solicit legal representation, and remain with their families.

To live up to its values of inclusion and equity, Howard County should no longer collaborate with ICE and its racist policies. As elected members of Howard County leadership, I urge you to do everything in your power to keep all our residents safe and finally end the ICE contract.

Sincerely,

Dee Herrera
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Sayers, Margery

From: Mark Frazier <mfrazier14618@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 12:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB63-2020

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I oppose Council Bill CB63-2020:

Illegal aliens broke the law to be in the US. My tax dollars are for U.S. citizens and not for criminals that broke the law.

There are too many US citizens and immigrants that follow our laws and are here legally that need our help.

Please vote against this bill

Mark Frazier

Sent from my iPad

Sayers, Margery

From: Beverly Dorsey <dorsey874629@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020 8:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition to CB63-2020

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I OPPOSE Council Bill CB63-2020.

I am 67 almost 68 years old and have been a Howard County resident since birth. My parents and grandparents worked hard to provide for my family and left us a legacy of being proud of who we are and working hard for what we need and what we want.

I see, firsthand, how the State of Maryland and Howard County provide and give excellent medical care to non-citizens. As a healthcare provider, I am empathetic to the health needs of everyone. I am not in favor of providing care to those who can and are able to work (or choose not) and are given better care than some citizens are able to receive.

Human trafficking and crime are of great importance to me, as well. Howard County has a reputation of being a safe place to live and worship. I want to continue having a sense of security in my neighborhood.

Thank you for consideration.

Regards,

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From: Peter Wilschke <pwilschke@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 1:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes on CB-63

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Hi,

I'm a resident of Howard County and a recent HCPSS graduate, and I would like to affirm my strong support for CB-63. I believe that in order to affirm our County's and our Executive's stated values of inclusion, Howard County must not retain its contract with ICE. While I believe that this bill is an important step in the right direction, I would also like to suggest two improvements. Firstly, the bill should explicitly prevent County personnel from referring immigrants to ICE, a common-sense step which it currently lacks. Secondly, the bill should include contractors as well as state employees, to close the potential loophole of hiring contractors to do ICE's dirty work.

On the whole, I am glad that CB-63 is being proposed, and I highly encourage members of the Council to vote Yes in order to protect Howard County's immigrant communities.

Thank you,

Peter Wilschke

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From: David Aylaian <davidaylaian@protonmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 28, 2020 12:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CB 63

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Dear Council Members,

I am a recent HCPSS graduate writing to urge the council to vote yes on CB63-2020. I would like to thank Councilman Opel Jones for his leadership in introducing this legislation.

I do not think this bill is perfect, and I think there should be a few key amendments to make it more airtight. In particular I recommend the following changes:

1. Currently, compliance with CB 63 is exempted when it would "contravene state or federal law and international agreements or county contracts"/ This is vague and could significantly affect the bill's impact. Instead, compliance should be exempted when *preempted by specifically stated* laws and agreements.
2. CB 63 should explicitly prohibit all County personnel from referring immigrants or providing any information about a person's immigration status to ICE.
3. CB 63 should specifically include contractors as well as employees so that contractors are also prohibited from collaborating with ICE.

Many Howard County residents have testified against this legislation, arguing that we should use our tax dollars to make life better for our legal residents. I would like to respectfully respond that the primary purpose of this bill is to prohibit County employees from taking certain actions against undocumented immigrants. It does not cost the County tax dollars to not do something. I cannot stress this enough. People have sent in testimony after testimony about how we shouldn't spend our taxes on housing, tuition, and special programs for "illegal aliens". I don't know whether these people are reading the same CB 63 that I am. Additionally, for those concerned about the usage of our taxes, I would like to call into question whether we as a country should be giving ICE, an organization that has violated human rights time and time again, an \$8 billion budget. I am not sure that this is the best way to use our tax dollars to make life better for the people living in this country.

I also wish to respond to an interesting moral sleight-of-hand that has been practiced in this country for far too long. Our fallacy is in thinking that there is a moral distinction between the value of one life over another. We act as if there is a difference between the value of white lives and black lives, between men's lives and women's lives, between citizen's lives and non-citizen's lives. But all people on this Earth are born with a basic human dignity which no government, border, or genetic variable can take away. It is outrageous to propose that it is okay to tear families apart, to put children in cages, or to ship refugees away to their death based on their citizenship status. We have a moral imperative to pass this legislation because *non-citizen's lives matter just as much as ours do*.

This bill is an admirable step towards making Howard County safe for all of its residents.
Let us make that step.

David Aylaian

Sayers, Margery

From: Bob Gay <bgay5@juno.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 10:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Opposition to CB63-2020

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Respectfully, I am writing to register my opposition to the passage of Council Bill CB63-2020. I am a Howard County resident and property owner.

Sincerely,

Robert Gay
Mt Airy MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Rick <rick20782@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 9:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote NO to CB63-2020

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Dear Council Members,

I am astounded with CB63-2020 proposed by Dr. Opel Jones that is clearly intended to make Howard County a sanctuary county. In 2017, in response to the widespread opposition from Howard County communities which caught national media attention, a sanctuary bill was vetoed by then Chief Executive and was finally abandoned by the county council. This sanctuary bill also became a hot campaign topic in the 2018 county election. And now, Dr. Jones wants to rewrite history and challenge the will of the people to open the gate to illegal immigrants.

The moral justification is presumably “No Human is Illegal”. This is an absurd statement – illegality is never associated with the nature a human being, but associated with his or her conduct. By entering this country in violation with federal immigration laws, foreign immigrants, for whatever the reasons, broke the law and became “illegal”. The fact that our great country is a country of immigrants does not justify illegal immigration. Immigrants are a source of strength to our great country, but there is no high moral ground by encouraging illegal immigration.

Secondly, immigration is not a shared responsibility between the federal government and local government, but strictly a responsibility of the federal government and an area to which federal laws apply. The obstruction of federal law enforcement by states and cities creates anarchy in the governance of a country. If a local government disagrees with the federal government or the interpretation of a federal law, it should go through an orderly process to challenge the federal government, but refusing to comply with federal government or law is by itself detrimental to the foundation of this country. For these who are championing for democracy, remember law and order are always the foundation of any democracy.

I hope the county council has the courage and wisdom to vote down CB63-2020. Howard County votes are watching you!.

Best Regards

Rick Chen

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: michael <bionlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 5:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: bionlaw@gmail.com
Subject: Working session on CB63

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Dear Council members,

I was invited for the working session on CB63, on Monday, November 23, and Dr. Opel actually tried to call on me (thank you, Dr. Opel). Briefly, here what I would have wanted to emphasize:

By and large, the conversation was on ‘will the new law make a practical difference for our agencies, change the way they function, what are their current policies re immigrants?’ I think it is not lost on any of us that a legislation, amended with enforcement clauses and reporting requirements, insures compliance by employees, in a manner that even a good policy would not succeed. CB 63, with amendments already proposed, would prohibit enforcement of immigration laws, prohibit collection of citizenship data (with some exceptions), create policies delignating consequences for failure to comply with these immigrant protection policies, as well as periodic duties to report to County Council and County Executive compliance with the new law.

Recently, Dr. Calvin Ball has expressed regret for what transpired at the HC Department of Correction. One immigrant (Howard County resident) with no ICE history was arrested for driving with an expired license. A HCDC employee contacted ICE, then HCDC held onto the immigrant for ICE’s arrival, even after bail was posted. Now the immigrant is under deportation proceedings, likely splitting up a family, with children. CB63 would have prohibited approaching ICE with the information, and the employee would be disciplined. Even should that not be an employee that approached ICE, but, say, a contractor, he would have used County resources, be on County time, and thus prohibited from approaching ICE, under an amended CB63.

I was much impressed by agencies heads that testified, Lisa Meyers, Jackie Scott, Kelly Cimino and Mike Mitchell. But not all agencies have good policies, or procedures, or are inclined to enforce the policy. Apparently the Detention Center may end with a new policy, according to Dr. Ball. But a policy with no enforcement nor reporting requirements. The latest version of the Detention Center’s Policy (May 14, 2020) requests its employees to provide space, room and cooperation to ICE. Although the Policy makes the nebulous statement that they accept only “criminally involved” ICE detainees, upon receipt of the detainee, the HCDC employee must only make sure the paper work is complete, does not verify the “criminal” status of the detainee. The ICE inmate is watched by video, telephone calls are monitored, “other investigations” conducted and the information is reported to ICE. An employee of an agency with such history is not likely to accept or follow a policy, unless there are consequences.

Thank you for your serious approach to this Bill. We need a Liberty Bill, one with some teeth.

Michael David
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Sayers, Margery

From: Ahmed Maregn <ahmedletif40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Cc: michael; Sayers, Margery
Subject: CB-63-2020

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Dear Ms Rigby,

I saw two opposition articles on your website opposing CB63.

1. Illegal immigrants should be deported
2. Immigrants should be assimilated with American Culture.

I have no objection of having a comprehensive immigration law that aligns with the interest of the Nation. My objection is treating human beings who came here to make a living inhuman manner by law enforcement and organized racist groups who blame immigrants for every economic challenge they are facing. Most undocumented immigrants who are being miss treated by these group have been used by the business community for their cheap labor including by Mr. Trump and try to throw them out when their cheap labor is not needed.

As to assimilation with American Culture, why do we have to assimilate when the Constitution grants Religious and Individual liberty. The word I would prefer would be Integration with the American way of life. There is nothing wrong in Integration but I said no to assimilation because it is against the constitution.

I am writing this because I was not given the opportunity to speak at the work session that started at 1:00pm today.

Thank you,
Ahmed Maregn Mohamed

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