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Attachments: C-205 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees.pdf; Administration Correspondence: Detention Center / ICE Policy Modification

Council,

The attached "[C-205 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees](#)," with modifications per the County Executive's office that were made effective September 24, 2020, has been added to the list of "[Policies and Procedures](#)" on the Howard County Department of Corrections website. It should be pointed out that the language in *C-205 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees*, on page 2 of 9, section II, provides the opportunity for the Director of the Howard County Detention Center to accept ICE detainees to the Howard County Detention Center even if they have not been convicted:

II. Convictions of ICE Detainees

ICE Detainees received from another facility shall only be accepted if ever convicted of the following crimes below, pre-trial detainees will not be accepted unless approved by the Director.

This language, which can allow the Director of the Howard County Detention Center to approve admittance of pre-trial ICE detainees, in addition to convicted ICE detainees, nullifies any aim or intent of the County Executive's office to **only** admit detainees who have been convicted.

For reference, in the attached email from Maureen Arthurs, emailed to all Council Members on September 17, 2020, there is a letter from the County Executive, along with a document named "DetentionPolicy C-205." In the letter from the County Executive to the Council, it is stated, "The attached clarification ensures the Howard County Department of Corrections only accepts detainees from ICE who are convicted of a 'crime of violence,' as stated under Maryland Criminal code section 14-101. Furthermore, it formalizes notification and reporting procedures related to ICE detainees." To be clear, the "attached clarification" referenced in the letter is not the same document that now exists on the Howard County Department of Corrections website as [C-205 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees](#).

Sincerely,
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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY & PROCEDURE

	SUBJECT:	Admission and Release Procedures
	P & P #:	C-205
	TITLE:	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
	EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 24, 2020
	REVIEWED BY:	 Janean Ohin, Deputy Field Office Director
	REVIEWED BY:	 Andre McInnis, Classification Supervisor
	REVIEWED BY:	 Andrea King-Wessels, Deputy Director
	AUTHORITY:	 Jack Kavanagh, Director

POLICY: This agency has entered into a contract agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide temporary housing for persons legally detained by that federal agency. It is the policy of the Howard County Department of Corrections to **only** accept detainees from ICE who are convicted of crimes of violence as defined in **2019 Maryland Criminal Procedures Annotated Code Title 14, Section §14-101**. It is the responsibility of the Howard County Department of Corrections staff to provide these detainees a decent, humane living environment while administering the necessary custody and security requirements. All staff are expected to be firm, fair and consistent in their treatment of detainees under the jurisdiction of "ICE" authorities. The ICE detainees shall receive orientation and the ICE Detainee Handbook and be guided by such.

REFERENCE: Intergovernmental Service Agreement for Housing Federal Detainees. Performance Based National Detention Standards 2011 (PBND2011) Sections 2.1 V., 2.5 V. E. 3 and B.5., **2019 Maryland Criminal Procedures Annotated Code Title 14, Section §14-101**.

DEFINITIONS:

ICE – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

PROCEDURES:

I. Agency Cooperation

- A. An office has been provided for use by ICE staff. The office contains necessary equipment for ICE staff to conduct business. Certain equipment is the property of ICE. The office facility remains the property of Howard County and may be used at times, by HCDC staff.
- B. Staff of HCDC and ICE are expected to cooperate and/or assist each other as needed and to maintain a productive, harmonious relationship at all times.

- C. Problems, discrepancies and/or other issues of concern are to be reported to the Security Chief, Deputy Director or Director immediately.

II. Convictions of ICE Detainees

ICE Detainees received from another facility shall only be accepted if ever convicted of the following crimes below, pre-trial detainees will not be accepted unless approved by the Director.

Universal Citation: MD Criminal Law Code §14-101 (2019)

(a) In this section, “crime of violence” means:

- (1) abduction;
- (2) arson in the first degree;
- (3) kidnapping;
- (4) manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter;
- (5) mayhem;
- (6) maiming, as previously proscribed under former Article 27, §§385 and 386 of the Code;
- (7) murder;
- (8) rape;
- (9) robbery under §3-402 or §3-403 of this article;
- (10) carjacking;
- (11) armed carjacking;
- (12) sexual offense in the first degree;
- (13) sexual offense in the second degree;
- (14) use of a firearm in the commission of a felony except possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance under §5-602(2) of this article, or other crimes of violence;
- (15) child abuse in the first degree under §3-601 of this article;
- (16) sexual abuse of a minor under §3-602 of this article if:
 - (i) the victim is under the age of 13 years and the offender is an adult at the time of the offense; and
 - (ii) the offense involved:
 1. vaginal intercourse, as defined in §3-301 of this article;
 2. a sexual act, as defined in §3-301 of this article;
 3. an act in which a part of the offender’s body penetrates, however slightly, into the victim’s genital opening or anus; or
 4. the intentional touching of the victim’s or the offender’s genital, anal, or other intimate area for sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse;
- (17) home invasion under §6-202(b) of this article;
- (18) a felony offense under Title 3, Subtitle 11 of this article;
- (19) an attempt to commit any of the crimes described in items (1) through (18) of this subsection;
- (20) continuing course of conduct with a child under §3-315 of this article;
- (21) assault in the first degree;
- (22) assault with intent to murder;
- (23) assault with intent to rape
- (24) assault with intent to rob;
- (25) assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the first degree; and
- (26) assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the second degree.

II. Medical Requirements

- A. ICE Detainees received from another facility must be accompanied by medical records, to include testing for tuberculosis.
 - 1. A detainee with records that indicate a "positive" TB skin test must be accompanied by documentation of a negative chest x-ray or other documentation to verify that the detainee is not infectious.
 - 2. A detainee with records that indicate he/she is infectious will only be accepted by this agency with the approval of the Director/designee.
- B. ICE detainees received that are not from another facility, and/or detainees that are from another facility but have not received a TB skin test within the previous year, shall be seen by HCDC medical staff at the time of intake and shall receive a TB skin test. The detainee may be placed in the ICE unit unless other circumstances dictate an alternate placement.
- C. If it is determined by HCDC medical staff that a detainee is, or may be, positive and infectious at the time of intake, the detainee shall be immediately returned to ICE and removed from this facility.
- D. An ICE detainee who receives a positive reading on his/her skin test shall be scheduled for x-rays and/or other treatment as indicated by medical staff.
- E. Confidential medical information, to include tuberculosis testing results, shall accompany the detainee in a sealed envelope at the time of departure from this facility.

III. Receiving ICE Detainees

- A. Upon delivery of ICE detainee(s), the responsibilities of the ICE staff are as follows:
 - 1. United States Department of Justice Form I-203 attached as Appendix 1, "Order to Detain or Release Alien", must be completed and delivered with the detainee(s).
 - a. This form MUST be signed by the ICE officer authorizing the action.
 - b. The HCDC intake officer receiving the detainee(s) shall sign the form.
 - c. The HCDC intake officer shall ensure the form is complete, and includes date, time, and a notation as to the ICE classification level.
 - d. verification the detainee meets the criteria as noted in Section II of this policy.
 - 2. HCDC intake staff must be provided with medical records, including tuberculosis testing results in a sealed envelope, on detainees that have been delivered from another facility.
 - 3. If available, ICE shall provide one (1) photograph of each ICE detainee with his/her name printed on same.

4. The ICE officer shall remove all detainee property that is not acceptable by HCDC Policy.
- B. Upon delivery of ICE detainees, the responsibilities of the HCDC Intake officer are as follows:
1. ALL ICE detainees MUST be frisk searched PRIOR to the ICE officer exiting the facility. The detainee shall be instructed to empty his/her pockets and remove all hats, outer garments (coats, sweaters, jackets, etc.), jewelry, watches and/or other extraneous articles.
 2. Any contraband located shall be surrendered to the ICE officer.
 3. The intake officer shall complete ALL forms in accordance with HCDC Policy C-200 Intake.
 4. The detainee shall be issued institutional clothing. All clothing/shoes issued must be accounted for and documented in SallyPort JMS. If inoperable, document on the Admission Record HCDC Form C-200e.
 5. ALL ICE detainees shall be assigned an HCDC "ID" number.
 6. An ID card shall be processed and provided to the detainee. The Commitment Officer shall note on the ID card, ICE Level High.
 7. ALL ICE detainees shall be entered into the HCDC data base and money computer programs.
 8. ALL ICE detainee folders shall have an "I" placed on the folder, under the "year" tag.
 9. ALL ICE detainees shall be entered on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Daily Intake Receiving/Discharge Record HCDC Form C-205a attached as Appendix 2.
 - a. This form shall be completed daily, when detainees are received/released.
 - b. This form shall be kept in the ICE box in the commitment office.
 - c. The 12 to 8 shift shall ensure that a copy of this form is forwarded to the Audit Coordinator daily and the Records Department for billing purposes, when applicable.
 10. All ICE detainees shall be interviewed by the Intake Officer using the ICE Intake Questionnaire, HCDC Form C-205b, attached as Appendix 3. The Intake Officer shall assign ICE detainees to the receiving unit until classified.
 11. All ICE detainees shall be interviewed by the Intake Office using the ICE PREA Screening, HCDC Form C-205e attached as Appendix 5. The bottom section of this form shall be completed during classification reassessment and signed after completion.

12. At the time of intake HCDC medical staff shall interview the detainee and/or review his/her medical records so that any appropriate medical action may be initiated.
13. Classification Staff/designee shall determine a lower or higher-level housing unit for ICE detainees according to their classification by ICE staff. High Level ICE detainees shall be classified to West 6 and West 5 housing units. Low level detainees shall initially be housed as designated by the Director. If there is an issue which requires the Shift Leader's immediate attention, and the detainee cannot be classified to the ICE unit, the classification staff/designee shall request the Shift Leader's review and signature on the Form C-205b. Housing for High level detainees may be changed at the discretion of the Director.

IV. ICE Classification Levels

Currently, ICE detainees who do not have special needs are housed in a designated general population housing unit. Those who have short-term special needs or are security risks may be housed on administrative segregation. Placement on administrative segregation requires follow-up-review by classification staff to determine if continued placement is warranted and completion of form D-306a Placement on Administrative Segregation. The Form C-205b or an Incident Report shall be forwarded to the Classification department. High Level ICE detainees in general population are classified to maximum security status only.

There is only one (1) levels of classification for ICE detainees. The ICE classification criteria that ICE uses are presented below. HCDC houses only high levels and are designated as such by ICE. An ICE detainee may appeal his/her classification decision by sending a written request to the ICE liaison officer. This can be done by kiosk or in writing.

1. High Level

- a. High Level detainees are considered a high-risk category requiring medium to maximum security housing. High Level detainees are always monitored and escorted.

V. Housing, Searches and Security of ICE Detainees

A. Housing

High Level ICE detainees initially shall be housed in a receiving unit once they are received. They will view the Orientation Video their first morning. Once they have viewed the Orientation Video, they will be seen by a classification officer who will complete the ICE Intake Questionnaire. The ICE detainee will then be moved to the designated ICE unit.

1. Male ICE detainees shall be housed in a unit designated specifically for this purpose. Generally, High Level detainees are housed in West 6 and West 5. However, the Director may designate other units. Intake process to include orientation is to occur for Low Level detainees as well.
2. Female ICE detainees only if approved by the Director shall be housed in an appropriate unit as designated by HCDC Administration on an as-needed basis.

- B. Searches – All ICE detainees are subjected to strip search in accordance with the Department's search policy E-402.
- C. Security rounds in ALL units designated for housing ICE detainees shall be made at one (1) hour intervals.
- D. Should an ICE detainee be placed in Administrative Segregation the detainee shall receive a copy of the Placement on Administrative Segregation HCDC Form D-306a pending classification review.

VI. ICE Detainee Property During Admission

- A. Money in the possession of an ICE detainee, at the time of intake, shall be handled the same as other inmates, in accordance with HCDC Policy C-200 Intake.
- B. ICE detainees are allowed the same clothing property as other inmates in accordance with HCDC Policy H-704 Allowable Inmate/Detainee Property. The exception to this is Court clothes. ICE detainees do not receive Court clothes.
- C. The detainee may retain allowable property his/her possession, or surrender them at intake for safekeeping.
- D. All property shall be itemized and listed on the detainee's Admission Record HCDC Form C-200e, indicating whether the item was retained by the detainee or surrendered for safekeeping.
- E. ICE Form I-387 (02/10) shall be completed in cases where ICE detainees report missing property attached as Appendix 4.
- F. All identification documents for ICE detainees shall be turned over to ICE agents. Documents received in the mail shall be secured in the Audit Office and given to ICE agents on their next visit to the facility.

NOTE: The ICE detainee is to be advised that HCDC accepts no responsibility for items retained in his/her possession unless the loss/damage is caused by negligence and/or willful misconduct of authorized HCDC staff.

VII. Notice of Infraction

- A. When the Department of Corrections personnel have sufficient reason to believe that an ICE detainee has committed a violation of rules, the Reporting Officer shall, within 24 hours of knowledge of a suspected agency violation, complete a Notice of Infraction and Action, HCDC Form H-713. The knowledge of an alleged violation may occur upon review of video recordings, telephone recordings or other investigations (refer to Policy H-713).
- B. The Audit office shall ensure a copy of the Notice of Infraction and Action is provided to the assigned ICE officer.

VIII. Wellness Rounds

ICE detainees who are placed on Administrative or Disciplinary segregation shall receive weekly reviews conducted by the Interdisciplinary Team. The detainee shall receive notification of the review via kiosk.

IX. Medical Notification

Anytime an ICE detainee becomes ill or transported to a hospital for an emergency, the health care provide shall notify the On-duty Shift Leader immediately. The Shift Leader shall notify ICE officials as soon as possible, but no later than two (2) hours of illness.

X. ICE Detainee Visits

A. General Visits: Each detainee shall be permitted two (2) visits per week, unless authorized restrictions have been enforced as authorized by the Security Chief or higher, with Sunday being the first day of the week and Saturday being the last day. Legal/Professional visits are not counted in the permitted visits. (For more information see Policy H-708 Inmate/Detainee Visiting, Section IV.

B. Inmates/detainees receiving personal visits are not permitted to have writing materials unless authorized by a Shift Leader or higher authority.

C. Visiting Schedule:

1. Hendricks Hall and H-1: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only, Sunday visits shall occur from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. with general population.
2. Holiday visits for ICE detainees are: Christmas, New Year and Easter from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. regardless of the day the holiday falls on.

Note: The Director/designee may authorize ICE visiting at other times on a case by-case basis, when warranted by circumstances.

D. Legal Visits: Attorneys shall be permitted unlimited visits during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.

E. Video Visitation – See Policy H-708, Section V.

F. Visitor Registration and Appropriate Attire – See Policy H-708, Section VI.

XI. Physical Recreation – See Policies H-706 Inmate/Detainee Recreation, D-304 Inmate/Detainee Disciplinary Segregation, and D-306 Inmate/Detainee Administrative Segregation and Medical Housing.

XII. Inmate/Detainee Marriage

The Howard County Department of Corrections does not permit marriages at the Detention Center. However, an ICE detainee may make a marriage request which should include a signed statement or comparable documentation from the intended spouse confirming marital intent.

This request shall be forwarded to the Director, who shall forward the request to ICE officials for handling. Any ICE approved marriages shall take place outside of this department.

- XIII. Allowable Inmate/Detainee Property: Refer to Policy H-704, ICE detainees are allowed the same property as other general population inmates. The exception to this is Court clothes. ICE detainees do not receive Court clothes.
- A. ICE detainees are permitted and upon request **only** to receive a USB flash drive to maintain for the storage of law/legal materials.
 - B. The USB flash drive is considered the property of the Howard County Department of Corrections.
 - C. The ICE detainee shall sign HCDC Form H-704e Issuance and Return of USB Flash Drive acknowledging rules, regulations and receipt of the USB flash drive. This form shall be placed in the detainee basefile.
 - D. The Compliance Office shall maintain a log book of issuance on USB flash drives for PBNDS compliance.
 - E. At the time of release, an ICE detainee shall surrender the USB flash drive to the officer processing the release as part of allowable property. The officer shall have the ICE detainee sign the agreement from his/her basefile acknowledging the agreement.
- XIV. Religious Services (Refer to HCDC Policy J-900, Section VI. Religious Observances and Appendix 4).
- XV. ICE Detainee Transfers
- A. Times and transfer plans are never discussed with the detainee prior to transfer;
 - B. The detainee is not notified of the transfer until immediately prior to departing the facility; and
 - C. The detainee is not permitted to make any phone calls or have contact with any detainee in the general population for security reasons.
- XVI. Authorization, Verification and Release of ICE Detainees Unless Otherwise Authorized in Writing by ICE Staff (referenced in policy C-203).
- A. Detainees under the jurisdiction of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) may be released from our facility without involvement of ICE staff. ICE Staff will no longer be required to be on-site for the release to occur. Once the CCO receives the appropriate ICE legal release documents, the detainee will be processed for release. ICE staff shall ensure proper transportation arrangements are in place prior to authorizing the legal release documents.
 - 1. Notification of release from ICE Official;
 - 2. Receipt of an Order to Detain or Release, Form I-203;
 - 3. Documentation of release being concluded or bond out; and
 - 4. Documentation of self release or pick-up.
 - 5. Provide an ICE Official with a courtesy phone call or email of the release.

6. Allow detainee to make appropriate phone call(s) for transportation.
7. Ask detainee if photo identification is needed.

Note: Howard County Department of Corrections will verify the detainee has transportation and will be responsible for assisting with transportation if needed.

- B. Upon release, and only after correct identification has been established by fingerprinting, the ID wristband shall be removed from the detainee. The wristband shall be shredded and disposed.
- C. Detainees shall be released with one (1) set of non-institutional, weather appropriate clothing.
- D. Confidential medical records on each detainee shall be provided to ICE transportation staff at the time the detainee is released from this facility.
- E. Detainees may request his/her medical records upon release from this facility.

XVII. Directors Prerogative

The Director has the authority to revise/change a policy or post order as needed to meet the operational demands of the Department. As the changes are initiated, they may be communicated by an email, memoranda or in rare circumstances verbal due to unforeseen situations.

ATTACHMENTS: Appendix 1, Order to Detain or Release Alien I-203.
Appendix 2, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Daily Intake Receiving/Discharge Record, HCDC Form C-205a.
Appendix 3, ICE Intake Questionnaire, HCDC Form C-205b.
Appendix 4, Report of Detainee Missing Property, ICE Form I-387(02/10).
Appendix 5, ICE PREA Screening, HCDC Form C-205c.

RESCISSIONS: HCDC Policy C-205 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees effective May 14, 2020.

Appendix 1 to HCDC Policy C-205 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainees

U.S. Department of Homeland Security				I-203, Order to Detain or Release Alien	
TO: (NAME and TITLE of Person in Charge of Facility)					
(Name of Facility)					
Please Detain Release				Date	Time
Name of Alien				File Number	
Age	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender	Citizenship/Nationality	Foreign Address	
Nature of Proceedings			Signature of Officer Receiving Alien		
Remarks:					
Signature of Officer Authorizing Action			Title	Office	
Form I-203 (Rev. 01/31/05)N					

Date: _____

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Distribute copies to: *Compliance Office* *Intake* *Records Department for ICE Billing*

Howard County Department of Corrections
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Intake Questionnaire

Date: _____

1. Is this your first (1st) time in jail or prison? Yes ___ No ___
If no, indicate where incarcerated and when if known. _____

2. Have you ever been assaulted or victimized (to include sexually assaulted) by other inmates? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, indicate where and when if known. _____

3. Have you ever sexually assaulted anyone? Yes ___ No ___
4. Do you have any gang affiliations or enemies? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, provide information regarding gang affiliation or enemies. _____

5. While housed here do you want to volunteer to work on special details or to help with sanitation in your housing unit? Yes ___ No ___
Do you have any special skills you would like to use, like painting or carpentry, etc.? _____

6. Are there any issues requiring immediate referral to Shift Leader?

7. ICE Classification Level:

Level Low House in designated unit and mark wristband.

Level High House in West 6.

Level _____ Special Housing in _____ unit.

Detainee's Name: _____ ID Number: _____ Housing Unit: _____
(Print)

Signature: _____
Intake Officer

Signature: _____
Shift Leader (if assigned to a non ICE Unit)

cc: Classification (if assigned to a non ICE Unit)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

REPORT OF DETAINEE MISSING PROPERTY

1. A-Number		
2. Name of Alien		3. Date
4. Date of Birth	5. Place of Birth	6. Nationality
7. Date of Detention	8. Date and Place of Arrest	
9. Reporting Officer and Office		10. Date and Time Property Reported Missing
11. Description of Missing Property		
12. Supervisor Receiving Report		13. Estimated Value of Property
14. Action Taken <input type="checkbox"/> Property Located <input type="checkbox"/> Property Not Located & Reported to FOD on _____ (Date)		
15. Date Alien Release or Transferred _____		16. Date Alien Deported or Voluntarily Departed _____
17. Forwarding Address of Alien		
18. Remarks		
19. Closing Action		
20. Signature		

Howard County Department of Corrections

ICE - PREA Screening

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Booking #: _____ HCDC Inmate/Detainee #: _____

Reason for Screening: _____ Intake at CBF _____ Intake at Commitment _____ Reassessment

Inmate Self-Reported Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	1. Language/ Communication: Does the inmate speak English? If not, note what language or impairment.
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex <input type="checkbox"/> Gender-Nonconforming <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified	2. What is the inmate's/detainee's personal gender identification? If none, please indicate unspecified. On 10/1/19 Maryland law allows for unspecified sexual identification on Maryland State Identification.
<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual <input type="checkbox"/> Gay <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified	3. What is the inmate's/detainee's sexual orientation? If none, please indicate unspecified. On 10/1/19 Maryland law allows for unspecified sexual identification on Maryland State Identification. Note: If the inmate/detainee answers or is perceived to be Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexual, Gender Nonconforming/ or unspecified place in single cell.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. The inmate/detainee stated he/she is in the process of medical procedures (sex change) or hormonal therapy? Note: If yes, single cell.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Is the inmate/detainee small in physical stature and need to be warranted special housing?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Is this the inmate's/detainee's first incarceration?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	7.A Has the inmate/detainee ever been the victim of sexual assault? 7.B. If yes, single cell, unless the assault was more than 5 years ago, ask the inmate/detainee if he/she would prefer to be single celled.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8.A. Has the inmate/detainee ever been the victim of sexual assault while incarcerated? Note: If yes, single cell and ask: 8.B. Would the inmate/detainee like to be referred to mental health for a follow-up? Advise the inmate he/she can also request to see mental health staff later if desired.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	9. Does the inmate appear to express gender nonconformance traits verbally or nonverbally? Note: If yes, single cell.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Does the inmate/detainee appear: A. Frightened/fearful or expresses any fears? B. To be impaired by drugs or alcohol? C. To have mental health/developmental or physical disabilities? Note: If yes to any answers, single cell.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	11. Has the inmate/detainee ever been charged or convicted of <u>any</u> sexual offenses with an adult or child victim? Note: If yes, single cell.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Weekenders may be allowed dorm housing, unless he/she expresses a fear or concern. Is this a weekend override?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	13. Is the inmate/detainee detained solely for immigration purposes?

CBO Signature: _____

Date: _____

CCO/Intake Officer Review:

☐ **No changes**☐ **Changes:** _____

CCO/Intake Officer Review: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 5 to HCDC Policy C-205 Immigration Custom Enforcement
Counselor Review of Criminal History

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Is the inmates'/detainees' criminal history exclusively nonviolent?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Does the inmate/detainee have a criminal history of sexual offenses?

Counselor Review of Self-Reported Information

<input type="checkbox"/> No changes
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes: _____

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reassessment: ____ Incident ____ Additional Information

Date: _____

Action (If Appropriate): _____

_____	_____
Name	Title

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Good Morning Councilmembers,

On behalf of County Executive Ball, please see the attached correspondence and policy clarification regarding the ICE policy at our Detention Center.

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September 17, 2020

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Dear Councilmembers,

As a follow up to our correspondence on September 8th, I'm pleased to share that Howard County Government and CASA have agreed on a policy clarification to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contract with the Detention Center in Howard County that I believe will preserve public safety while adhering to our values of integrity and respect. I have continued to work toward having policies that clearly protect our community from convicted offenders while maintaining our commitment to just treatment for all members of the community, regardless of immigration status. The attached policy clarification accomplishes this goal.

Throughout our discussions with CASA and other stakeholders over the last year, my goal was to ensure the policy regarding the ICE contract with the Detention Center in Howard County addressed community concerns about justice and fairness while balancing the need to keep the safety of our community a top priority. The attached clarification ensures the Howard County Department of Corrections only accepts detainees from ICE who are convicted of a "crime of violence," as stated under Maryland Criminal code section 14-101. Furthermore, it formalizes notification and reporting procedures related to ICE detainees.

Under the revised policy, only persons convicted of violent crimes would be housed in the Detention Center. This revision significantly differs from Council Bill 51, which was introduced on September 8th. If enacted, CB-51 would effectively prohibit the County from housing any person who is in federal custody in the Detention Center under the contract with ICE. We believe that our policy revision strikes the appropriate balance between ensuring the fair treatment of our immigrant populations while protecting our community from those convicted of a "crime of violence."

As you know, immigration policy is enforced from the federal level and no local law or policy can change that. If we were to prevent our Detention Center from accepting an ICE detainee, that individual would not be set free. That individual would likely be transported to facilities outside the county, and given the limited number of detention facilities state-wide, very likely outside of Maryland. At this point in time, we believe the attached policy revisions takes a thoughtful, responsible approach to addressing several concerns we've heard from our community.

While it would be our preference to institute this policy immediately as we discussed with CASA, it was not known or expected that CB-51 would be filed this month, especially given the public nature of our discussions.

While it was unfortunate that intent was not communicated with either of our offices prior to filing, I respect the Council's legislative process. If the Council feels strongly about continuing forward with CB-51, we will step back to allow the public process to unfold over the next couple of months. Then, based upon how that is resolved, revisit this policy and next steps.

As previously communicated, my hope is that we can make progress as a community in a unifying way, building upon areas of agreement and responsibly addressing issues of concern, not division.

All the Best,



Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

Civil Immigration

- (A) No County employee, agent or agency may coordinate with an immigration enforcement official in furtherance of a civil immigration enforcement operation, including by:
- (1) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to non-public space within a government facility or any area where County business is being conducted;
 - (2) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the agent or agency;
 - (3) permitting immigration enforcement officials use of agency facilities, information, or equipment for investigative interviews or other investigative purposes;
 - (4) detaining a person when they are eligible for release; or
 - (5) expending County resources (including but not limited to facilities, equipment, cell phones, office supplies, radios, emails, databases and employee time while on-duty) to assist or facilitate ICE civil enforcement, including by directly or indirectly providing access to immigration enforcement officials of confidential personal information, unless the employee's action is expressly authorized under this Policy.
 - (6) notifying immigration enforcement officials that an individual has been or is ready to be released from custody, unless the individual has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101.
- (B) Howard County will only accept detainees from ICE for the purposes of temporary housing under the county Inter-Governmental Services Agreement if those individuals have been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101.
- (C) Notwithstanding any of the provisions set out in subsection (A) above, Howard County may notify immigration officials of the imminent release of a person for whom a civil detainer request has been received from immigration officials only if the person has completed a criminal sentence after being convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101 and allow immigration officials access to the facility as necessary to take that person into custody.
- (D) The above provisions set out in subsection (A) above do not apply to audits or other actions necessary to carry out the terms or purpose of the Inter-Governmental Services Agreement.

Reporting

Agencies shall report to the County Executive every six (6) months the number of requests received from immigration enforcement officials and the manner in which each request was handled and whether any County agent, officer, employee or official violated any Section of this Division.

Agencies shall respond to any request for information for matters covered under this Division by the County Executive within seven (7) days.

Compliance with Division and federal law.

No provision in this Executive Order shall be interpreted as preventing a law enforcement agent from sending to or receiving from any local, state, or Federal agency information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual if required under Sections 1373 and 1644 of Title 8 of the United States Code, state law or regulation, court order, extradition agreement or any other agreement that allows a County agency to accept custody of an individual pursuant to a criminal warrant. Any intentional violation of a Section by a County public safety agent, officer, employee or official shall be referred to their appointing authority for appropriate discipline.

Sayers, Margery

From: Robert Koslofsky <rkoslofsky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 2:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 51

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5764 Stevens Forest Road/ Apt 3217
Columbia, MD 21045

September 29, 2020

Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: CB 51

To the Esteemed County Council;

I, Robert Koslofsky, a resident of Howard County since 2017, would like to convey to you my emphatic support for CB 51, which calls for terminating all Howard County Government contractual relations with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. There should be no justification for a federal agency to use our county resources and detention facilities to unethically attain and incarcerate hard working immigrant families. The immigrants in Howard County work in many difficult jobs sustaining our local economy. We should uphold the highest regard and consideration for their difficult circumstances in maintaining a dignified life in our community. We as Howard County residents enjoy the cultural diversity immigrants from all parts of the world bring to our lives, regardless of their document status. I think it is in the best interest for all that we do not accommodate ICE in their aggressive searches for those who feel they have no real voice.

I have full confidence in the members of the Howard County Council that they will vote with compassion when considering this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Robert Koslofsky

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:15 PM
To: beanandwill@gmail.com
Subject: District 2 - CB51

First Name: eilen
Last Name: dubrov
Email: beanandwill@gmail.com
Street Address: 5341 FLIGHT FEATHER
City: COLUMBIA
Subject: CB51

Message: I am Eileen Dubrov and I live in Phelps Luck in Opel Jones' district. I urge you to vote for CB51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center. This is not who we are as a community, and it is not what our country should be. My family came to this country as immigrants.. ICE detention of immigrants is racist and not humane, and Howard County should not participate in it. Thank you for listening and voting for CB51!

Sayers, Margery

From: Eileen Dubrov Will Foreman <beanandwill@gmail.com>
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From: Maryann Maher <maryannpmaher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 9:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Conexiones
Subject: Support for CB 51

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

Conexiones is a Howard County non-profit that supports and advocates for Latinx students and families in the Howard County Public School System. Conexiones is in support of County Bill (CB) 51 which would end the Howard County contract with ICE. Community safety is paramount for all our residents, but safety can be achieved while moving away from policies of detention that breed abuse and corruption. We ask that you support CB 51.

Thank you for your consideration,

ConeXiones

Sayers, Margery

From: Alex Kohn <alex.kohn76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 8:29 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jones, Opel
Subject: Re: Questions Concerning Howard County's cooperation with ICE

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Hello Councilmember Jones,
I hope you are doing well. This is just a reminder that I am still patiently waiting for your responses to my questions about your support for an ICE contract in Howard County. I'll list the questions again below in case you missed my earlier emails.

Are you aware that ICE has committed many human rights violations? As a former member of the Human Rights Commission of Howard County how does it make you feel to know that we work with an organization with this type of record?

Did you know that ICE moving detainees around the country has recently caused an outbreak of COVID-19? How will you ensure that this type of event does not occur in Howard County when ICE frequently moves detainees in and out of our detention center?

What justification do you have for keeping people in prison during a pandemic, when the ICE detainees in our detention center have already been rehabilitated by our criminal justice system or have no history of violent crime? Will you take responsibility for the illnesses and deaths that will inevitably occur in our detention center from Covid-19?

Do you acknowledge the fact that ICE uses racial profiling to determine which of our community members they detain? Since you proposed to create a Race and Equity Committee a few days ago, how do you feel knowing that the Howard County Detention Center is a link in a chain of racism?

I linked some articles below to help provide some context and more information if you are interested.

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[Immigrant Kids Keep Dying in CBP Detention Centers, and DHS Won't Take Accountability](#)
[How Racial Profiling Goes Unchecked in Immigration Enforcement](#)
[Whistleblower Alleges Mass Hysterectomies at ICE Detention Center](#)

If any of the other Council members would like to share their perspectives on these questions with me I would be interested to hear what you have to say. Most of all I would love to hear back from my representative, Dr. Opel Jones.

Thank you for the anticipated timely response,

Alex Kohn

On Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 7:10 PM Alex Kohn <alex.kohn76@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello Council Member Jones,

I am worried that you may have missed my email from a week ago regarding my concerns that Howard County works with ICE. I know you are very busy so this is understandable. I have listed just a few of the most important questions that I have below and hope that you will be able to provide some illuminating answers for me.

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Thank you for the anticipated timely response,

Alex Kohn

Sayers, Margery

From: Trent Leon-Lierman <tleon@wearecasa.org>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 5:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CASA Statement on CB-51

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Dear Councilmembers,

CASA stands with its members from Howard County including impacted families of Howard County immigration detention; Kevin and Maria Rivas, Pedro Jose Ordonez, Eddy Monteroso, Jose Tizol, Belvin Murillo Carcamo, Miguel Ramos Serrano and Laura Arroyo, among others, to give unequivocal support to passing CB-51.

We are grateful for the courage of Councilmember Liz Walsh in proposing this legislation and for the courage of Deb Jung and Christiana Rigby in their support. We are grateful for the work that the Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice (of which we are a member) has done on the issue.

If any past experience nationwide is a lesson, CB-51 will not increase the number of people that ICE detains in Howard County. CB-51 will not make it more difficult for immigrant families to visit their loved ones nor will it move detainees farther away from their families. CB-51 will not make it more difficult for detained immigrants to get representation because they will be moved to detention centers further away. CB-51 will not prevent Howard County from passing a universal representation program that would give free representation to anyone detained by ICE in Howard County.

CB-51 will decrease collaboration with ICE in Howard County. ICE anecdotally and factually detains more people for longer time periods with more bed space, so we will continue to work to close detention centers one by one and abolish ICE nationally. CB-51 will bring more people to be with their families. Of course, not being in detention makes it easier to solicit legal representation. If Howard County wants to pass a universal representation program, then it should follow the lead of other Maryland Counties in doing so, without having a detention center.

We ask the County Council to pass CB-51 now and the County Executive to sign the legislation.

Sayers, Margery

From: ying matties <ymatties@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 4:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support CB51-2020
Attachments: CB51 testimony.docx

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Dear County Council Members,

I have attached my oral testimony from September 21 so it can be entered into public record.

Regards,

Ying Matties
10228 Little Brick House
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Chair Jung, County Council members,

My name is Ying Matties. I live in District 1 in Ellicott City. On behalf of Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice, a Coalition that is comprised of 21 organizations as of today, I am here tonight to testify in support of CB51.

The Coalition would like to thank Council member Liz Walsh for her courage and leadership filing this legislation. We are also heartened by Council members Deb Jung's and Christiana Rigby's public support for CB51.

ICE routinely tears families apart, demonstrates complete disregard for detainees' health and safety during a pandemic, and deliberately targets black and brown immigrants. Their policies are designed to terrorize the immigrant community. This is an agency where cruelty is not a byproduct of their practices, cruelty IS the point. A mere revision of our local policies will not change that fact. And as long as we are still collaborating with ICE, we are participating in this cruelty. The twisted logic of operating a 'nicer' jail as a lesser form of oppression while being complicit with an unjust system is both intellectually dishonest and morally bankrupt.

We denounce any attempts to demonize or dehumanize the immigrant community.

We also reject any half measures to right a moral wrong. Continuing this contract with ICE in any fashion represents a tremendous moral stain on our county.

In her statement regarding CB51, Council member Rigby said the following “We know that ICE, under the direction of the president, has denied transparency, committed human rights violations and operated in bad faith throughout the United States”. We commend Ms. Rigby, along with Ms. Walsh and Ms. Jung for their public support for ending Howard County’s contract with ICE. We urge County Executive Ball to demonstrate his moral leadership and sign this bill into law.

Sayers, Margery

From: Alex Kohn <alex.kohn76@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: CB-51 Testimony and Concerns

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Thank you for helping me understand your experience. I will keep it in mind as I testify in the future. Again, my testimony did not contain any threats of harm to Dr. Jones or his family. I have no intention to harm anyone, ever. I did call out Dr. Jones specifically because he is my representative, the only Democrat who has not spoken out on this bill, and because I hope that in his heart he wants to end structural racism. I did not call him out because he is a Black man. But now I understand better what it must be like to be a Black leader and how frightening that may be. It is my true hope that he will lead on this issue and help pass CB51. Passing CB51 would be consistent with his previous statements on this issue and demonstrate his antiracist values. I would love to meet with him to discuss further. If you can help arrange this, I would greatly appreciate it! Alex

On Sep 24, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Alex,

This was a cool email to send, thank you for sharing it with the full council. If I had to presume, it's not your testimony singularly. But as each side of an issue rises in anger the opposite side of an issue also tends to raise their temperature. Right wing activists, talk show hosts and journalists have all shared their rhetoric with their followers, many of whom have made pretty extreme comments and some of which are quite frightening.

As the only Black member of our council, there is a pattern of Dr. Jones receiving vastly more criticism than the other council members. A recent example was CR 112 – during the public hearing Dr. Jones was consistently baited and attacked by the people testifying. When he speaks there is an assumption that he is wrong (even with things like parliamentary procedure, for which Dr. Jones has far and away the most expertise on the council). As a witness with a front row seat to this pattern, it is draining to watch this pattern play out. As a white woman, I don't know what it's like to personally face that day after day for two years.

During the CR112, on social media my address was shared, where my daughter goes to school was shared, and I had random cars sit outside my house at various times. Then the night we voted there was a shooting on my street, and my husband did not respond to my texts and calls. It turned out that the incident was unrelated to CR112 and my family was okay – but that is the fear we live with as we try to do our jobs.

I profoundly respect anyone who takes a look at their actions, considers how they could have done something better/what they want to change in the future, and works to repair a relationship if they are concerned it has been harmed. It's what I teach my kids, and to see it in action is respectable and remarkable.

Thank you,
Christiana

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 8:07 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB-51 Testimony and Concerns

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Hello Councilmember Jones,

I am an 18 year old who just graduated from Oakland Mills High School. I am passionate about creating a more just society for everyone and I supported your campaign in 2018 because you agreed with those values.

I recently heard that you have felt threatened by some of the testimony in support of CB-51. I did not intend to threaten you in any way and I do not feel that I did threaten you, but let me know if there was something I said that made you feel otherwise. I did bring up many concerns with your support of ICE, and how you have changed your positions over the last two years. I have attached my testimony below, and would love a chance to discuss your concerns further. I have reached out to you through email several times before about this issue and I have not heard back. I hope you will get back to me soon about all of the concerns I have addressed here and in previous emails. I would love to schedule a meeting to talk about your possible concerns with my testimony and the ICE contract in general.

Thank you for your time,
Alex Kohn

Sayers, Margery

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Subject: Re: CB51 Working Group comment and clarification

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Hello,

I think that this is an unfair characterization of what occurred.

My and other testimony did call out Dr. Jones; but that was for the sole reason that he is the last democratic holdout on this bill and because he is my elected official. It would be weird for me or anyone else to call out you or Councilwoman Walsh, because I am not in any of your districts and because you already publicly support the bill.

As for calling this a personal attack, the most direct thing I did was quote Dr. Jones from the campaign trail. If we can't hold politicians accountable for what they say during the campaign, I don't understand what the point of a campaign is.

Finally, who threatened Dr. Jones' family, and did this occur during the testimony? This has been brought up multiple times, and yet I certainly didn't hear anything like that during testimony and I have no idea what this is referring to. Perhaps I missed it, but that is a serious accusation and should not be thrown around lightly.

I would be more than happy to talk with you or Dr. Jones personally and address these issues. I am afraid that we are getting away from policy and I hope we can fix personal drama so that the council can focus on the passage of CB51.

Thank you

Gavin Kohn

On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 10:21 AM Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

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From: David Aylaian <davidaylaian@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CB 51

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Hello, my name is David Aylaian. I am a recent HCPSS graduate, an activist, and a concerned District 1 constituent, writing on behalf of Sunrise Movement HoCo to urge County Executive Calvin Ball and Council Members Opel Jones and David Yungmann to vote yes on CB 51. I would also like to thank Council Members Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and Christina Rigby for supporting this bill. As an organization, ICE has repeatedly violated our most important and fundamental American values and trashed basic human dignity. They have committed horrific human rights abuses, from forced sterilizations to spraying noxious gasses to deporting cancer patients and US military veterans.

Where in this organization is there room for the due process of law? Where in this organization has the doctrine of no cruel and unreasonable punishment been upheld?

Dr. Calvin Ball and Council Members, I am deeply troubled with our county assisting this egregious organization in terrorizing our community. It is insane that we spend our tax dollars tearing families apart. We cannot allow this contract to continue and to continue to assist this horrifying organization. It is time to live up to our values and uphold the constitution's promise to all Americans.

Do not collaborate with evil.

David Aylaian
Sunrise Movement HoCo
Howard County MD

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I heard from the working group meeting that you and Councilwoman Rigby felt that some of the early testimony (for CB51) was threatening towards you. As the 3rd testifier who spoke critically of you, I realized this could be about my testimony and I wanted to clear this up and let you know that I meant no harm.

The piece of my testimony that was about you quoted a statement you made in 2018 that was critical of the ICE Contract, and then I juxtaposed that with your current position. I did imply that you lied in order to get elected; however, given your current position and your past position during the election, this seems like a reasonable assumption. As someone who supported your campaign and first began working on this issue with CB9-2017 when I was in high school, it comes as quite a crushing blow to find out that my elected representative is not following through the way I had expected.

In my enclosed testimony, my intention was to be critical but not threatening. If you feel that was not the case or if you would like to hear any of my concerns, please let me know and I would love to set up a call so we can work this out.

If my testimony was not what you were referring to, I suggest that you contact whoever it was. I personally did not hear anything I would consider threatening, but if you did, then I hope you will be able to resolve your differences.

Please let me know if there is a good time for us to meet.

Thank you.
Gavin Kohn

Hello,

My name is Gavin Kohn. I am a constituent of Dr. Opel Jones and I live in Thunder Hill. I am testifying in support of CB51-2020, and I urge the council to vote 'Yes' on this legislation as it stands.

Four years ago, I supported sanctuary legislation for Howard County and I testified in the hearing for CB-9-2017. Former councilmembers Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa drafted that legislation, and I believed them to be progressives who were guided by their moral compass.

Soon after CB9-2017, there was an election. Sanctuary legislation was a big issue at the time, and Dr. Ball and Councilmember Terrasa were elected to higher offices. Former councilmember Weinstein, the sole democratic vote against sanctuary legislation, was *replaced* by Councilmember Walsh, who wrote CB51-2020.

So it's clear that these issues were paramount in that election. My current representative Dr. Jones said this quote at a debate at Oakland Mills High School in 2018. He said, **"The County Council should pass a measure prohibiting Howard County from entering into (a) 287(g) agreement, or other agreements for that matter, with ICE... Howard County should not be burdened with federal mandates" (2018) .**

Dr. Ball also had a statement during that time. In a press release in 2017, he said **"Policies not to enforce federal immigration law do very little to promote confidence among undocumented immigrants unless those policies are widely known and unless people can trust that those policies will not be reversed without a public process. "**

That is what I voted for. I supported Dr. Jones and Dr. Ball in 2018 because they supported immigrants and pushed for sanctuary legislation. Now, these appear to be empty words and statements made for the sole purpose of being elected.

Please support CB51 and end our contract with ICE. It is reprehensible that Howard County still works with them, and it goes directly against the promises of politicians who ran on this issue to get elected. Thank you.

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Hello Councilmember Jones,

I am an 18 year old who just graduated from Oakland Mills High School. I am passionate about creating a more just society for everyone and I supported your campaign in 2018 because you agreed with those values.

I recently heard that you have felt threatened by some of the testimony in support of CB-51. I did not intend to threaten you in any way and I do not feel that I did threaten you, but let me know if there was something I said that made you feel otherwise. I did bring up many concerns with your support of ICE, and how you have changed your positions over the last two years. I have attached my testimony below, and would love a chance to discuss your concerns further. I have reached out to you through email several times before about this issue and I have not heard back. I hope you will get back to me soon about all of the concerns I have addressed here and in previous emails. I would love to schedule a meeting to talk about your possible concerns with my testimony and the ICE contract in general.

Thank you for your time,
Alex Kohn

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Good afternoon members of the County Council,

Please see below, our response to the testimony provided by FIRN.

This is a common talking point that is made by people who want to keep IGSA's in place, and is articulated in a way that makes it sound like a reasonable criticism of the bill, but misses some very important counter considerations. The idea that we should continue participating in a partnership with an agency that has committed human rights abuses, crimes against humanity, and literally torture people who are coming to the United States to escape all sorts of push factors that the United States had a hand in creating in the first place, is ill advised. Mr. Mitchell points out that Howard County Detention Center provides access to lawyers and advocates who are trying to advocate for their clients in immigration detention in a significantly better manner than what happens at the border. He is right, to be sure, but access to clients is a basic fundamental due process right that should not be lauded as heroic, it should be the bare minimum basic right that be made to every detained immigrant, meanwhile the detention center is profiting off of the separation of immigrant families and being given money by the federal government in this effort.

The "convenience" of immigration lawyers should not be the priority here. The priority should be reducing the number of people who are being held in the detention center. With all due respect to the work that FIRN does, they are not securing the release of enough people at the detention center to merit giving their organization (or any organization or immigration lawyer for that matter) special deference because they've helped some people get out. The fact remains, that for every person they get out, there are dozens more who ICE arrests and hold in HCDC, only to be removed because they couldn't obtain legal counsel.

Mr. Mitchell suggests that instead we should use a portion of the money to provide legal counsel to everyone in the detention center. Again, he is correct in that having counsel significantly increases the chances that a person is able to fight deportation and remain in the United States. But once again, this is missing the point here. By reducing the capacity to hold people in ICE detention, the number of people ICE can arrest and detain will be reduced and hence the number of people who are in detention in desperate need of counsel is lower. We should take a stand and commit to reducing the detained immigrant population, not allow ICE the power to detain as many people as possible, with the milquetoast solution of providing everyone with counsel to participate in a legal system that is designed to remove as many Black and Latinx immigrants as possible. The fact remains that even with counsel, there will be people detained and removed, and Howard County is participating in that family separation through this contract.

If the County wants to provide funding to ensure immigrants have counsel, they should provide funding. It shouldn't be based on the assumption that there is an immigration detention center in Howard County.

On the concern that immigrants will be taken to far away places from their families if the contract is ended, that assumes that all the people in immigration detention in HCDC are from Howard County. ICE transfers people from all over the county all the time, and the people in HCDC are not necessarily local. Even people who are local Marylanders, there are people held there who might live hours away from HCDC, and simply going to visit their family member is not

as simple as just driving down the street. They are already being held away from their families, family visitation is not unlimited, and most obviously, immigrants are still being held in cages away from their families, so even if they are local, they can't stay with their families, they have to remain in a cage. There are dozens of alternatives to immigration detention that ICE *could* use, but instead they rely on detention as their primary means of maintaining control over people they think might flee. As disruptive as they are, ankle monitors at least allow an immigrant to remain with their family. ICE check ins allow the immigrant to stay with their family, and rely on the immigrant to self report. There are alternatives to detention, and giving ICE the bed space to rely on the most tortuous tool they have to exert control over the immigrant community should be rejected. We should force ICE into relying on alternatives to detention. In fact, we have sued ICE in a lawsuit to force ICE to rely on alternatives, and so far has resulted in a significantly larger number of people being released from immigration detention on alternatives to detention. See *Dubon Miranda v. Barr*, Case No. 20-cv-01110-CCB (D. Md. 2020).

Finally, on the point about ICE retaliating against the County for ending the IGSA, we should unconditionally reject this fear-mongering and cowardice. If we allow a persecutor to bully us into participating in their human rights abuses, are we going to look back and say "we had no choice"? Of course we have a choice. We should do everything in our power to protect the people who will be victims of ICE's persecution, and it starts with not allowing ICE the opportunity to detain immigrants in cages in a place we have control over.

I would also like to say, that although HCDC might be a better facility than facilities at the border, what we have seen through the litigation in *Coreas v. Bounds* has been eye opening. Numerous times now in the litigation, there have been instances where Director Kavanaugh and his staff have retaliated against the plaintiffs in the lawsuit. Efforts to mitigate the threat of COVID have existed because there is a lawsuit hanging over Kavanaugh's head and monitoring by a federal court. U.S. District Court Judge Chuang has said numerous times that he has no doubt that the reason why efforts have been made to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 was because of the lawsuit and his involvement. Without federal lawsuits to compel the Director to do the right thing, what guarantees do we have that any rights that should exist (such as access to counsel) are provided to the detained immigrants in his custody?

The best path forward is to end the contract and put this participation in the persecution in Black and Brown people to rest.

Please let me know if you have any questions, I'd be happy to speak further.

Nick Taichi Steiner*

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On Conversation on Revenue

What he calls "direct costs," he means variable costs, costs that vary by inmate. The other costs are fixed, should not change by number of inmates. Housing costs are included as fixed costs. If you don't have people in the housing, those costs go away. This is also partly a variable cost. Administrative time should also decrease. There is probably some fixed cost but it is probably not as high as they assume. But if we assumed the fixed costs were as high as they say, the "profit" is very low.

Revenue

\$110/detainee/day

365 day/year

50 detainees

\$2,000,000

Costs (per detainee/day)

\$23.60 Administrative (Buildings & Maintenance, Administrative at 20%)

\$94.40 Variable Costs (food, clothing, etc. at 80%)

\$118 (total cost per detainee/day)

Costs (total)

\$430,700 Administrative (Buildings & Maintenance, Administrative at 20%)

\$1,722,800 Variable Costs (food, clothing, etc. at 80%)

\$2,153,500 (total cost per detainee/day)

Profit

\$277,200 Gross Profit (excluding Buildings and Maintenance, Administrative)

[\$153,500] Net Profit (Loss)

At least 80% of the revenue is used for the admitted variable costs. Even if the fixed cost was 20% of total cost, you are only keeping 14% of the revenue (\$2,000,000), which is (\$277,200). Ending the contract would only decrease the County **gross profit** by \$277,200 with their numbers. But, it is unlikely that you wouldn't save some building and maintenance cost and administrative cost for ending the contract. The County is likely to be losing money.

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Dear Council Members and administrators,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify last night in support of passing CB51. A well run meeting!

It was very clear that there is very large excitement for this issue and that, overwhelmingly, people support its passage. I believe some of you have publicly stated their support and please follow through.

Mr. Opel Jones showed interest in information about ICE moving its detainees around. That fact would rebut some arguments which had made in support in keeping the Contract. Please follow the link for a report that a majority of ICE detainees get moved around and, of those moved around, many are moved multiple times. <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/ice-keeps-transferring-detainees-around-country-leading-covid-19-outbreaks-n1212856>

Thank you for your collaboration in passing CB51!

Michael David
Columbia
410-370-2122

CB51-2020

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Hi!

Here is my testimony for CB51-2020. I would like to do an oral testimony, so if you can include me, I'd greatly appreciate it. If it is not possible, please submit my written testimony.

Thank you!

Cordially,

Carmen S. Alverio, Ph.D., M.S., CCC
Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist
Howard County Public School System

Carmen Alverio's Testimony for CB51-2020

My name is Carmen Alverio. I live in District 5 in Woodstock. I'm originally from Puerto Rico and I urge you to vote for CB51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

I am a bilingual speech-language pathologist in our county school system and in my day-to-day, I work with immigrant families and students. Over the 10 years I have worked with them, I have often witnessed their hesitation to pursue services for their children when I ask for a birth certificate which is needed to register their child. They are afraid to go to a government building to request it because they think that they will be deported. All too often, this results in their children, who are American citizens, being deprived of the services they deserve. I have also witnessed the heart-wrenching anxiety in 8-9 year old children as they tell me that they are afraid that ICE will take their parents and send them back to their country while they are in school. It is unjust to allow our children to live this way. We are better than this. I implore you to vote to end this. Please vote "yes" on CB51. Thank you!

Sayers, Margery

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Dear County Council Members,

I am Patricia Silva, an immigrant woman, born in Brazil, who moved to the USA with my husband and three daughters to live in Howard County (District 1). For the past seven years I have dedicated my time to elevate the voice of the Latinx community in our county. More importantly, every day I teach my daughters to be proud of their roots and to embrace life in the US. Hence, if I would not come to you to urge you to support and vote for CB-51, I would not be true to the core of my family values.

For my family and community members, I take action to build trust and eradicate fear among the Latinx families in the county and I can assure you that a contract with the Immigration Customs Enforcement agency in any level is absolutely an obstacle to that end. I also believe that human rights must be observed to all. Therefore, I cannot "wash my hands" and accept that biased policies continue to take place and disproportionately and negatively impact immigrant families in our county.

Of course, criminals of any origins or descendance must be convicted and serve their sentences. Let us not forget that they are also entitled to "due-process" for each crime committed. This is the reason why we, as a society, can rely on the justice system to handle these cases, not detention centers that indirectly support all the "weaponizations" of immigration laws happening right now in our country. In addition, the assumption that incarcerated folks cannot be rehabilitated and that immigrants are more likely to reoffend than an American-born person are simply unethical and immoral!

Though Howard County alone cannot change immigration laws, it certainly can make a stand to not support and implement them.

I ask you to vote for CB-51!

Patricia Silva

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My name is Uma Ribeiro. I am a Howard County high school student and district 3 resident, and I am urging you to vote yes on CB 51 to get ICE out of our county once and for all.

As a Latina woman and a child of immigrants, when moving to Howard County I expected it to be a place of acceptance and civility. Unfortunately, those expectations were proven wrong. It disappoints me that a county which preaches equality is associating itself with ICE, an agency that is notorious for abusing the civil and human rights of immigrants. Fathers, brothers, sons, human beings are being ripped from their loved ones and remain detained during these incredibly difficult times.

County Executive Calvin Ball previously stated that only "dangerous immigrants" have been detained. This was proven false. The Department of Corrections detains those charged with nonviolent crimes. This is not the county I want, or the country I believe in, where people are detained based on immigration status. No one in the country, let alone our county, should have to live in fear due to something like immigration status. Howard County is one of only three remaining counties in Maryland that continue to house ICE detainees. Why hasn't this county ended the contract with ICE?

Each day the ICE detention center remains open, you are putting human beings in danger of further mental, emotional and physical harm. By keeping the contract with ICE, you are failing your citizens and further proving that this county does not believe in equality, civility or humanity. By keeping the contract with ICE, you are openly stating that people who have peacefully worked and lived in this county, people who have contributed to its livelihood and community, are not welcome here.

Everyone living in Howard County should be able to do so peacefully and without the fear that they will be ripped from their families and detained or deported. An ICE detention center is not what Howard County tax dollars should go towards. I want to live in a community that values every member. If you support CB 51, you will be taking a step in the right direction, a step toward a county that truly believes in civility and humanity. So, please, I urge you to end this inhumane treatment by voting in favor of CB 51 and removing ICE from Howard County once and for all.

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My name is Olayinka Ajayi. I am a resident of Howard County. I have resided in Howard County for 20 years. I have lived here my entire childhood and rising adulthood.

As a second-generation immigrant, I accomplished so much by affording the privilege to be able to live in a stable and fruitful community. My parents came to this country looking for a better life. And they move to Howard County to raise their children in a thriving community with amazing educational standards. Howard County is a diverse community that understands and treats its residents as equals and embraces individuals' cultural differences. We are not just a community of people, we are a family. I urge you to end this inhumane contract that threatens the livelihood of our black and brown family members. Don't tear our family apart, vote yes to support CB-51!

Sincerely,

Olayinka Ajayi

Columbia, MD

A resident of District 3

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My name is James Goolsby, an Ellicott City District 1 resident of 10 years who supports CB51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

My primary argument against the agreement is on the general principle that detention should be reserved for those who present a danger to a community. Immigration status, be it legal or illegal, presents no danger to our community. Separation of individuals from their families and incarceration is not a proportionate response or punishment for the violation of border laws. There are other responses available for dealing with illegal immigrants that are more just, humane and less costly.

Incarceration, and other tactics used by ICE, are retributive actions born of fear and hatred based on racial prejudices. These I do not support, nor do I wish my community to support them.

James Goolsby
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Good afternoon, Howard County Council,

I am writing in favor of legislative bill #CB51-2020, prohibiting Howard County from housing immigrants detained by ICE. Thank you to Councilmember Liz Walsh for introducing the bill; I urge the full Council to pass it. I have similarly written to County Executive Ball encouraging him to sign it.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Stewart
9059 Baltimore Street, Savage, MD 20763

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My name is Kristin Lilly. I live in District 1. As a social worker, my Code of Ethics requires that I speak for immigrants in this county are afraid of ICE and working with ICE will only increase their distrust in our community. ICE is an oppressive organization that targets people of color. My immigrant friends and neighbors deserve to have ICE terminate all cooperation with ICE in housing detainees in our county.

I've heard some say that having an ICE detention center in Howard County is better than having it elsewhere and that it would be better than them being in an ICE detention center somewhere farther away. But most people don't have the money to pay for immigration attorneys and there are not many pro-bono or low bono resources for them to access. ICE detainees to be closer to family but if family members are undocumented, they will be too scared to visit. Most people in Howard County and they are moved to different detention centers frequently. They've said that Howard County treats immigrants worse than they are treated in other ICE detention centers. However, I heard first hand testimony from immigrants that had been in ICE detention centers treated very badly, including not being given adequate clothing and being put in solitary confinement.

This line of argument, that we can help people by working within an abusive system, is fundamental to a strategy that was used to try to help victims of Human Trafficking in the past. In the book "Half the Sky: Journey from Slavery to Modern Human Trafficking" by Kristoff and Satterthwaite, they talk about the horrors of sex trafficking and how he bought the freedom of two women from a Cambodian brothel. They talk about the freedom of women in brothels in Cambodia and other countries. Ultimately, Kristoff and the church used a buy freedom strategy. By buying the freedom of individuals, they might be able to help a few people but they were not fighting the oppressive system instead of fighting it. Working with ICE, a systemically oppressive and racist organization, tells immigrants in Howard County that we side with ICE- not them- and it builds mistrust.

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Hello, my name is Lisa Dickson from district 3. I support CB 51 because I believe Howard County should not cooperate with ICE. This is an organization that separates families and abuses human rights. Speaking specifically about the Jessup detention Center these are men who have already served their time for any crime they have committed and are then turned over to ICE for deportation or to convinced them to self deportation.


A while back I was visiting a man at the Jessup detention center. I was doing this through an agency called the DC visitation network. I saw that they really overuse solitary confinement and segregation. One man was kept in confinement for several months. I was able to communicate with him through videos and letters. I was his only visitor other than his lawyers. He was locked in a cell for 22 or 23 hours a day. This happened because he tried to save his friend from getting beat-up by people in a gang. He was not in a gang, he wanted nothing to do with them. He truthfully was trying to save his friend from gangsters.

He was represented by CAIR, and he was able to have his criminal record expunged. (The crime he had committed was as a juvenile, but he was tried as an adult and deported after serving time as a miner. After that he came back to this country where his family lives. He'd been here since he was 6 years old). He won his case in immigration Court, that was nothing short of a miracle. He asked me to bring him a suitcase on the day of his trial because he thought deportation was possible. I was scared he would be deported too. I packed a suitcase for his deportation when he had his court hearing in Baltimore. I was not allowed to listen to his case, but I brought the suitcase because I knew that I could drop it off in that same building once I learned of the outcome. He was extremely fortunate to win his case. I give his attorney from CAIR the credit. Early the following day he was transported to a state prison in Batavia, New York. Surprisingly, he said the conditions were better there. He waited to see if there was an appeal, he was then returned and released in Baltimore.

He was fortunate in the end, but I will mention that he wasn't a criminal to begin with and yet he spent over a year incarcerated, away from his son. He endured several months of isolation, he was given substandard medical care, had worse food and restricted calories in the 'hole'. They pressured him many time to self deport. He was able to hold on due to the people who cared about him.

People who are detained here have already served their time and are often under false pretenses. Many of them are not criminals, but ICE gladly labels them as such. Many of them have taken plea bargains in the past because lawyers advised them to. Under Calvin Ball's plan I believe that my friend still would be been placed in Jessup.

ICE is an organization that commits human rights violations, abuses children and women and separates families. I feel that my county should not cooperate with ICE because it is cruel and abusive to those it holds in its custody. Now we have a pandemic occurring, that makes conditions worse. We need this contract to end! Please implement CB 51. Immigrants contribute so much to our county and our country! We must do better than this!

Thank you. 

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I live in District 2 and am a member of Indivisible HoCoMD.

I urge you all to vote in favor of CB 51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center

This is definitely not what Howard County - a county that prides itself on Civility - should stand for.

Especially during a pandemic, I don't want people unnecessarily kept in more dangerous conditions.

Some have already served their sentence and should not be incarcerated again and deported from our jails, possibly to be sent to countries that are not at all safe for them

PLEASE vote for CB 51

Joanne Locke
8575 Autumn Harvest
Ellicott City, MD

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Dear Councilpersons,

I was born and raised in Howard County and moved back to raise my family - we wanted our children to grow up in a county that values diversity, equity, and humanity. I was recently Horrified to learn of the forced hysterectomies being performed by ICE. In this country. In the twenty first century. This. Must. Stop.

Please think of your constituents - we all have mothers, sisters, daughters. Please don't let your legacy be defined by failure to stand up to this reprehensible organization. This. Is. Not. Ok.

I urge you to vote for CB51 to terminate cooperation with ICE in housing detainees in our county.

Sincerely,
Emily Shreve
District 4

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Kiana Fok. I live in District One in Ellicott City. I'm a member of Howard Our Revolution, and I urge you to vote for CB51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center. I have listened, in person, to the stories of the various people who have been or have immigrant loved ones held in detention, and could hear in their voices the various feelings of hurt and fear that they have or are going through. I have heard that this county prides itself on its cultural diversity, and this inhumane treatment should not be what Howard County stands for.

Sincerely,
Kiana Fok

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Kristina Strakna. I live in District Four in Columbia. I'm a member of the Howard County branch of Indivisible, and I urge you to vote for CB51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

The federal government's current immigration policies are cruel, heartless and unjust. How can it be morally acceptable to routinely tear families apart and deport people who have lived and worked peacefully in the United States for decades? Collaborating with this system is inconsistent with Howard County's stated values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We should not be using our tax dollars to enforce ICE's racist policies, period.

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. Take it. Please vote yes on CB 51.

Thank you,
Kristina Strakna
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Sayers, Margery

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Subject: Vote FOR CB 51

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Dear Howard County Council members,

My name is Edith Williams. I live in District Three in King's Contrivance, Columbia, and am a member the Howard County branch of Indivisible. I strongly urge you to vote FOR CB 51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

There are no good arguments for continuing to be a part of ICE's racist and unjust, cruel and family-destroying system of arrest and incarceration, no matter how much better Howard County's detention center is than the average ICE-run facility or how much revenue or anything else Howard County may receive from ICE.

There are many definitive reasons for refusing to be a part of the ICE detention system any longer:

1. To build the kind of community we want Howard County to be – diverse, welcoming, compassionate, just, hard-working, peaceful, law abiding, neighborly, committed to protecting human rights;
2. To stand for community, for family, for safety;
3. To stand against cruelty, injustice, the scapegoating and persecution of immigrants in and outside of Howard County;
4. To be on the right side, the moral side of history;
5. To refuse to be a cog in the Trump Administration's xenophobic, unjust, inhumane immigration practices and policies carried out by ICE; policies and practices that have more in common with dictatorships and failed states than peace and justice-loving democracies, democracies where people care about protecting everyone's human and civil rights at the same time that we diligently enforce our laws.

Many who argue against this legislation will argue that they are standing against crime and for law enforcement; that they are supporting "law and order."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

This issue isn't about law and order; it never has been. It is about the systematic persecution and scapegoating of immigrants in our country, and whether or not we in Howard County will continue to be a part of it.

ICE is a disgrace to law enforcement. Its "enforcement" and detention practices are an insult to every honest police officer and detention official dedicated to enforcing the law, to protecting and serving justice and their communities. To place Howard County's own law enforcement officials, indeed, every resident of Howard County, into the position of continuing to support this ICE system is inimical to good, effective law enforcement, injurious to our community, and just plain wrong.

These are momentous times, times when citizens and elected officials alike are called upon to make decisions that change the course of history for better or for worse, times that when we look back on them, define who we were, who and what we served, and what we stood for when it mattered most.

I have no doubt that you will choose to stand for the very best in Howard County, that you will serve the people of our County faithfully, and that you will stand for doing the right thing, both practically and morally, by voting YES to CB 51, thereby removing Howard County from the inhumane and unjust ICE arrest and detention system.

Sincerely, and with many thanks,

Edith Williams
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Columbia, MD 21046

Testimony in support of CB51

From: Dr. Anna Rubin, Emeritus Assoc. Professor, UMBC

Dear Council and County Executive, I am a resident of Council District 2 in Columbia. I am writing in support of Liz Walsh's legislation that would ban the county from cooperating with federal agents with regards to detaining immigrants.

I am a second generation citizen. Both of my parents immigrated to the US in the early 1900s to escape the persecution of Jews in Eastern Europe. Their respective families came with little but through struggle and determination, made new lives for themselves. I know that my life literally wouldn't have been possible had they remained in Europe.

I have watched with horror as ICE agents have detained immigrants whose only crime was escaping their own horrendous conditions in their home countries. ICE has shown itself to be a rogue agency in such actions as dividing children from their parents and guardians with a cavalier attitude towards documenting family members. A lack of transparency prevents citizens from knowing what exact charges have been made against detainees. I have been appalled that Howard County has continued to cooperate with ICE as other Maryland counties have stopped.

The cosmetic changes proposed by Dr. Ball will only maintain this terrible agreement. I feel I must honor my parents' dream of a country that is a haven to persecuted and oppressed people seeking asylum and safety by supporting CB-51. Vote yes on this bill.

Sincerely,
Dr. Anna Rubin

Sayers, Margery

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Greetings:

Any law enforcement institution that functions in disguise with no transparency is very likely to abuse the Constitution of the Nation as well as violation of Basic Human Rights.

There is no excuse not to be transparent when they are enforcing a written law. Functioning in disguise paves the path to dictatorship not to a democratic nation.

I appreciate your vote in helping the helpless and the realization of the Ideals of the Constitution in our day to day life.

Thank you,

Ahmed Maregn Mohamed

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My name is Roslyn Lindner. I am a citizen of Howard County residing in Columbia in Wilde Lake. I am fully in favor of CB51 and completely ending Howard County's ties with ICE.

Howard County is a richly, and beautifully, diverse county in which people of all cultures have been able to make a home and raise their families. As a county proud of our diversity, we must strive to protect every member of our community, no matter their race, religion, or citizenship status.

ICE has shown time and time again that it is firmly opposed to the values Howard County holds dear. ICE separates children from their families, keeping both adults and children in disgusting, inhumane conditions, allowing sexual assault, disease, and death to run rampant all for the crime of coming to the US to seek safety. ICE has now been exposed as forcing sterilization on women who have come to this country seeking asylum, seeking safety for themselves and their families. Although it is completely legal for immigrants to come to the US to seek asylum, ICE has made this a crime punishable by internment in conditions that wouldn't even be imposed upon the worst of this country's criminals. On top of these atrocities, ICE has also participated in violently attacking peaceful Black Lives Matter protestors. It is clear that ICE is a racist institution fueled even more by a racist presidential administration. Rather than keeping people secure, they spread violence, fear, and hate. These should not be the values of any American city and they absolutely are not the values of Howard County.

As a citizen of Howard county, I see that immigrants only make our community better, stronger, and more reflective of the kingdom of our Creator. Even undocumented immigrants bring strength to our community. Undocumented individuals pay taxes without being able to apply for government benefits. They are less likely to commit crime due to their status. Beyond those basic facts, they are also hard workers, good neighbors, good friends, and an essential part of our community.

Please uphold CB51 and sever ties with ICE, whose only aim is to ruin lives and destroy communities such as ours. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Roslyn Lindner

Sayers, Margery

From: Nadine Bernard <nadine.bernard@comcast.net>
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Good afternoon Council Members,

My name is Nadine Bernard, I live at 8676 Doves Fly Way Laurel, MD 20723. I am in council woman's Deb Jung's district. I have lived in this county for over 45 years. I am asking you to end the contract with ICE. I am asking you to do this for two reasons: First, it is our duty to serve our county first. It is not our responsibility to assist ICE in detaining immigrants. Our budget is under duress, and our officers should concentrate on our county residents and what constitutes a responsibility to the safety of our county residents. This does not include detaining immigrants for ICE. The second reason is moral. ICE has proven lately to be deceitful and using tactics to lie, and cheat and putting people's lives at risk to follow this administrations objectives. I have included two article for you to read, if you have not already done so. To capsulize them for you, the first article should be of great alarm to all of us. ICE used the ruse of moving detainees from Texas to Virginia in order to use a chartered plane to get border patrol up here to Lafayette Square to remove peaceful BLM protestors. They were not allowed to charter a plane for any reason except to move detainees. So, they decided to move them. They did this at great risk to the detainees, not testing them for covid and as it turns out infecting the detainees and possibly staff at the detention center in Virginia. I strongly believe we should not work with deceptive agents for the government because it will come back to bite us. Morally we have an obligation to be truthful, honest and above board. If you choose to work with those that are dishonest, it will reflect poorly on Howard County, Dr. Ball and our entire community. The second article is how ICE deceived an undocumented person by entering his home, after he had a monitor on his ankle, under the ruse the monitor needed repair. He believed them, he had no criminal history, they literally went onto church grounds and lured him out with a false story. Now we have our US Senator, a congressman, a judge, and multiple attorneys working on this man's behalf. What if this was happening here in this county?

It is simply not the responsibility of our county employees to work on behalf of ICE. It is like taking payola from the mafia, doing their dirty work for them. Our neighbors Montgomery, and Anne Arundel and well as Baltimore County and Baltimore City have ended their contracts and arrangements with ICE. We need to do the same. Separating more families, causing immense stress, putting people at risk for covid, and then being part of some strange coalition that moves these people all over the country from center to center to spread the wealth, is nauseating to this long time resident. I am appalled by our resistance to end the contract. On first glance, it appears we are willing to retain the contract for monetary gain, an aberrant reason in itself, but, we apparently aren't making any money from our arrangement, and it appears to be a moot point. All contractual transactions must be above board, and with ICE, it is apparent this might not be the case. Why would we ever jeopardize our good name in joining them possibly in illicit activity?

Please, I am asking you to vote to end the ICE contract, they have demonstrated they can't be trusted.

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/glenmont-church-ice-deportation/2020/09/17/e57febd8-f855-11ea-be57-d00bb9bc632d_story.html

I do hope with all of my heart CB51 will be voted on in a way I will be once again be proud of and respect the integrity of Howard County Government. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Nadine Bernard

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Hello,

My name is Emma Denlinger and I am a resident of Howard County. Below I have attached a testimony in favor of CB51-2020 that I would like to submit for the upcoming hearing.

Thank you,

Emma Denlinger

University of Maryland Class of 2021

Neurobiology and Physiology BS Candidate

Integrated Life Sciences Honors Program

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Hello,

My name is Emma Denlinger. I live in Kings Contrivance and am a constituent of Christiana Rigby's. I am writing to testify in favor of CB51-2020, and I strongly encourage that the council vote in support of this legislation.

One thing I have always loved about Howard County is its promotion of diversity. Living and attending school in Columbia, I got the opportunity to meet people from a variety of backgrounds, something that I might argue was even more important to my development than the material I was taught in my classes. So, when I recently found out about the contract that my county has with ICE, I was severely disappointed. I was even more disappointed to discover that we are one of only three counties that voluntarily house ICE detainees. How can we as a county that boasts inclusivity associate ourselves with an agency that discriminates against the same people it claims to welcome? By participating in such an agreement, Howard County has played a shamefully active role in the abuse of immigrants, and as a resident, I am ashamed and disgusted. This contract completely invalidates our values as a community. I will not stand for this.

It has been argued in the past (and the present) that there are stringent regulations regarding who is detained in our detention centers. Yet, Jack Kavanaugh himself admitted that there were several cases in which the detainees we kept did not meet any of the criteria. However, even if the criteria were to be met by every detainee, it still would not justify Howard County's partnership with an agency that is known to treat immigrants so heinously. ICE detains immigrants, sometimes regardless of their official status in the United States, and subjects them to terribly inhumane conditions in detention centers for crimes they supposedly committed but for which they were never given a fair trial. A recent article by the New York Times told the story of a woman who was given an unwanted hysterectomy while detained. Even in our own detention center, ex-detainees have spoken of disgusting conditions including, but not limited to: human feces tossed at detainees by other residents remaining on the floor for days before being removed, improper footwear being given to detainees, toilet paper being withheld, guards making racist comments about detainees such as that they "all had the same face." Is this the reputation we want for Howard County? Are these actions representative of our values? While it may not seem it, our association with ICE serves as quiet support for their disgusting and racist

practices, and by providing this support, we are actively perpetuating racism ourselves. This is not what Howard County claims to be, nor is it what Howard County *should* be.

Despite our failure to pass previous legislation to end this contract, I still believe in Howard County. It is not too late to admit that agreeing to this contract was wrong. We can still do the right thing. So, please vote in favor of CB51-2020, and end our county's contract with ICE, once and for all. The passage of such legislation is long overdue, and I, as a resident of Howard County, refuse to accept the rejection of it. We cannot progress as a county without the richness of diversity, and by continuing the contract, we continue to place targets on the backs of those who contribute to that diversity.

Sayers, Margery

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Please find attached, and also as text in this email, a copy of my upcoming testimony in support of CB 51. Please confirm receipt. Thank you.

Michael David
410-370-2122

Oral Testimony Supporting CB 51

My name is Michael David. I reside in Councilwoman Deb Jung District. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views; I support CB 51.

I am an immigrant. I am a decorated veteran, having served in Vietnam. I know well my fellow immigrants; we serve our communities, and we are proud to be productive contributors. For a long time, we had but limited reason to feel unappreciated.

But things have turned ugly. Some of my fellow citizens are ready to tear up immigrant families, to detain immigrants for flimsy reasons or for no reason. Howard County's Contract with ICE supports such behavior.

I heard much spin in support of the contract with ICE. But false spin has been put mostly to rest, as evidenced by this Bill, CB 51. But, a new, dangerous spin has emerged: Howard County will, possibly, have a new Policy guiding immigrant detention on behalf of ICE. And that, the spin goes, would be sufficient change.

No, a change in policy is insufficient. For one, Policy needs constant implementation. I have interviewed ICE agents and I am told, convincingly, that each agent states as reason for incarceration whatever he feels like. But Director Kavanagh has stated, he has not felt the need to question ICE statements. So, a changed Policy, prone to implementation errors and subject to a reversal of the Policy, would be nowhere as good as a terminated Contract.

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Thank you.

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Testimony in favor of HB51

My name is Roslyn Zinner. I live in Long Reach and am a constituent of Opel Jones, District 2. I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of HB51.

In defending the Howard County contract with ICE to house immigrant detainees, some have said that the horrors committed by ICE are a federal issue, and that ending one contract in one county will not change the policies and conditions in prisons around the country. While there is truth to this objection, we can't lose sight of our own obligations as citizens to stand up for what is right.

We can refuse to support or implement harmful policies. Change starts at home. Local political action puts pressure on national leaders to change laws. We have an obligation to our foreign-born friends and neighbors in Howard County to work against cruel and unjust policies and practices. Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice, not in the rear. Changing the rules a little as County Executive Ball recently announced, is wholly inadequate. I hope you will vote in favor of HB51.

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From: Francis <francis.uy@gmail.com>
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Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Testimony regarding ICE contract (CB51 et al)

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Dear Council,

Hello. I'm one of the people who protested behind Calvin Ball at the Hispanic Heritage press conference. As you might guess, I support CB51 and strongly oppose working with fascist thugs who beat & abduct people in the streets and commit crimes against humanity (forced sterilization, which the UN classifies as a form of genocide).

However, I'm also a realist. If a majority of the council prefers the "compromise" proposal, there is one egregious loophole that you need to fix. Howard County should only hold detainees WHO ARE **CURRENTLY** SERVING THEIR CRIMINAL SENTENCES.

ICE is notorious for using this "former criminal" loophole to hunt down reformed, productive members of society. Someone who made a terrible choice years ago, was duly punished for it, and has since been a law-abiding aspiring-citizen, should not be in a prison cell, and we definitely should not be the people putting them in that cell.

Be Better,

-Francis Uy
District 4 (Wilde Lake / Running Brook) homeowner

Sayers, Margery

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To: Howard County Council Members
Dr Calvin Ball and Christina Rigby District 3

From: Robin Vestal
8420 Savage Guilford Rd
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(301) 675-9313

Re: CB 51-2020

FOR

I want to thank Liz Walsh for introducing this legislation and hope it can be swiftly passed.

I had been volunteering every Saturday for Catholic Services at Howard County Detention Center since 2012 till this past March when all visitation stopped. I have gotten to know many of the men (and women the one year that Howard County Detention Center held women for ICE) held at HCDC. Some have stayed in touch after they were able to obtain their release (either in this country or the country of origin).

I have found it very troubling that men and women are held in jail for civil infractions without the right to legal representation or easy access to family, friends, visitors. Many of these people are very fine, hard working individuals that anyone should be proud to have as a neighbor and to see their distress has been heartbreaking. I will share a few stories; a man from Togo who was at the Detention Center when I first started volunteering (in 2012) was detained for 3 years while he attempted to obtain asylum, which was denied, however he could not be deported as Togo would not accept him back. He was eventually released after being sent to the hospital for a severe kidney infection when he collapsed at the detention center. After that point he was granted a green card and obtained employment working at a restaurant in the Langley Park area. He would touch base periodically so I knew he was he was doing okay. Shortly before visitation was stopped he was picked up at his apartment suddenly by ICE. He looked shell shocked. His lawyer was unable to assist him but assured me that he could not be deported as Togo still would not accept him. I checked case search and there were no legal troubles for him since his discharge from the detention center. . After visitation was stopped he called me from Arizona where ICE had moved him, a few months later he called again from Howard County Detention Center crying. He had been sent, during a pandemic from Arizona then to Texas and then had been returned to Howard County. He was desperate for help. I have not heard from him again.

I generally got to know the people that were lucky enough to find legal help and were fighting deportation. Detention is a challenge to overcome as well as at least two people that I got to know gave up after being detained for a year and accepted deportation simply to get out of detention. One was a young man from Nicaragua who had been in the country since he was 2, his entire family was here and were distraught.

I also have heard from several people that were in Howard County Detention Center and have been released and now live in the community and are working again. All universally report that being in the detention center was a horrible experience and was very traumatizing. A few of these men have testified about their experiences. All hoped that Howard County would stop participating with ICE.

Participating in the detention and deportation of our fellow human beings is not a thing that I want to participate in and I hope that our county council will join with our neighboring counties to stop participating in holding detainees for ICE.

Sincerely,

Robin Vestal
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Sayers, Margery

From: Theresa Reuter <treesrpeace@gmail.com>
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Subject: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you : CB51

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Hello, I am a citizen of the United States , and like you and every immigrant; of the world .

I am in complete agreement with the Howard council Coalition for Immigrant Justice .

We in every community have an obligation to our foreign born friends & neighbors to protect them from unjust laws that often tear them from their families for no violent offense; most likely they are jailed for minor traffic violations or possession of a small amount of marijuana.

I heard Howard county detains people who have been charged but not convicted , and those who have already served their complete sentences in jail .

This is not just, is cruel, and reflects badly on our country .

Most of all the immigrants serve our country well , doing good work we depend on, so let us make our communities stronger by keeping immigrants working with us , not costing us money unnecessarily In jail . Vote for Justice
CB51

Theresa Reuter
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Sayers, Margery

From: FeiTian Ma <feit1@umbc.edu>
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Subject: Support CB-51 and end contract with ICE

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As a Howard County resident for the past 12 years, I implore Howard County to end its contract with ICE.

Current immigration policies routinely tear families apart, target Black and Brown immigrants and deport people who've lived and worked in this country peacefully for decades. The county detains people who have NOT committed or been convicted of violent crimes. The Department of Corrections accepts detainees charged with nonviolent crimes. They also detain people who have already served their full sentences in jail. The ICE contract imposes cost on Howard County's taxpayers like myself.

ICE compensates HOCO \$110 a day per detainee. According to the county, the actual costs associated with housing each ICE detainee is \$8 more. *Howard County is effectively subsidizing ICE.* Continuing the contract with ICE makes Howard County less safe. Immigrants are less likely to cooperate with county police and less likely to report crimes with ICE present in HOCO.

Many undocumented immigrants pay taxes, work, and contribute to the community in so many ways, yet so many live in fear of detention and deportation. While incarcerated, detainees cannot easily find or pay for competent legal representation. It is much harder to find a lawyer from inside the detention center than in the community. While HOCO has many lawyers, there is no evidence that detainees at the Jessup jail are more likely to have legal representation than detainees in other facilities.

Furthermore, detention tears families apart. Families are broken up by detaining people at the Howard County Detention Center who are parents and breadwinners in the family. Family members of detainees often cannot pay rent, get evicted, lose jobs, and suffer other hardships as you can imagine.

HOCO is *one of only three counties remaining in Maryland that continues to house ICE detainees.* We cannot pride Howard County in its diversity and community when this is happening in Jessup.

Please end the cruel and inhumane treatment of Black and Brown immigrants now.

Sincerely,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Shari Rendall <srendall@fairus.org>
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Dear Council Member,
Please find attached FAIR's comments opposing efforts to end Howard County Detention Center's contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Bill 51-2020).
Sincerely,
Shari



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FAIR is a nonprofit public interest organization working to end illegal immigration and to set levels of legal immigration that are consistent with the national interest.



FEDERATION FOR AMERICAN IMMIGRATION REFORM

September 18, 2020

The Honorable Deb Jung
Howard County Council
George Howard Building
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Chairwoman Jung and other distinguished Members of the Council:

My name is Shari Rendall and I am the Director of State and Local Engagement for the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). Founded in 1979, FAIR advocates for immigration policies that reduce the harmful impact of illegal immigration on national security, public safety, the economy, jobs, education, healthcare and the environment. FAIR has about two million members and supporters nationwide including approximately 100 members in Howard County. I am submitting comments today on behalf of FAIR in opposition to Bill 51-2020, which would end the Howard County Detention Center's contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Supporters of this bill argue that it is critical to end cooperation with ICE because it causes distrust within the immigrant community which will result in crimes not being reported and witnesses unwilling to come forward.

There is zero empirical evidence of a so-called chilling effect from local law enforcement cooperation with ICE, and this claim has been repudiated by a number of credible studies.

Importantly, cooperation between local law enforcement and ICE will not reduce the number of non-citizens reporting crimes or coming forward with testimony about being criminalized. Besides the fact that anonymous tips can be given, there are already a number of programs that allow state and local law enforcement to encourage victim and witness cooperation by granting lawful status to illegal aliens who aid in the prosecution of criminals. If illegal aliens provide helpful information to police, they may qualify for a "U," "T," "S" or "VAWA" nonimmigrant visa, which, in turn, would allow them to apply for permanent legal status in the U.S. By contrast, efforts to conceal them only deprive them of the opportunity to take advantage of these federal programs.

Furthermore, the Howard County Detention Center cooperates with other federal law enforcement agencies. Howard County Detention Center has a contract with the U.S. Marshals Service to house individuals under arrest for



them. In fact, the most recent contract with the U.S. Marshals Service from 2019 pays Howard County Detention Center \$110 per individual/day – the same amount the Howard County Detention Center receives from ICE. Why should Howard County Detention Center's cooperation with ICE be any different? Howard County Detention Center officers should be able to cooperate with all local, state and federal law enforcement officials. The contract to house individuals for ICE has been a long-standing contract that brings an additional \$2 million annually to the community.

Additionally, Howard County Detention Center does not get involved with immigration enforcement. The ICE detainees in the Howard County Detention Center are simply being housed in that facility. In fact, the Howard County Detention Center narrows the aliens ICE can house at their facility. It only allows ICE to house individuals in its facility that are convicted of crimes, charged with jailable offenses, members of a criminal gang, or if they are deported criminal felons who have reentered the United States illegally.

Currently, there are only three facilities in Maryland that contract with ICE to house detainees – in Frederick, Howard, and Worcester counties. If the Howard County Council ends your Detention Center's contract with ICE, it will not stop ICE from detaining and removing individuals to accomplish its mission of protecting America from cross-border crime and illegal immigration that threatens national security and public safety. The effect of ending the contract with ICE means that individuals will be sent to other detention centers that will likely be further from their families and from their legal counsel.

For the aforementioned reasons, FAIR respectfully asks the Howard County Council to reject Bill 51-2020 and allow the Howard County Detention Center to continue to house individuals for ICE.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, if I may be of assistance. I may be reached by email at srendall@fairus.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shari Rendall". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Shari" and "Rendall" being capitalized and prominent.

Shari Rendall

To: County Council, Howard County, Maryland

From: James Caldiero, Resident, 4128 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21043, tel: (410) 465-7452

Date: September 18, 2020

Subject: In Support of Council Bill 51-2020

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of CB51-2020, an act that prohibits the Howard County Department of Corrections from participating with Federal authorities in detaining individuals while they are pursuing immigration proceedings.

The detention of non-violent undocumented immigrants, as the story I will tell you demonstrates, violates basic principles of humanity and decency, particularly when other means to track these individuals are available.

I offer here Charley's story.

Charley is not his real name. As with most immigrants, fear envelops Charley's life, so no real names, no videos or films in which gangs can recognize him.

Charley came to the U.S. from a Central American country with his mother when he was 6 years old. We might call him a Dreamer. An uneventful childhood turned upside down in his teen years after an altercation with his stepfather that resulted in Charley's arrest and subsequent deportation to a country he barely knew despite his protestations of "credible fear" of violence if returned.

Charley, after saving enough money for the journey north, re-entered the U.S. in California and for the next ten years integrated himself into American society, marrying, starting a family, paying taxes. Then, a routine encounter with police led to his detention and a subsequent call to ICE which took Charley into custody.

Charley ended up at the ICE Detention Center in Jessup, MD, a part of the Howard County Department of Corrections facility that the County rents to ICE under an Intergovernmental Service Agreement where ICE pays the county a lucrative per diem rate for each of the 100+ immigrant detainees.

Charley and all the undocumented immigrant young men held in the detention center are housed in "general population" dormitories along with gang members. The immigrants, most of whom are non-violent, are faced with two choices: join a gang for protection – begin a life of crime, the very event we are trying to prevent – or be beaten by gang members. Charley didn't join a gang and was beaten. Guards, who don't speak Spanish, seeing Charley's bloodied and bruised body, concluded he had been fighting and placed him in segregation/isolation, a mixed blessing. At least he was safe from the gangs, but alone in a small, dark, windowless cell for 23 hours a day, with only one hour outside for exercise and phone calls to family and lawyers. The facility does not provide counseling or mental health support that the most vulnerable detainees need. There are few books and nearly none in Spanish. Only one television and gangs dominate the programming. Families, if local, don't visit because they are afraid of ICE.

Fortunately, a non-profit organization took on Charley's case. An immigration judge ruled that Charley's original deportation was unjust because of "credible fear" in returning to Central America and so his re-entry violation was consequently invalid. Charley was granted asylum. He has graduated from a trade

school, obtained a driver's license and is reconnecting with his family. He wants to become a lawfully admitted permanent resident (Green Card) and eventually to become a U.S. Citizen. After all, the United States is really the only home he knows.

The violence Charley encountered at Jessup is unconscionable, especially for an enlightened community.

My Unitarian Universalist faith tells me to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to affirm justice, equity and compassion in human relations and, as such, calls me to help end our county's participation in this cruel and unjust system.

Please vote to enact CB51.

Thank you.

James Caldiero

4128 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Member, Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Co-Chair, Immigration Task Force, Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Hansel Motiram <sjmotiram@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 3:54 AM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel
Subject: Testimony for CB51-2020

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I SWEAR TO THE GODS SO HELP ME IF YOU DO NOT END THIS ACCURSED CONTRACT WITH THE US AGENCY COMMITTING LITERAL ETHNIC CLEANSING. WHO THE FUCK LET THIS HAPPEN IN THE FIRST PLACE? AN INTERN? YOU TELL THE KID TO GET COFFEE AND THEY CAME BACK WITH A TEMPLATE FOR 1940s GERMANY, AND YOU WERE LIKE "DAMN, CANT LET THAT GO TO WASTE"?? SERIOUSLY. KIDS. CAGES. PANDEMIC. NONE OF THAT SEEMS LIKE A BAD COMBINATION TO YOU???

MAY IT WEIGH ON YOUR SOULS FOREVER, THAT YOU DID NOT STOP EVIL WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE. FUCK ICE.

Sayers, Margery

From: Eileen Singleton <eileenmgs@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony Supporting CB-51

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Dear County Executive Ball and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for CB-51, and to thank my Councilmember Liz Walsh for introducing the bill.

Undocumented immigrants should not be considered criminals and should not be housed in prison. There are humane ways to ensure that undocumented immigrants follow the rules, and putting them in prison makes them less safe and makes our community less safe. They are people, like us, looking for a better life for themselves and their families.

I am reminded of what Lt. Col Alexander Vindman said in his testimony to Congress - "here right matters." Passing CB-51 is the right thing to do - does right still matter in Howard County? I hope so and I hope the Council passes and County Executive Ball signs this critical bill.

Wishing you all well,
Eileen Singleton
3710 Takoya Drive
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Philip Curran <pncurran@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: ICE Contract

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

I serve as pastor of Columbia United Christian Church; while I cannot speak for the congregation, I do want to express my opposition to the county's contract with ICE.

I sought to be understanding of the county's rationale for partnering with ICE, but after a trip to the nation's southern border last January, and news reports of ICE's deceptive tactics in luring a migrant out of a Silver Spring congregation of faith last Thursday (breaking protocol and respect for sacred places of sanctuary), it is no longer possible for me to understand Howard County's relationship with ICE.

ICE, as you know, came into existence in 2003 as a result of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Sadly, it has morphed into a deportation force. This 2018 article from the New York Times speaks to the issue: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/03/us/politics/fact-check-ice-immigration-abolish.html>

I hope you will reconsider your current position and leave the contract with ICE.

Sincerely,

Philip Curran

It is in the shelter of each other that the people live (an Irish proverb)

Sayers, Margery

From: Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:31 PM
To: tellhoco
Cc: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin; Salgado Leslie; IndivisibleHoCoMD
Subject: Re: Testimony support CB 51

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Hi Stephanie and Calvin,

I am NOT impressed by your effort to justify maintaining your contract with ICE. The Trump administration is acting unethically. I have read the book Situation Ethics multiple times in my life; see the following: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/situation-ethics>

My version of the words its author, Joseph Fletcher, uses to summarize Christian ethics are these: "What is the **loving** thing to **do** in each **situation**?"

I often quote these words. In my opinion, by this standard, your policy is clearly a failure. Please cancel the county's contract with ICE.

Ray Donaldson

On Sep 17, 2020, at 11:28 AM, tellhoco@howardcountymd.gov wrote:

Greetings,

Thank you for reaching out to the Office of the County Executive with your concern regarding the Howard County Detention Center during this global pandemic. Please click on the link below. Your email has been forwarded for consideration.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Corrections/Detention-Center-FAQs>

As always, our office is appreciative of your continued advocacy to ensure every resident of our community remains safe during this pandemic. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office by calling (410) 313-2013.

On behalf of the Office of County Executive, Calvin Ball

Ref:MSG1305699

Sayers, Margery

From: Jack Lewis <jacklewis.4548@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:26 PM
Subject: Testimony for CB51-2020

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Testimony for CB51-2020

I attended Howard County Public Schools from K-12. I learned to ride a bike in Patapsco Valley, learned to drive in the Dunloggin Middle School parking lot, and I learned many of my values from Howard County teachers who modeled empathy and compassion. I am so grateful I was able to grow up in a community full of neighbors who showed me care, kept me safe, and treated me with kindness. My lived experience gives me faith that the people of Howard County embody their values of respect with their actions.

My question is: will our government do the same?

I support CB51-2020 because I want Howard County to stand firmly against the mission and tactics of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Since its creation in 2003, ICE has committed state-sanctioned acts of violence against the immigrant community to protect a status quo of white supremacy. Their purpose is to criminalize immigration, with a disproportionate impact on black and brown people. Their organizational practices defy both Constitutional rights and any sense of human decency. ICE will grab people off the street and throw them into unmarked vans, they detain people without trials, and they force families to separate. The ACLU National Prisons Project determined that ICE detention "poses life-threatening health and safety risks for the tens of thousands of people who are locked up across the country." This is especially true for the pregnant women who are detained, as many of them suffer miscarriages, according to a [2017 complaint](#) filed on behalf of hundreds. A USA Today [investigation](#) into ICE last year found over 400 allegations of sexual assault or abuse, over 800 instances of physical force against detainees, and nearly 20,000 grievances filed by detainees. The exact number of deaths in ICE detention is difficult to discern, since, as a New York Times investigation summed up, ICE has a "[culture of secrecy](#)." However, they could not conceal the images we've now all seen of small children ripped from their parents and locked in cages. Then in August it was [reported](#) that ICE had allowed more than 5,000 of the people they're detaining to contract the COVID-19 virus. Just this month, a whistleblower stepped forward to report doctors may be performing unwanted hysterectomies on women that are detained. The collective portrait painted by these abuses is as clear as it is horrifying.

With this legislation, there is a simple question you must answer: Do you believe these violations of human rights are morally acceptable? If you agree that what ICE has done, and continues to do, is abhorrent, then you cannot continue any kind of partnership with them.

Some of those who oppose this bill have taken a position that our continued cooperation with ICE is acceptable based on the specific treatment ICE detainees receive in the borders of our county. I want to make it clear that I support this bill because *any partnership* with ICE is morally reprehensible. It is absurd to argue that we can cooperate with ICE in Howard County, while at the same time condemning their caging of children, forced hysterectomies, and medical neglect at facilities around the nation. Every local government that works with ICE, in any capacity, contributes to their legitimacy as an agency and their ability to commit abuses against undocumented people. If we continue any contract with ICE, we are part of the institutional network that allows them to function. If we as a community truly stand against those abuses, we need to stop working with the organization committing those abuses. To support ICE is to be complicit in their national campaign of violence against marginalized people. It's that simple.

The abuses of ICE have been brought to the public eye thanks to the incredibly brave risks of journalists, whistleblowers, and most importantly, those who have been detained or had family detained. The families that have suffered have told us, again and again, who ICE is. Please do not ignore their stories. With this bill, you have an opportunity to help shape the values of Howard County. Who are we: a community that stays silent in the face of injustice, or one that acts to do what is right?

I hope you will vote 'yes' on CB51-2020. Thank you for your time,
Jack Lewis

Sayers, Margery

From: Roslyn Zinner <rozzinner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony in favor of CB51

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Testimony in favor of HB51

My name is Roslyn Zinner. I live in Long Reach and am a constituent of Opel Jones. I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of HB51.

In defending the Howard County contract with ICE to house immigrant detainees, some have said that the horrors committed by ICE are a federal issue, and that ending one contract in one county will not change the policies and conditions in prisons around the country.

While there is truth to this objection, we can't lose sight of our own obligations as citizens to stand up for what is right. We can refuse to support or implement harmful policies. Change starts at home. Local political action puts pressure on national leaders to change laws. We have an obligation to our foreign-born friends and neighbors in Howard County to work against cruel and unjust policies and practices. Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice, not in the rear.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CB51

From: Harriett Katzen <hkatzen7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB51

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Dear Representative Jones,

I strongly urge you to support CB51 which ends the ICE contract in Howard County. All people deserve to live free of fear and to be treated humanely. It is the least we can do for our fellow citizens. Please make this a reality by voting for this bill.

Thank you,

Harriett Katzen

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: Testimony for CB51-2020

From: Tessa Loazer <tessaloazer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Testimony for CB51-2020

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Hello,

I was born and raised in Howard County and I know that ICE has no place in this community. I'm sure you've seen the recent headlines about migrants in ICE facilities have hysterectomies performed on them without their consent- this couldn't be farther from "choosing civility" and creating a safe, inclusive community for all Howard County residents. Our cooperation with ICE makes us complicit in a cruel and unjust system that tears families apart and that makes immigrants in our community less likely to cooperate with the police and reach out to government services in times of crisis. I STRONGLY support CB51 and ending our contract with ICE.

Best,
Tessa Loazer
tessaloazer@gmail.com
301 922 2088

Sayers, Margery

From: Tessa Loazer <tessaloazer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:07 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony for CB51-2020

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Best,
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Sayers, Margery

From: Arthurs, Maureen
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Jung, Deb; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail; Jones, Diane; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Dvorak, Nicole; Gelwicks, Colette; Facchine, Felix; Alston, Ashley; Harris, Michael; Skalny, Cindy; Knight, Karen; Sidh, Sameer; Jones, Jennifer D.; Manley, Josh; Robbins, Lonnie
Subject: Administration Correspondence: Detention Center / ICE Policy Modification
Attachments: 9.17.20-DetentionPolicy_Final.pdf; DetentionPolicy C-205.pdf
Importance: High

Good Morning Councilmembers,

On behalf of County Executive Ball, please see the attached correspondence and policy clarification regarding the ICE policy at our Detention Center.

Maureen

Maureen Evans Arthurs

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September 17, 2020

Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
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Dear Councilmembers,

As a follow up to our correspondence on September 8th, I'm pleased to share that Howard County Government and CASA have agreed on a policy clarification to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contract with the Detention Center in Howard County that I believe will preserve public safety while adhering to our values of integrity and respect. I have continued to work toward having policies that clearly protect our community from convicted offenders while maintaining our commitment to just treatment for all members of the community, regardless of immigration status. The attached policy clarification accomplishes this goal.

Throughout our discussions with CASA and other stakeholders over the last year, my goal was to ensure the policy regarding the ICE contract with the Detention Center in Howard County addressed community concerns about justice and fairness while balancing the need to keep the safety of our community a top priority. The attached clarification ensures the Howard County Department of Corrections only accepts detainees from ICE who are convicted of a "crime of violence," as stated under Maryland Criminal code section 14-101. Furthermore, it formalizes notification and reporting procedures related to ICE detainees.

Under the revised policy, only persons convicted of violent crimes would be housed in the Detention Center. This revision significantly differs from Council Bill 51, which was introduced on September 8th. If enacted, CB-51 would effectively prohibit the County from housing any person who is in federal custody in the Detention Center under the contract with ICE. We believe that our policy revision strikes the appropriate balance between ensuring the fair treatment of our immigrant populations while protecting our community from those convicted of a "crime of violence."

As you know, immigration policy is enforced from the federal level and no local law or policy can change that. If we were to prevent our Detention Center from accepting an ICE detainee, that individual would not be set free. That individual would likely be transported to facilities outside the county, and given the limited number of detention facilities state-wide, very likely outside of Maryland. At this point in time, we believe the attached policy revisions takes a thoughtful, responsible approach to addressing several concerns we've heard from our community.

While it would be our preference to institute this policy immediately as we discussed with CASA, it was not known or expected that CB-51 would be filed this month, especially given the public nature of our discussions.

While it was unfortunate that intent was not communicated with either of our offices prior to filing, I respect the Council's legislative process. If the Council feels strongly about continuing forward with CB-51, we will step back to allow the public process to unfold over the next couple of months. Then, based upon how that is resolved, revisit this policy and next steps.

As previously communicated, my hope is that we can make progress as a community in a unifying way, building upon areas of agreement and responsibly addressing issues of concern, not division.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Calvin Ball", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

Civil Immigration

(A) No County employee, agent or agency may coordinate with an immigration enforcement official in furtherance of a civil immigration enforcement operation, including by:

(1) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to non-public space within a government facility or any area where County business is being conducted;

(2) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to a person being detained by, or in the custody of, the agent or agency;

(3) permitting immigration enforcement officials use of agency facilities, information, or equipment for investigative interviews or other investigative purposes;

(4) detaining a person when they are eligible for release; or

(5) expending County resources (including but not limited to facilities, equipment, cell phones, office supplies, radios, emails, databases and employee time while on-duty) to assist or facilitate ICE civil enforcement, including by directly or indirectly providing access to immigration enforcement officials of confidential personal information, unless the employee's action is expressly authorized under this Policy.

(6) notifying immigration enforcement officials that an individual has been or is ready to be released from custody, unless the individual has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101.

(B) Howard County will only accept detainees from ICE for the purposes of temporary housing under the county Inter-Governmental Services Agreement if those individuals have been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101.

(C) Notwithstanding any of the provisions set out in subsection (A) above, Howard County may notify immigration officials of the imminent release of a person for whom a civil detainer request has been received from immigration officials only if the person has completed a criminal sentence after being convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Maryland Criminal Law Code Annotated section 14-101 and allow immigration officials access to the facility as necessary to take that person into custody.

(D) The above provisions set out in subsection (A) above do not apply to audits or other actions necessary to carry out the terms or purpose of the Inter-Governmental Services Agreement.

Reporting

Agencies shall report to the County Executive every six (6) months the number of requests received from immigration enforcement officials and the manner in which each request was handled and whether any County agent, officer, employee or official violated any Section of this Division.

Agencies shall respond to any request for information for matters covered under this Division by the County Executive within seven (7) days.

Compliance with Division and federal law.

No provision in this Executive Order shall be interpreted as preventing a law enforcement agent from sending to or receiving from any local, state, or Federal agency information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual if required under Sections 1373 and 1644 of Title 8 of the United States Code, state law or regulation, court order, extradition agreement or any other agreement that allows a County agency to accept custody of an individual pursuant to a criminal warrant. Any intentional violation of a Section by a County public safety agent, officer, employee or official shall be referred to their appointing authority for appropriate discipline.

Sayers, Margery

From: Scott Hagaman <scottdhagaman@aim.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jung, Deb
Subject: Testimony in **Support** of CB51-2020

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

To the Honorable Calvin Ball, County Executive of Howard County, and all Members of the Howard County Council:

I write in -SUPPORT- of CB51-2020, to prohibit federal immigration detainees from being housed in the County Department of Corrections.

I am a 29-year resident of Howard County - living in Columbia - and a physician practicing Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. The practice of such detentions (that this bill would prohibit) is barbaric and traumatic when compassion is called for, instead. Further, it is racist. County Executive Ball and the Howard County Council now have the opportunity to remove us from active engagement in this. I urge you vote for, pass and sign into law CB51-2020.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Hagaman, M.D.
6614 Windsor Court
Columbia, MD 21044
Cell: 410-746-7695

Sayers, Margery

From: McKenzie Scott <mckenziesscott1@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony in support of CB 51-2020

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Hello,

I'm writing to provide testimony in support of CB 51-2020 to pass. First, I thank Councilmembers Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and Christiana Rigby for their push for this legislation essential towards making Howard County a safer and more just place.

I believe that Howard County needs to live up to our values of welcoming others and promoting safety and justice, and the only way I can see us doing this is by ending our complicity with a government agency that has torn families apart and committed rampant abuse and violence against immigrants. I do not wish my tax dollars to go towards an institution that makes all Howard County immigrants feel unsafe, and that places people in detention for minor crimes without even being convicted. To add to this cruelty is the spread of COVID-19 in the Jessup facility, for which folks have no way to isolate themselves. It is beyond inhumane for us to participate in this system, and us ending our contract would send a message to state and national leaders that Howard County does not stand for the human rights abuses that ICE has committed. So I urge you to pass this legislation towards the Howard County we all envision.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you do the right thing.

McKenzie Scott, Wilde Lake High '16

Sayers, Margery

From: Eric Miller <em8643a@alumni.american.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support CB51-2020

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My name is Eric Miller and I am a resident and homeowner in Dorsey Search.

I'll be brief since others who are more directly impacted can certainly speak to the issue better than I can.

Howard County's arrangement with ICE is simply unconscionable under the agency's current leadership. As recent news reports illustrate, the coming years may well see ICE officials, agents, and decision-makers indicted in the ICC for crimes against humanity. Whatever the future may hold for our country, there will be a reckoning with what has happened in our immigration system over the past generation and the compliance of local governments that cooperated with these policies will not be forgotten.

Howard County can show true moral leadership by dissociating itself NOW with these proactices and issuing a formal apology before ICE and all of its enablers are brought to light.

Please do the right thing. The \$14 million a year simply isn't worth it.

Sayers, Margery

From: Alice Pham <alicekpham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 2:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony on CB51-2020

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I am writing in support of CB51. I am a resident of District 3. As a Columbia resident of 49 years, I came here and have enjoyed living here in a welcoming, diverse, population. I've enjoyed seeing it become even more diverse. Unfortunately, the presence of ICE detainees in the Jessup Detention Center goes against everything I have long believed this community to stand for. The Howard County contract with I.C.E. that results in imprisoning people who have not been convicted of any crime just because of their immigration status violates both my sense of my community and my willingness to have my tax dollars used in this way.

There are other ways for I.C.E. to keep contact on people who are awaiting their petition for asylum that are less onerous. While some seem to think our facilities are better than those of other counties, prisoner testimony has given the lie to this assumption. Neither is Jessup a convenient place for lawyers and family to visit since I.C.E. prisoners are often moved in and out of prisons from around the country and visitation is severely limited now.

It separates families, often for long periods of time, in conditions that are inhospitable (there are numerous tales of guards failing to respond to prisoner needs), dangerous (especially at this time of COVID), and triggers fear in the immigrant community in general. I know many in the immigrant community who fear that a county that imprisons non prisoners over immigration status will profile them as well! Other counties have already taken the lead in ending such contracts. It is time for Howard County to do likewise!

Alice K Pham
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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CB51 - 2020

by Paul J. Baicich, Chair, Our Revolution Howard County

21 November 2020

My name is Paul Baicich, representing Our Revolution Howard County, whose members reside in every district in the county. I am, however, a constituent of Christiana Rigby, in the 3rd.

We are here to speak in favor of CB51

You have surely already heard all "the best arguments," but I hope to present at least one of my three that you have not heard:

1 We are safer when our neighbors know they are safe! Crimes against our immigrant neighbors - documented and undocumented - will be reported to trusted authorities when the immigrants know that the consequences of that reporting will make all of us safer and not put them, their relatives, and their fellow neighbors at risk. Keep Howard County safe!

2 We've been here before, but we don't seem to remember. This is a country of amnesiacs.

In the mid-1850s anti-Catholics prejudice, especially against the Irish, produced the Know-nothing movement to rid the country of any more "Papists." Shortly thereafter, anti-Chinese fervor culminated in the federal Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which banned Chinese immigration as well as naturalization.

The Immigration Act of 1924 reinforced ongoing anti-Asian laws but also drastically reduced immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe (at least by 90%). This was only a thinly disguised move to keep out - and you will excuse me - the "Heebs" and the "Wops," the Eastern European Jews and the Italians. I know because my late father, Giuseppe, was in the second category. He slipped into this country alone at 17 years of age and one year after passage of that law, seemingly without desired skills or trade. He remained under the radar for 15 years only becoming legit when drafted into the U.S. Army; this is when the military discovered that his knowledge of five European languages was actually a valuable asset in the fight against fascism.

I raise this family story to illustrate a question: Who knows what skills reside in people living under the radar? We need to bring out the best in them... and we don't do that by cooperating in the incarceration of suspected border-breakers.

3 The docile picture of the relatively amicable condition at the Howard County Detention Center is flawed. It reminds me of the Vichy French who announced to their countrymen that living under an accommodationist rule was better than living under the vicious rule of an occupier. It's a false choice. We don't need to encourage and develop our own Vichy lawyers and Vichy politicians telling us otherwise. Apologizing for this injustice is a trap to make us collaborators in the injustice in the first place.

Thank you very much for your consideration... Let's make Howard County safe and proud!

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NO ON CB51.

I am writing to you today about CB 51-2020. I am asking for Liz Walsh to step down as a county council representative. Your job as a county council person is to represent us in Howard County as you were elected to do. Your job is NOT to attack the other elected officials in this country that were also elected by the populace of this country. Your job is not to be partisan, but to represent EVERY citizen of Howard County. Your job is to protect us and help us be safe. Your job is not to write or pass legislation that puts us at risk. Your job is not to make us less safe because of blatant partisan party politics which is extremely obvious by the grotesque language in this bill. This council is brand new and it really shows. I am shocked at the lack of understanding about what your job is.

ICE is working to get dangerous MS 13 gang members off the streets of Maryland. A 16 year old child was just killed because the perpetrators were let go instead of being sent/held for ICE, where they should have gone after being arrested on even more charges. We are trying to keep violent crime off of our streets. Law enforcement needs to work with federal enforcement. Those are the laws and the systems put in place to protect us. This is a country of laws and it is your job to follow them. Look at what is happening in cities that refuse to do this. Is this what you are trying to bring here to Howard County? No, thank you.

Because a number of law enforcement agencies failed to honor a detainer on these MS 13 gang members, they were ultimately released back into the public to brutally kill a 16 year old girl from Maryland. These men should have been deported and it didn't happen, due to this kind of stupidity. These detainers keep criminals out of our neighborhoods. Are you going to go to the parents of this girl with your bill in your hand and talk to them to see what they think? Her name was Gabriela Arden. Isn't this some kind of Spanish awareness month in Howard County? Where is the justice for Gabriela Arden? Certainly not in your soul.

The other verbiage in this bill is so disgusting that I was ill after I read it. No one is over policing and discriminating, they are protecting us. The President of the United States, that was elected by the people of the United States, does not openly and repeatedly devalue and vilify immigrants. His wife is an immigrant. The statements in this bill are revolting. The citizens of this country elected our president, and you, as an elected official owe him that respect. And what, pray tell, does your personal biased opinion of the president of the United States have to do with a bill that is going on record in Howard County? A county that you swore to represent fairly, without political bias. You swore to represent all of the citizens, not just the ones with your personal views and bias. The language in this bill does none of that. I am asking for you to step down from your job, because this is absolute proof that you are unable to perform your job.

The comments in the next paragraph are such tripe that I cannot even address them. They are also race baiting, which is repulsive, in and of itself. We are in the middle of a pandemic and a lot of countries have closed their borders to all non-citizens, no matter what the color, yet you still saw the need to throw that race baiting in. I am shocked and appalled that you decided to

divide people instead of uniting them. You do not deserve to represent the diverse population of this county.

And then using as your fact base, for your research, a bunch of groups from the media which is so shockingly unreliable and biased that you should be ashamed. I will, frankly, pay the \$8 a day to be safe from these criminals. Shall I list out the many places that you could get the \$8 a day from, in this overtaxed, over-priced county. You may be sure that I can find them. Maybe we should start with the money that the county executive uses to have officers drive him around all day. That would more than cover it. He seems to want to be safe. Why do you feel that we should not want the same thing?

Dignity, not detention, is for people that deserve dignity. Not for people that brutally murder 16 year old girls. California was just forced (by another unsafe mandate) to let one of the arsonists go, and within hours he was right back out there starting more fires in a state that is burning to the ground and killing MORE people. Criminals don't deserve the dignity of being let loose on the streets to murder our children in Baltimore or anywhere else in MD, or this great country.

The global pandemic has not exacerbated ICE's penchant and potential for cruelty. ICE is not a cruel agency. ICE saves our children and ourselves from cruel criminals.

Maryland Matters is NOT non partisan. There is not a news site out there that is non partisan and you insult all of our intelligences with this blatant lie. And I also see that you are taking the word of convicted inmates over the needs of the citizens of Howard County. Once again, I ask for you to step down and I am asking the county executive and the other council members to help make this happen. Human Rights only happen when you take the criminals that steal our human rights from us off of the streets.

This bill is blatant political partisanship, and extremely dangerous for the citizens of Howard County and MD. Ask Gabriela Arden. Oh, that's right you can't; she is dead. Or maybe ask your own constituents who have made it very clear in the past that they do not want this bill. Oh, that's right. You never were at any of the county hearings before you got elected, were you? You are shockingly naïve and uninformed, as is this bill. Take your bias and your disdain for half of the citizens in your district and go home. You are not cut out for this job and the citizens are tired of the political games.

Frankly, most of this goes for the entire council. So far you have managed to put bills up to protect illegal immigrants, yet you are letting Howard County citizens in old Ellicott City die in the floods; you have changed the name of one of our historic holidays, yet our roads are full of potholes; and now you want to protect criminals that murder our children yet we have no jobs in the county for the law abiding citizens. Our 60 year old stormwater management is a joke that the developers have thrown in our faces. You don't know how to negotiate with developers to even get school sites. With the latest plan we will be 5,000 seats short in the next ten years. Don't you understand your job. It is to protect Howard Countians. We have no jobs. Anne Arundel just got the Microsoft deal that helps to diversify the tax base for them. 90% of

our tax base is from personal income and property taxes. This is ludicrous, and unsustainable. We are built out. Where is our commercial tax base? In Anne Arundel county, where our biggest employer is? The gas station in Clarksville just isn't going to cut it for economic sustainability. What is wrong with this picture, and this council? What are you doing to bring jobs here and fix our infrastructure? If you do not know how to do what Howard County needs, please step down. Stop writing insulting politically biased legislation that hurts the citizens of this county. Anyone sponsoring this bill needs to seriously reconsider just who it is that they are working for. I think you need a lot more dedication to your craft.

Let's not give up \$2 Million in revenue that Howard County desperately needs. You call yourself humane, yet you want to make it harder for these detainees to see their family and their lawyers, by forcing them to a farther facility. No on CB51-2020.

You can be as angry as you want with my calling you out, but you, the new council, are not doing your jobs. INFRASTRUCTURE.

Andrew Butler

Please make sure these comments are posted on the bill page.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Laurie Liskin. I am a long-time resident of Howard County, and count myself very fortunate to live in Liz Walsh's district.

I urge you to vote yes on CB 51.

There are many reasons to end the County's contract with ICE. I will mention only two.

First, Howard County should not make money from detaining human beings. Director of Corrections, Jack Kavanagh, has publicly stated that ICE contract funds are being used to offset the cost of managing the entire jail facility, not just the detention center. The County's revenue sheets for 2018 and 2019 show revenue, expense, and profit from the ICE contract. The profit in 2018 was \$1.9 million and in 2019, \$2 million.

America has a long history of making money off Black and Brown people. We should not continue this cruel legacy in Howard County. We should not profit from detaining human beings.

Secondly, we have to ask, "Who is responsible for changing federal immigration policies?" Many people say that this is not Howard County's job. We disagree. Almost all social change begins in the community, one protest at a time, whether the issue is women's suffrage, inequity, or racial disparities. It is up to us to act now to end the ICE contract and get ICE completely out of Howard County. We cannot wait for Washington. Howard County should be at the forefront of the fight for social and racial justice, not in the rear.

I urge you to vote yes for CB 51.

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Dear Howard County Council members,

My name is Edith Williams. I live in District Three in King's Contrivance, Columbia, and am a member the Howard County branch of Indivisible. I strongly urge you to vote FOR CB 51 to terminate the agreement with ICE to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

There are no good arguments for continuing to be a part of ICE's racist and unjust, cruel and family-destroying system of arrest and incarceration, no matter how much better Howard County's detention center is than the average ICE-run facility or how much revenue or anything else Howard County may receive from ICE.

There are many definitive reasons for refusing to be a part of the ICE detention system any longer:

1. To build the kind of community we want Howard County to be – diverse, welcoming, compassionate, just, hard-working, peaceful, law abiding, neighborly, committed to protecting human rights;
2. To stand for community, for family, for safety;
3. To stand against cruelty, injustice, the scapegoating and persecution of immigrants in and outside of Howard County;
4. To be on the right side, the moral side of history;
5. To refuse to be a cog in the Trump Administration's xenophobic, unjust, inhumane immigration practices and policies carried out by ICE; policies and practices that have more in common with dictatorships and failed states than peace and justice-loving democracies, democracies where people care about protecting everyone's human and civil rights at the same time that we diligently enforce our laws.

Many who argue against this legislation will argue that they are standing against crime and for law enforcement; that they are supporting "law and order."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

This issue isn't about law and order; it never has been. It is about the systematic persecution and scapegoating of immigrants in our country, and whether or not we in Howard County will continue to be a part of it.

ICE is a disgrace to law enforcement. Its "enforcement" and detention practices are an insult to every honest police officer and detention official dedicated to enforcing the law, to protecting and serving justice and their communities. To place Howard County's own law enforcement officials, indeed, every resident of Howard County, into the position of continuing to support this ICE system is inimical to good, effective law enforcement, injurious to our community, and just plain wrong.

These are momentous times, times when citizens and elected officials alike are called upon to make decisions that change the course of history for better or for worse, times that when we look back on them, define who we were, who and what we served, and what we stood for when it mattered most.

I have no doubt that you will choose to stand for the very best in Howard County, that you will serve the people of our County faithfully, and that you will stand for doing the right thing, both practically and morally, by voting YES to CB 51, thereby removing Howard County from the inhumane and unjust ICE arrest and detention system.

Sincerely, and with many thanks,

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Good evening, my name is Tammy Spengler, and I live in District 2.

I am here today to urge you to vote in favor of CB51 to end Howard County's contract with Ice and to stop participating in a corrupt deportation system.

County Executive Calvin Ball 's new policy continues to keep our relationship with ICE by keeping formerly convicted criminals in our detention center. Many people do not understand that they have already completed their criminal sentence.

Luis is an example of a formerly convicted criminal in our detention center. I interviewed him at the Detention Center in 2018. At that time, Luis was a 28-year old man from El Salvador. He had committed a crime as a teenager and served his time. He had been out of prison for 8 years, working as a roofer, supporting his mother, sister, and 2-year old son. During those 8 years he had committed no crimes and went to all of his ICE check-in's. In early 2018 when he attended his ICE check-in, he was detained and sent to our detention Center due to his previous criminal history. When I spoke to him, he had been there several months. He expected that he would be killed upon return to El Salvador and he did not believe he would see his son or family again.

Luis had committed a crime and served his time. He did not deserve to be incarcerated again 8 years later for being an immigrant with a criminal history.

We also should not keep a structure in place that is oppressive and likely to lead to further abuse. President Obama created the structure to separate families, a structure that was used by Trump and magnified, causing the traumatization of thousands of children and parents. I fear that by keeping our contract with ICE, we will keep a structure in place that can be exploited in the future.

Please pass CB51 and cut all ties with ICE. Thank you

STATEMENT BY MARGARET MONTUORI, HELP SAVE MARYLAND.ORG
BEFORE THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
BILL CB51-2020
September 21, 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before the Howard County Council regarding CB 51-2020. My name is Margaret Montuori. I am representing Help Save Maryland (HSM), a multi-ethnic grass roots citizens' organization with members state-wide. Our goal is to educate the citizens in Maryland's counties, cities and towns regarding the negative effects of illegal immigration. HSM research and education activities foster public awareness and facilitate effective engagement between the citizens of Maryland and the legislative process. We are an effective voice for Marylanders who are frustrated by our out of touch politicians. Today I am here to speak in opposition to County Bill 51-2020 which would needlessly eliminate cooperation between Howard County and federal law enforcement authorities at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Howard County has had a 20 plus year contractual history with ICE from which the county is paid nearly \$2 million dollars a year. The Howard County detention facility merely houses criminal detainees brought to the facility by ICE agents. Howard County does not participate in the pro-active federal illegal immigration enforcement activities such as the 287(g) program. The ICE detainees do not over burden the facility and the revenues received cover the costs of the facility that were previously paid by the Howard County taxpayer. In the current coronavirus environment in which many Marylanders are in survival mode, we are vigilante regarding any county's increase in property taxes. Why would Howard County now wish to forfeit these funds from ICE?

Termination of the facility will have a state wide impact on safety. In 2018 Maryland was second only to California in cases against MS-13 gang members. I live in Montgomery County where numerous rapes of girls under the age of 13 by illegal aliens have occurred, as well as numerous horrific and heinous murders, forced prostitution, extortion and drug dealing by MS-13 gang members. ICE is actively making arrests in our state because of this perpetual crime. Maryland has only three detention centers in our heavily populated state. ICE depends on having access to these detention centers, including the Howard County holding facility, to effectuate efficient removal of criminals.

A false narrative is being circulated in Howard County and elsewhere that cooperation with ICE makes illegal immigrants fearful of cooperating with law enforcement. Illegal immigrants, who are so often the targets of criminal gang activity, can apply for a federal "U" Visa which offers them protection in exchange for their cooperation with law enforcement. The visa can also be a path to legal resident status. CASA de Maryland and other illegal immigrant activist groups promote the U Visa and they also sensationalize the experiences of some ICE detainees. But these groups do not address the mundane fear some illegal immigrants experience from harassment and theft. Here I cannot offer a statistic or a poll but I do want to relay conversations I have had with illegal immigrants. These people have not suffered the substantial mental or

physical abuse requisite for the U Visa. They live in fear and welcome the idea that those who cause trouble in their communities, their apartment buildings, their neighborhoods are apprehended and dealt with including deportation.

County Council Vice Chair Liz Walsh recently told the Baltimore Sun that after the 2020 "summer of love" protests she thinks prohibiting the Howard County Department of Corrections from accepting federal immigration detainees will be "beneficial". I am hard pressed to see any benefit from decoupling with federal ICE cooperation.

It is now the autumn of 2020 and Americans are well aware that many of the protestors are not from the communities in which they protest. Protests at the Howard facility were most likely contrived by CASA de Maryland, an organization with long ties to the illegal alien community and other radical groups promoting lawlessness. By promoting Bill 51-2020, does Liz Walsh truly represent her constituents, or the voices that wish to allow criminal illegal immigrants to operate freely in the county?

Illegal immigrant status has nothing to do with race. In addition to the economic gain Howard County receives from ICE, safety for all persons living in Howard County should trump the ideology of a handful of protestors at the Howard County facility. Illegal alien criminals must be detained and handled by the federal agency charged with their disposition and possible deportation to keep the public safe. Your job entails keeping the public safe as well. Please vote against Bill 51-2020.

THANK YOU.

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Attachments: Channing Testimony in Support of CB51.docx; Channing Testimony in Support of CB51.pdf

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Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist, of Ellicott City, MD offers the attached testimony in support of Council Bill (CB) 51 that prohibits the Howard County Department of Corrections from participating with Federal authorities in detaining individuals who are awaiting disposition of immigration proceedings.

We have attached testimony as a Microsoft Word file and as a PDF file.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions, you may direct them to Jim Caldiero of our Social Justice Team at jimcal87@gmail.com or you may contact our Board of Trustees at channingecboard@channingmc.org

Again, thank you.

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To: Howard County Council, Howard County, MD

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Date: September 23, 2020

Subject: Written Testimony IN SUPPORT of Council Bill (CB) 51-2020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of CB51 which prohibits the participation of the Howard County Department of Corrections with Federal authorities in detaining individuals awaiting the disposition of immigration proceedings.

At Channing Memorial Church in Ellicott City, our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to promote and affirm justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

As such, the Howard County Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency makes us complicit in a cruel and unjust system. Men who have not committed or who have not been convicted of violent crimes, men who have completed their sentences for minor violations are being held in an environment separated from their families where they are, in most cases, the only financial support despite proven alternatives to detention.

Moreover, the presence of ICE in Howard County engenders fear among our immigrant neighbors leading to less cooperation with local law enforcement and thus making all our communities less safe.

Everyone deserves to be treated respectfully, fairly and humanely. Everyone, regardless of their immigration status, deserves to enjoy the legal protections our Constitution provides.

We urge the Council and County Executive Ball to enact CB51.

Thank you.

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Hello Council Member Jones,

I am worried that you may have missed my email from a week ago regarding my concerns that Howard County works with ICE. I know you are very busy so this is understandable. I have listed just a few of the most important questions that I have below and hope that you will be able to provide some illuminating answers for me.

Are you aware that ICE has committed many human rights violations? As a former member of the Human Rights Commission of Howard County how does it make you feel to know that we work with an organization with this type of record?

Did you know that ICE moving detainees around the country has recently caused an outbreak of COVID-19? How will you ensure that this type of event does not occur in Howard County when ICE frequently moves detainees in and out of our detention center?

What justification do you have for keeping people in prison during a pandemic, when the ICE detainees in our detention center have already been rehabilitated by our criminal justice system or have no history of violent crime? Will you take responsibility for the illnesses and deaths that will inevitably occur in our detention center from Covid-19?

Do you acknowledge the fact that ICE uses racial profiling to determine which of our community members they detain? Since you started the Race and Equity Committee yesterday how do you feel, knowing that the Howard County Detention Center is a link in a chain of racism?

I linked some articles below to help provide some context and more information if you are interested.

[U.S Loses Track of Another 1,500 Migrant Children](#)
[A COVID-19 outbreak unfolded in Virginia after ICE flew immigration detainees there so agents could be shipped to the nation's capital in response to protests](#)
[Immigrant Kids Keep Dying in CBP Detention Centers, and DHS Won't Take Accountability](#)
[How Racial Profiling Goes Unchecked in Immigration Enforcement](#)
[Whistleblower Alleges Mass Hysterectomies at ICE Detention Center](#)

Thank you for the anticipated timely response,

Alex Kohn

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From: rabbistarr@columbiajewish.org
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I, Rabbi Sonya Starr, am writing to you as the representative of Columbia Jewish Congregation, CJC and the Howard County Board of Rabbis. We are all asking you to vote yes on CB 51.

In 2018, CJC passed the following statement: “Columbia Jewish Congregation (CJC) believes that the governments of Howard County, the State of Maryland and the United States of America should take action according to the principles to love the ‘strangers’, to provide for their well-being, and to treat them justly....”

I would like to begin by telling you two short stories. One about a woman named Sarah and the other about a man named William. Sarah was born and raised in the old country. She was one of a very big family that was targeted for violence, unemployment, discrimination, and hate crimes on a regular basis. Her family designated her older single unattached brother to come to the United States of America. It took years before the system worked and he was finally granted legal passage to the United States. Unfortunately by the time the papers came, he was ill and unable to leave. So, Sarah dressed up as a man left the old country at the age of 17. With one small problem yet to be solved, Sarah needed to be sponsored by an American citizen. Thankfully for her there were men who were for hire. You paid them enough money and they became your uncle for the day. I say lucky for her because she had the money in hand to pay; others paid by becoming prostitutes until they had paid off their passage.

The other person’s story I would like to share with you is William. William was also born in the old country. His family’s papers to immigrate to the United States did not come until he was 6 years old. Before that when he was four he fell down a flight of stairs. He destroyed his ear drum and never heard another sound again. Because of the lack of medical and educational resources available to those in poverty he never made any sounds except to grunt. When his family got to Ellis Island they lied and said he was shy, fluent in two languages, and had a head cold.

Both Sarah and William were allowed into this country and eventually became naturalized citizens. William grew up and married Martha another child immigrant. Sarah married Morris who also immigrated as an adult. Between the four of them their descendants became TV repair men, successful business men and women, CPAs, high school English teachers, decorated service men in the Navy and infantry, sign language interpreters, New York City defense lawyer, Columbus Ohio TV sports reporter, and social workers. Their descendants marched for civil rights, the end of the Vietnam War, lobbied our legislatures for better child care education, and marriage equality. They even have a congregational rabbi who lives and works in Howard County in their family tree. You see Morris, Sarah, William and Martha are my grandparents. All four of them immigrated to this country; two of them legally, following all the rules while two of them, Sarah and William’s parents, lied, manipulated, deceived and bought their way into this country. The only thing that separates Sarah and William from the undocumented residents of Howard County is 100 years; nothing more and nothing less.

I wish my grandmother and grandfather's story were anomalies but they really aren't. In fact, they were more the norm than the exception. You see, in the 1920's the US was closing its borders and tightening the restrictions on who could get into this country legally. In June 1930, the Attorney General's office in Washington received a letter from the assistant U.S. attorney in Miami describing the case of Chaim Josef Listopad, who tried to enter the country using false papers provided by the smuggler Samuel Weisstein and was apprehended. Typical of this illegal immigration was Naftoli Lederman of Poland, who tried to enter from Mexico using crude faked documents and was arrested, which was considered a victory for law enforcement. In Windsor, Ontario, just over the border, a journalist described blocks of dingy hotels used by smugglers and referred to as "Alien Row." Authorities in Bombay, New York in 1926 arrested Clara and Tola Zacharjasz, teenage Polish Jews. They had been illegally smuggled into this country from Canada, along with four Irish men and an Irish woman with three children. So common was this practice that immigration officials were instructed not just to work at the border, but to pursue illegal Jewish entrants throughout the interior, into boats, trains, or private automobiles suspected of transporting such individuals. Professor Robert A. Slayton, a humanities professor at Chapman University wrote, "Given the illegal nature of this migration, we will never have definitive numbers of how many Jews broke the law to enter this country after 1924; evidence suggests a figure in the tens of thousands." I wish the Jewish experience was an anomaly. A September 16, 1927, *New York Times* article describes government plans for stepped-up Coast Guard patrols because thousands of Chinese, Japanese, Greeks, Russians, and Italians were landing in Cuba and then hiring smugglers to take them to the United States. So many Europeans were in the United States illegally in 1929, the United States created the 1929 Registry Act allowed "honest law-abiding alien[s] who may be in the country under some merely technical irregularity" to register as permanent residents for a fee of \$20 if they could prove they had lived in the country since 1921 and were of "good moral character." Roughly 115,000 immigrants registered between 1930 and 1940—80% were European or Canadian. Between 1925 and 1965, 200,000 unauthorized Europeans legalized their status through the Registry Act, through "pre-examination"—a process that allowed them to leave the United States voluntarily and re-enter legally with a visa (a "touch-back" program), or through discretionary rules that allowed immigration officials to suspend deportations in "meritorious" cases.

Today's undocumented residents of Maryland have fled extreme poverty, relentless violence, horrific persecution and unavailable medical care to come to a country where they often do not know the language, the laws, how the schools or court system works in order to give their documented children and grandchildren a better life. They are tax paying, hardworking contributing members of our community. They are the patriarchs and matriarchs of tomorrow's lawyers, doctors and county council members.

To put non-violent offenders behind bars, separate them from their families, and help ICE persecute them because they are poor and largely Black or Brown, violates our desire to be a civil county treating every one fairly.

The Talmud is one of the oldest sacred Jewish books. It says in the Talmud "Whoever saves one life saves the whole world." Now you have a chance to save a world by voting yes to CB 51, ending this horrific contract with ICE.

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“The past has a vote but not a veto. Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan

“A healthy vision of the future is not possible without an accurate knowledge of the past.” Daisaku Ikeda



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Friends of Latin America Testimony in Favor of CB51-2020

I am Leslie Salgado-Tamayo. I live in District Three in Columbia, MD. I am the Chair of Friends of Latin America. **I am here to urge you to vote for CB51 to end the agreement with ICE** to house detainees in the Howard County Detention Center.

Friends of Latin America is an all-volunteer organization that has been advocating for more just US relations between the US and our neighbors to the south for 35 years. What we have witnessed is that United States policies of war and intervention have resulted in countless deaths, suffering and the displacement of primarily poor Latin Americans.

Here are some facts that explain why Latin Americans continue to leave their homes, their loved ones, and everything they are familiar with:

- They are fleeing gun violence. 70% of the guns used by criminals in Mexico, and nearly half in Central America are US made guns;
- They are fleeing gang violence. Central American gangs started in Los Angeles and other US cities after fleeing civil wars funded by the US government back in the 1980's and 90's. They were then deported to Central America.
- They are fleeing government repression;
- Many are leaving because multinational companies have taken over their land for industrial farming, mining, or tourism and threatened those who resist displacement;
- Many are forced to migrate because persistent droughts, caused by climate change, destroyed their livelihood.

One of the arguments we hear is that everyone who wants to come to the US should "get in line". But there is no line to get into. Poor immigrants cannot get visas to come to the US because they don't have the money, education or properties that the US consulates require to ensure that they will not stay in the US.

Howard County's collaboration with ICE in the detention of immigrants is not a solution to the migration problem.

Detentions not only result in financial and housing insecurity for families but they lead to fear and lack of trust in public institutions. Families are afraid to: send their children to school, attend religious gatherings, ask for protection from the Police or request access to emergency medical care.

When I visited the Jessup Detention Center last Summer as part of concerned groups that met with County Executive Calvin Ball and Mr. Kavanaugh, my heart was broken. I saw young men who looked a lot like my sons. One young man from Honduras told me that he was the bread winner in his family and that his wife and young US citizen child were now left to fend for themselves. I also spoke with a man in his 40's from El

Salvador who showed me a huge scar on his stomach that he suffered when he was attacked by a gang in his country.

We are opposed to Howard County's contract with ICE because ICE violates basic human rights of immigrants:

- **ICE detains working migrants because they are brown or black.** In the records that were provided to us by the Mr. Kavanaugh during the same visit last Summer, out of 67 detainees at that time, 47, that is: 70% of ICE arrests were either from Central America or Mexico. This figure reflects clearly federal policies that criminalize the indigenous and black Latino population.
- **ICE separates children from their parents**
- **They detain pregnant women**
- **They detain immigrants with disabilities and other medical conditions**
- **Immigrants detained by ICE don't have a right to a defense lawyer.**

Our communities would be safer without the Ho Co contract with ICE. Immigrants who have been through so much should be welcomed and allowed to live in the safety of their homes while resolving their immigration issues. Most immigrants coming thru Mexico have a loved one with whom they can stay in the United States. Most have jobs that during this pandemic are "essential" which allows them to support themselves and their families and children.

The Howard County contract with ICE makes all of us complicit with their inhumane policies. Please join with thousands of concerned individuals who believe that ICE's cruel practices of discrimination and fear are a violation of basic human rights.

You can stop this. Please vote "yes" on CB51.

September 21, 2020

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Sknox23@hotmail.com
Subject: Council - County Bill 51-2020

First Name: Sondra
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Street Address: 7616 Greendell Lane
City: Highland
Subject: County Bill 51-2020

Message:

I would like to make my voice heard by strongly recommending that this bill not even be brought to the table. This is absurd to put hard-working, honest, taxpaying citizens of Howard county Maryland at risk concerning safety issues. I will be making sure to let as many people know about this as possible especially since we are not able to come in person due to the meeting being closed and only available through Internet. I would hope that you all would reconsider your decision and why you are proposing such a bill. What is the actual purpose? Will you be taking responsibility for the safety of the citizens when there is a crime committed by an illegal immigrant that ICE would have otherwise detained and questioned? We have got to stop making law enforcement the enemy. They are in place to protect the safety of the citizens. If anything, they should be put to a vote by the citizens of Howard county and not decided upon in a closed meeting. I respectfully ask for your reconsideration and an answer to my questions. Thank you, Sondra Knox

Sayers, Margery

From: Dvorak, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Little, Cristiana
Subject: FW: FIRN Position on CB51
Attachments: FIRN_Comment Regarding CB512020.pdf

Hi Margery, please add this to the online/public bill file for CB51. Thank you

From: Mike Mitchell <mitchell@firnonline.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
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Subject: FIRN Position on CB51

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Dear Councilmembers:

I'm writing to express FIRN's opposition to CB-51-2020. Though this may seem counterintuitive, our position is rooted in social justice and centered precisely on the people we directly serve and those the bill claims to serve. While we fully respect and appreciate Councilwoman Walsh's intent, the issue is more complex than might appear and an affirmative vote involves consequences around which we have deep concerns. In addition to providing the formal attached statement, I think it important to share a few thoughts as well.

Nearly all of your speakers at last night's hearing were supportive of the bill because it would end the County's formal engagement with ICE. While we agree with the assertions of most speakers about ICE, believing that ending the contract would remove them from our community is likely wrong. ICE will still prowl our community, and if the past four years have shown us anything, actions like this bill could even lead to a retaliatory effect on our community.

Please realize that ending this contract will mean detainees don't just get moved *geographically*, but they will get moved further from the potential *access* we could have with a local contract. Detention centers not run by local officials are often run by for-profit prison companies like GEO. This means that instead of having local officials with the ability to allow legal counsel from agencies like ours, we're delegating away our ability to provide that access to companies truly allied with ICE. With this bill, the County will hand over \$2M to one of those companies strengthening a system we all abhor.

FIRN believes using a portion of those funds to hire dedicated counsel to serve detainees held at the detention center will best serve the needs of immigrants by ensuring access to counsel, a window into the system, and deeper protection to the families of those taken by ICE, especially those who are local.

Every day, I walk past the offices of a legal staff working tirelessly on behalf of immigrant rights. And prior to my time at FIRN, I walked in the detention centers of these private companies in border states like Texas, seeing how detainees were physically and practically far removed from any counsel. In that time, I've supervised legal staff and met countless legal advocates working on behalf of those who have risked everything, only to be called "illegal" for seeking to protect themselves and their families. You now have the opportunity to walk with us on a similar journey by opposing this bill and working with us, County Executive Ball, and others to establish policies that provide real counsel to those who lack it. If this bill passes, advocates may claim a moral victory, but the irony is that it will vanquish justice by undermining the rights we all claim to espouse. Please consider this reality as you step toward your vote.

In partnership,
Mike

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Comment Regarding CB-51-2020

FIRN wholeheartedly condemns the use and abuse of civil detention against the immigrant community of Howard County, Maryland, and across the broader United States. We recognize that the use of the Howard County Detention Center to detain noncitizens for civil immigration matters presents moral questions on the use of local funds to support federal immigration policy. And we also recognize the important work of many advocates who condemn what they see as the complicity of local officials by contracting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and who have in response called for cancelling Howard County's contract, which allows ICE to hold civil detainees in Howard County Detention Center.

As a community, we must acknowledge that this issue is complicated and there are pros and cons to either retaining the contract or cancelling it entirely. Cancelling the contract would eliminate the concerns regarding subpar treatment of immigrant detainees at the Detention Center and would also reduce the inmate population, which has been particularly important during the pandemic. Additionally, one has to wonder if having the ICE contract at the Howard County Detention Center encourages and facilitates ICE activity in the area. Based on reports, it appears the Howard County Detention Center was allowing ICE to house immigration detainees at their facility that did not meet their contract requirements. There are also allegations of collaboration between various police departments and ICE agents operating at the Detention Center. ICE is a federal agency and can operate under their guise. A decision to provide them space and care for their detainees should involve no collaborative effort to identify or detain immigrants. Doing so diminishes immigrant's trust in the community and provokes local government to take on federal law.

Despite the aforementioned arguments, there exists a looming issue if the contract is to be cancelled. Prior to COVID, an estimated 25% of detainees held under the ICE contract each year at Howard County Detention Center are residents of Howard County. If the contract with ICE is cancelled, those detainees held there—many local to our community—will not be released but instead will be transported to facilities outside the county, most likely outside of Maryland. Furthermore, future county residents who are arrested and detained by ICE would likewise be transported out of the county to be held by ICE elsewhere. The impact of these transfers should not be understated. As the Vera Institute of Justice has shown through its SAFE Cities Network and the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, access to legal representation is the principal factor in successfully advocating for both release from immigration detention and ultimately prevailing in removal proceedings. In sum, were Howard County to end its contract with ICE, the transfer of local community members to other facilities may indeed make access to counsel—as well as humanitarian access to their families—extremely difficult, if not impossible. It is therefore FIRN's belief that, while this might assuage the community of its "complicity" in the immigration detention system, it will not do anything to prevent the detention of local residents targeted by ICE.



CB-51-2020 fails to provide a comprehensive plan and solution to the resulting transfer of Howard County detainees to other ICE detention centers, more likely in less-welcoming and less-progressive communities. We must do our part to ensure that Howard County residents who are detained by ICE have access to justice, regardless of where they are detained. We encourage the Howard County Council to address the fact that ICE will continue to operate, even without a local detention center to house immigrants. If the Howard County government decides to keep the contract, it is essential that funds be allocated for representation of detained immigrants. Alternatively, if Howard County cancels the contract, there should be funds in place to support ongoing representation of certain detained immigrants who reside in Howard County and will be transferred to other facilities as a result.

Howard County can and must do better to address the lack of affordable legal representation available to detainees if we want to make a profound impact. Montgomery County has already adopted a program to assist immigrants in removal. In CB-51-2020, Howard County is described as a leader of human rights, respecting the rights and dignity of all. If Howard County is to be considered a leader on this issue, we should not just seek to move detainees to other ICE detention centers and forget the plight of those immigrants. Howard County should promote and respect human rights by providing certain Howard County immigrant residents access to the representation they desperately need, no matter where they are detained. FIRN appreciates the efforts of all involved and hopes the complexity of this situation informs policy so that we do what is best for our community. Choosing otherwise is a slight to justice and tacitly approves the continuation of an immoral, racist system.

Sayers, Margery

From: Demetrios James Matsakis <djmatosa@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill CB51-2020

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As residents of Howard County, we are writing **in opposition to CB51-2020** proposed legislation, based on the resulting risks to public safety. This was unfortunately evidenced (September 2020) by the murder of a 16-year girl in Baltimore County due to several law enforcement agencies refusing to honor ICE detainees on the illegal alien suspects believed to be MS13 gang members. Maryland has had numerous MS13 gang murders in several counties (PG, Montgomery, Baltimore). Clearly, some illegal aliens are violent threats to public safety needing to be held in ICE detention centers.

It is unfortunate that this bill makes statements that ICE detainees are "innocent immigrants". This is blatantly false. These people have violated U. S. Immigration laws, and are in our country illegally. As a result, no one knows their backgrounds since they are "undocumented" putting U.S. citizens at potential risk of harm. The majority of these detainees in the Howard County ICE facility have been convicted or charged with felonies, including: Murder, Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, Arson, Rape-1st degree, Racketeering, Child Abuse, Sex Abuse of a Minor, Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, Handgun Possession, Conspiracy to Murder A Police Officer, Assault, False Imprisonment, Child Pornography, Sex Offense – Second Degree, Kidnapping, Manslaughter, and Carjacking.

The Bill needs to be amended to not only make references to the current President but include his predecessors who also pursued enforcement of immigration laws, especially against violent illegal aliens. The Howard County Council Members might wish to consider working with our Maryland Congressmen and Senators to reform U. S. Immigration laws.

As grandchildren of legal immigrants, we support and encourage immigration, but make the key distinction between legal and illegal immigration as you should too.

With regard to the cost, Howard County has actually realized \$2M after expenses, from housing ICE detainees. If the council feels there is a short fall in revenue as this bill claims, then as past Howard County Executive Alan Kittleman did, the fee per inmate charged can be increased as appropriate. The current covid-19 impacted county budget certainly cannot accommodate such a large loss of revenue that helps fund our law enforcement and other critical county services.

Sincerely,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Carla Tevelow <perlpubl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: pass CB51

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My name is Carla Tevelow and i live downtown Columbia in district 4. I implore you to pass CB51. Having a contract in our county with ICE is immoral. We know the difference between right and wrong. ICE is a racist agency set out to send people who are deserving of asylum back to the horrors they fled, and individual circumstances don't seem to matter. From my research, the United States has helped to create the many problems in these various countries.

In previous times, when a person crossed the US border they were sent to spend time with someone they knew in the states to await their hearing. Now these individuals are sent to detention centers, costing tax payers outrageous sums of money. As well as putting people, who are looking for relief from their country of origin, in horrific sterile cold environments.

ICE is not only abusing their power, they are also skirting the law. The following are just a few recent examples.

The Washington Post had an article on September 11 this year reporting that the administration wanted ICE agents, otherwise known as special response teams, in Washington DC to help quell the protests. This occurred in the beginning of June. They flew immigrants from detention centers in Arizona, Texas and Florida to Virginia. Although overcrowding was the excuse used to move the detainees, none of the facilities was overcrowded. Department of Homeland Security was "circumventing restrictions on the use of charter flights for employee travel, according to a current and a former U.S. official." Not only did this result in creating more than 300 covid-19 positive cases in the Virginia facility, it also led to attacks on peaceful nonviolent Black Lives Matter protesters. This is immoral.

In another incident, it was reported in USA Today (July 20,2020) that ICE is once again separating children from their parent(s). This in spite of the fact that a judge ruled that families previously separated must be reunited! This is both illegal and immoral!

Another instance of ICE lacking in morals and integrity was filmed in the documentary "Immigration Nation," on Netflix. There, I learned ICE fools immigrants into allowing the agents into their homes under false pretenses and then place them under arrest. The targets are mainly black and brown people.

Recently, it's been disclosed, it is costing the Howard County taxpayer \$8 per person per day to house immigrants in our county's facility. I don't want my taxes to pay for this dreadful racist policy. I find this practice extremely objectionable.

ICE is mainly targeting black and brown people. After reading Ibram X Kendi's book on "How to be an antiracist, " i find it necessary to stand up and speak out against the systemic racism of ICE and ask you to end Howard County's contract with ICE and pass CB51. Those of us who have the power to change the rules, laws and behaviors which lead to racist practices have an obligation to do so. I can no longer allow myself to be complicit either actively or passively. I am asking the same of my community and county. My actions have to be where my heart is.

Quoting from our late great congressman, Elijah Cummings, "We are better than this!"

Thank you.
Carla Tevelow

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Farragut <pjfaragut@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Paul Farragut
Subject: Hold only undocumented immigrants charged with a serious crime at County detention facility in Jessup

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Dear County Council Members,

I think the County Executive's proposal to hold only undocumented immigrants who have been charged with a serious crime at the County detention facility in Jessup makes a great deal of sense and ask for your help in supporting his position. I do not support holding undocumented individuals who have committed minor offenses. As a country we need to support a path to citizenship for undocumented individuals who are law abiding and who meet citizenship requirements. As a practical matter during this time of extreme economic stress for many individuals and government, it would be unwise to totally cancel our contract with ICE. Rather we should amend the contract to house only those charged with serious offenses. As a result, I hope you will table County Council legislation that would totally eliminate a contract with ICE at the detention facility. Thank you for your consideration.

Paul and Joan Farragut
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Ellicott City 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Gavin Kohn <gavin.kohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:32 PM
To: opel@opeljones.com; CouncilMail; Jones, Opel; Ball, Calvin
Subject: CB51 Oral Testimony transcript
Attachments: gavin Kohn Oral Testimony.pdf

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Hello,

Attached is a transcript of my verbal testimony on 9/21/2020. It's disgusting that we have an ICE contract. If you don't already think that, I'm not sure what else I can say, but if you vote against CB51 I hope you lose your next election.

Thanks

Gavin Kohn
Columbia, MD

Hello,

My name is Gavin Kohn. I am a constituent of Dr. Opel Jones and I live in Thunder Hill. I am testifying in support of CB51-2020, and I urge the council to vote 'Yes' on this legislation as it stands.

Four years ago, I supported sanctuary legislation for Howard County and I testified in the hearing for CB-9-2017. Former councilmembers Calvin Ball and Jen Terrasa drafted that legislation, and I believed them to be progressives who were guided by their moral compass.

Soon after CB9-2017, there was an election. Sanctuary legislation was a big issue at the time, and Dr. Ball and Councilmember Terrasa were elected to higher offices. Former councilmember Weinstein, the sole democratic vote against sanctuary legislation, was *replaced* by Councilmember Walsh, who wrote CB51-2020.

So it's clear that these issues were paramount in that election. My current representative Dr. Jones said this quote at a debate at Oakland Mills High School in 2018. He said, **"The County Council should pass a measure prohibiting Howard County from entering into (a) 287(g) agreement, or other agreements for that matter, with ICE... Howard County should not be burdened with federal mandates" (2018) .**

Dr. Ball also had a statement during that time. In a press release in 2017, he said **"Policies not to enforce federal immigration law do very little to promote confidence among undocumented immigrants unless those policies are widely known and unless people can trust that those policies will not be reversed without a public process. "**

That is what I voted for. I supported Dr. Jones and Dr. Ball in 2018 because they supported immigrants and pushed for sanctuary legislation. Now, these appear to be empty words and statements made for the sole purpose of being elected.

Please support CB51 and end our contract with ICE. It is reprehensible that Howard County still works with them, and it goes directly against the promises of politicians who ran on this issue to get elected. Thank you.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Updated-w--Correction--Councilman-Calvin-Ball-and-Councilwoman-Jen-Terrasa-Respond-to-Statement-by-Executive-Kittleman-Regarding.html?soid=1124028352073&aid=YY0QfnTr07g>

Hello, I am Grace Magori a resident of district 2 of Howard County. I am here today to urge you to support CB-51 and end the ICE contract in Howard County.

I am tired of black and brown people being commodified and abused by this system, but most of all, I am tired of any so-called leader advocating for any sort of profit from *imprisonment*.

The immigrants in the detention center are people who deserve rights and the same freedoms that we all get to enjoy in this country. For too long, this country has stripped rights away from the most vulnerable members of our society. However, with this bill we can take a small step in the right direction.

As a child of two immigrants, I know how harrowing the journey to a new country can be, especially for a minority. What our people need is support and an accessible path to citizenship, not a jail cell.

I am asking you to be true leaders toward this goal. I am asking you to be better than the leaders we have had in the past. For 400 years this country has legitimized and justified violence towards poor people of color. If you look at the people in our detention system, you will find that almost all of our detainees are Black and Brown. We must act when we see injustice. Refusing to participate in a racially biased deportation system is antiracist.

We must not get stuck in arguments as to whether or not we are a nicer detention facility, but ask the question, "Should we be detaining people at all? There are cheaper and less harmful monitoring programs of undocumented immigrants available that keep families together.

Please support this bill to help save the families and people in this County. Do not turn your back on people who need help. Again, I'm not asking for you to just support a bill, I'm asking you to support human rights.

Hello, I am Alex Kohn, a resident of district 2. This year I graduated from Oakland Mills High School. I am here to urge all of you to support CB-51 and end our ICE contract as soon as possible. Dr. Jones, in the past you have stood for immigrants and today you proposed a bill to make Howard County a safer place for everyone. You have a chance to make a change and your intentional inaction on this issue makes me disappointed to have you as my representative.

In 2018, I moderated a debate at Oakland Mills High School. Councilmembers Rigby and Jones, both of you attended that debate. You stood on stage a few feet away from me and declared that you would work to support immigrants. Councilmember Jones, you said "The County Council should pass a measure prohibiting Howard County from entering into a 287 g agreement, or other agreements for that matter with ICE." And you went on to say "Howard County should not be burdened with federal mandates." Yet we sit here today, our county burdened by our subsidies of the ICE detention center and our agreement with ICE. And, all you will do is walk back on what you said to uphold a racist contract with a racist organization. It is clear to anyone who knows about ICE that they spread fear and endanger our community. I sent you an email that included links to several articles about the atrocities of ICE, which you ignored. However, I am certain other speakers tonight will give you plenty of examples of the human rights violations of ICE.

Council Member Rigby I am so glad that you are supporting this bill and staying true to your words. You understand that Calvin Ball's executive order will never provide the change or permanence that this bill will, and that his weakening of the contract is nowhere near enough. If we propose to be antiracist, we must do more than just study our inequities, we must act when we see injustice.

Council Member Jones, when you spoke just two years ago, you had morals and values that you wanted to protect. You cared about immigrants in our community and you cared about helping people in need. What has changed now? What kind of County Council Member actively works to endanger members of their own community? You may have lied to get elected in 2018, but I assure you it will not work twice.

Sayers, Margery

From: Maryann Maher <maryannpmaher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony Supporting CB 51

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Maryann Maher and I am a resident of Ellicott City. I support County Bill (CB) 51 which would end the Howard County contract with ICE. Community safety is paramount for all our residents, but safety can be achieved while moving away from policies of detention that breed abuse and corruption. I ask that you support CB 51 as a matter of good public policy.

Sincerely,

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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September 21, 2020

Howard County Council
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of CB 51-2020, which would end Howard County's contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

As a former councilwoman, I voted year after year for budgets that included this contract, but I strongly believe going forward we must stop doing business with an agency that continues its cruel and inhuman treatment of our foreign-born friends and neighbors and their children, both in our community and across the country. The current immigration policies are heartless and unjust, routinely targeting black and brown immigrants, tearing families apart and deporting people who have lived and worked peacefully in the United States for decades. By continuing this contract with ICE, we are complicit in their systemic racism and oppression.

Moreover, continuing the contract with ICE does nothing to make Howard County safer but instead makes us less safe. ICE's continued presence in Howard County makes immigrants less likely to cooperate with county police and less likely to report crimes, making everyone less secure.

Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice. Ending the contract with ICE is the right and humane thing to do.

Delegate Jen Terrasa
District 13, Howard County
Maryland General Assembly

Sayers, Margery

From: CouncilWebEx
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: FW: Webex Invitation - Public Hearing - September 21 - 6pm
Attachments: CB51-Opposition.docx

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**From:** Chris Yamashita <cy.columbiatc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** CouncilWebEx <councilwebex@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Webex Invitation - Public Hearing - September 21 - 6pm

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I regret I will be unable to participate in the WebEx council legislation event. I have attached my preparatory notes for my opposition.

Best Regards,  
Chris Yamashita

On Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:57 AM CouncilWebEx <[councilwebex@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilwebex@howardcountymd.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for participating in the Howard County Council's Public Hearing , hosted virtually on Monday, September 21 at 6pm.

Below are the details you need in order to access and participate in the event:

- Click on the link below to join the WebEx Event.
- Please use the call-in information on the WebEx screen to call in by phone or computer. If calling in by phone, please enter your attendee number when prompted. The number will be shown on your computer screen. The attendee number is how you will be identified in the event.
- The WebEx Event will be recorded.

WebEx now requires a password. The password for this event is "password".

Sincerely,

Margery

Margery Sayers

Executive Assistant

Howard County Council

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CB-51-2020

Council members, I urge you to vote “no” **not because** you support ICE. And I urge you to **not vote “yes”** just because you oppose ICE. You should all vote “no” because there are numerous precedents of this type of legislation passed by other counties resulting in a negative impact on immigrants and constituents.

The following are some arguments that were made to vote “yes”, and I will explain

#1 The detainees aren’t even from Howard County.

Even though the detainee may not be from Howard County, the detention center serves as an additional option to detainee housing. Imagine an extreme where there were only 2 detention centers, 1 in Howard County, and 1 on the west coast. If we don’t permit detainees in Howard County jails, then all the detainee’s family members will unlikely be able to travel cross country to visit them. Now imagine 30 detention centers across the nation, and Howard County ended its detainee housing contract. If the closest jail is in NY and the detainee is from Virginia, do you see how much harder we just made it for them. Yes, there are 2 other counties in MD with detention centers, but if House Bill 677 passes, you can assume that number will become 0. HoCo claims only criminal detainees are currently allowed to be housed at Jessup. Yet, the bill mentions 4 detainees, out of the thousands that have been housed at Jessup, that were non-criminals and housed in HoCo’s jail. The immigrants detained at the prince george and howard county road-side incidents that were then housed in Jessup, at least were able to have their families visit them locally. Would you rather they didn’t house

them in Howard County? And their families would have to drive from Prince George, or Howard county to who knows where.

#2 The housing of detainees is financially a net negative.

The \$8 per detainee cost overrun is not supported by evidence, no itemized cost source was provided. Since the facility is already built and the manpower already hired, major costs could only really come in the form of food and utilities. If the net negative is true, then adjust the billing per detainee at the next contract negotiation.

#3 Stain on the image of Howard County.

What of the image of Howard County who doesn't provide a safe, well-maintained facility for immigrants who are detained by ICE. You can choose to not cooperate with ICE, but how are you welcoming of immigrants if as soon as they are detained you turn your back on them? You could at least house them, take care of them, provide them medical, feed them, etc. You can choose to "be complicit" by housing them, or the other option is they could be housed at a for-profit jail run by a private company, such as G4S, that doesn't provide the same level of adequate care.

#4 Continuing the contract with ICE makes Howard County less safe.

It's confusing to say that not cooperating with federal law enforcement is a good thing, that it keeps the community safe. And then to say that illegal immigrants not cooperating with local law enforcement is bad and will lead to less safety. Shouldn't you be pro deportation then? So that the people in our community are comprised of people willing to testify on behalf of the innocent.



Have you imagined how you'd feel if you or a loved one was a victim of a heinous crime, and the only witness that could help bring justice stays silent because they fear detention and deportation?

Having addressed these 4 common themes from the written testimony, I will now give evidence of the result of passing bills similar to CB51.

In 2017, the city of Santa Ana decided not to renew it's \$340,000 a month contract with ICE, they planned to layoff correction officers to deal with the budget deficit. Furthermore, the detainees were relocated to Adelanto jail run by G4S, a 2 hour drive from Santa Ana, adding to financial and time off hardships for visitors. Transgender detainees were transferred to Las Vegas since Adelanto did not have a space classified to house them.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Eduardo Ribeiro <guayoribeiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Jones, Opel  
**Subject:** I urge you to support CB 51

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear councilmembers:

I am a Howard County resident, a voter, and a District 3 constituent.

I am also a hardworking Afro-Latino immigrant father who moved to the county in order to provide a better life for his children, in an environment in which diversity and racial equity would be respected and cherished. As such, I am writing to urge you to support CB51, to end the county's contract to house ICE's immigrant detainees in our Jessup detention center.

ICE's mistreatment of immigrants is well-documented, and includes several forms of physical and emotional abuse aimed at demoralizing and demeaning its detainees, stripping them of their most fundamental rights as fellow human beings. A contract with such an agency — which enforces a racist immigration system designed by white nationalists at the White House — is morally unjustifiable, even if some of our elected leaders find it politically convenient.

Abolishing the ICE contract will send a strong message in support of our immigrant community, who plays an essential part in making Howard County the thriving community it is. It will also indicate Howard County's true commitment to the rights of all of its residents, independent of their immigration status, and its opposition to intolerance and bigotry.

I am looking forward to the passing of CB 51, with your unequivocal support.

Sincerely yours,

Eduardo R. Ribeiro, Ph.D.  
Laurel, MD 20723

CB 51-2020

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ruth Nimmo <ruthnimmo77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony Supporting CB 51

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you in support of CB 51 which would end the Howard County contract with ICE to house ICE detainees.

With ICE's presence in Howard County, immigrants are less likely to cooperate with county police and less likely to report crimes, making everyone less secure. Many undocumented immigrants in Howard County work, pay state and federal taxes, and contribute to the community, yet many live in fear of detention and deportation.

I support a national effort to re-write our Immigration laws to make it easier for people from other countries to come here legally and become citizens. We benefit as a society from the diversity of thought, creativity, and contributions of people from around the world. While Howard County cannot, on its own, change federal policy, it can refuse to support or implement it. Social and legal change begins here at home. Local political action puts pressure on national leaders to change laws. We have an obligation to our foreign born friends and neighbors in Howard County to work against cruel and unjust policies and practices. Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice, not in the rear.

Please support CB 51.

Best Regards,

Ruth Nimmo  
10001 Windstream Drive, Apt. 805  
Columbia, MD 21044  
410-531-0661

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Melissa Andrade <melyandra11@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** End ICE

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this for Calvin Ball and Opel Jones to support CB51. End the Howard County contract with ICE and dismantle institutional racism. Protects those you make up and contribute this this community, and deserve for their voices to be heard as well.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Melissa A.

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**From:** Jill Clark-Gollub <jill@clarkgollub.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:06 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony for CB51-2020

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear County Council Members:

I am writing to urge you to fully support CB51-2020 to END Howard County's contract with ICE. The very limited nature of the bill seems to me uncontroversial: "AN ACT prohibiting the Howard County Department of Corrections from accepting into its custody persons detained by federal immigration law enforcement agencies and housing those persons as they await disposition of **exclusively immigration-related proceedings**."

As you have probably observed on your own, our area is full of hard-working immigrants who have come here seeking refuge from violence and poverty at home. They are decent people committed to their families, and largely fill jobs that many American citizens are unwilling to do. Incarcerating them for committing no crime other than entering our country without a visa is patently unjust and counterproductive, as it leaves people unable to provide for their families and causes trauma to children and other relatives. It also creates an underclass of people who are less likely to report crimes or cooperate with law enforcement for fear of jail or deportation, which in turn makes our communities less safe. And keeping people awaiting immigration proceedings in jail prevents them from paying their bills or for attorney's fees, perpetuating a cycle of poverty.

This practice is also inherently racist. Black and brown people are far more likely to be targeted for immigration violations than white immigrants. Soon our society will come to see that immigrant detention is just as immoral and racist as Jim Crow laws. Please stand on the right side of history and help to stop this practice. I live in Montgomery county Maryland and do not want my state participating in the unconscionable practice of jailing my neighbors simply for visa violations.

Sincerely,  
Jill Clark-Gollub  
Silver Spring, MD

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jason Siegel <jbsiegel5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel  
**Subject:** Testimony for CB 51 - 2020

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To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing to demand that Howard County divests from ICE. The current immigration policies are heartless. They tear families apart and destroy the lives of people who have lived and worked peacefully in the United States for decades.

We shouldn't use Howard County's greatly needed tax dollars to enforce ICE's racist policies, especially in this health and economic emergency.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Siegel  
5082 Durham Rd West  
Columbia, MD



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Anika Jensen <anikasjensen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** Testimony for CB51-2020

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Good afternoon,

I am writing today to urge you to vote for CB 51-2020 and end Howard County's contract with ICE. Howard County is extraordinary because of its diversity, tolerance, and sense of community, and a contract with ICE makes us complicit in a cruel system of injustice that targets black and brown immigrants. ICE has routinely torn families apart; their detentions facilities are sites of COVID outbreaks, and the accusations against ICE officers of sexual abuse and mass hysterectomies indicate a doctrine of cruelty that is inherently antithetical to Howard County's values. It is clear that ICE does not keep Americans safe; instead, it terrorizes immigrants and at-risk groups.

As a Jewish woman whose family was annihilated in the Holocaust, I would be remiss if I did not speak out against the injustices faced by black and brown immigrants, the same injustices my ancestors faced only 80 years ago. ICE has repeatedly violated the Geneva conventions and, if left unchecked, will continue to perpetuate racially motivated devastation.

Please consider the black and brown immigrants who make Howard County great and vote to cut ties with ICE. Justice starts with communities.

Regards,  
Anika Jensen

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Alex Kohn <alex.kohn76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Jones, Opel; Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David  
**Subject:** End Howard County ICE Contract

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Dear Council Members Liz Walsh, Deb Jung, and Christiana Rigby,  
Thank you Councilwoman Walsh for writing the bill to end the unnecessary detainment of immigrants in our county, and thank you all for supporting this legislation. It is the duty of the government to protect the most vulnerable members of society and I'm glad that someone in Howard County was brave enough to stand up when they were needed.

Thank you so much for your support of this bill,  
Alex

Dear Council Member Opel Jones,

As a resident of district 2, I am saddened to hear that you still have not taken a position on this essential issue. When you ran for County Council you championed the rights of immigrants and had overwhelming support because you were willing to stand up for what is right. Every day that you refuse to take action, you are putting the lives of people in danger. Locking people in prison during a highly contagious and deadly pandemic is negligent, and your inaction makes you responsible for everyone who becomes sick or dies in the Howard County detention center. The fact that you continue to work with a racist organisation goes against everything you have claimed to value in the past.

The continuation of this contract hurts our county every day. You spend hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to imprison overwhelmingly non-violent, essential members of the society we live in, and you add a burden to the lives of immigrant families who are already in a difficult situation. How would you feel if you were a child, only able to call your father on the phone for a total of 1 hour per week? How would you feel if you were thrown in jail while trying to support your family, knowing that they won't be able to make ends meet? You and I both know that ICE disproportionately arrests black and brown immigrants without any convictions or only non-violent convictions. The most common offence was a traffic violation.

By continuing this racist contract during a pandemic that is likely to continue for several years, you sentence people to death for a speeding ticket. You are responsible for every death, illness, and injury that occurs within our ICE detention center. Do not walk away from this issue while members of our community are suffering. Stand up for what is right like you used to. Do not bow down to the establishment because it is easy, take a stand and do not be afraid to help the people who need you the most.

You may have been very busy over the last year or two, so I linked some articles below so you can catch up with what's been happening.

[U.S Loses Track of Another 1,500 Migrant Children](#)

[A COVID-19 outbreak unfolded in Virginia after ICE flew immigration detainees there so agents could be shipped to the nation's capital in response to protests](#)

[Immigrant Kids Keep Dying in CBP Detention Centers, and DHS Won't Take Accountability](#)

[How Racial Profiling Goes Unchecked in Immigration Enforcement](#)  
[Whistleblower Alleges Mass Hysterectomies at ICE Detention Center](#)

Anyone with an ounce of humanity can agree that we should not be working with ICE. I wish you still cared.

- Alex

Dear Council Member David Yungmann,

I am very concerned by your opposition to this bill. This bill is essential to save lives and create a more welcoming Howard County. As a council member you are the face of the county. What does it say to the residents of our county that you want innocent people in prison? Not only does this bill help protect the rights of immigrants in the county, it is also fiscally responsible. We pay 8 dollars per person per day to keep immigrants in detention in the Jessup facility. That means the county spends over \$100,000 every year; can't you think of better things to do with that money?

Thanks,  
Alex

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Richard Ochs <rjochs@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB51-2020

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Dear H.C. Council,

Please vote for CB51-2020 to end the county contract with ICE. I often shop in Howard County, but I will not spend a penny there as long as you have a contract with ICE. I will tell my friends as well.

Richard Ochs  
Baltimore



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** Lisa.j.dickson@gmail.com  
**Subject:** District 3 - HB 51

**First Name:** Lisa  
**Last Name:** Dickson  
**Email:** [Lisa.j.dickson@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.j.dickson@gmail.com)  
**Street Address:** 9130 Bryant Ave  
**City:** Laurel  
**Subject:** HB 51

**Message:** Hello, I've lived in your district for 20 years and I vote in all the elections. I wanted to write today to explain that I support HB 51. I feel that immigrant offers a lot to our community. Most of our ancestors were immigrants, mine came here on a wing and a prayer from Europe. I know something about the Jessup Detention because I was visiting an inmate there for several months through the DC visitation network, (an excellent program). I saw how harshly they treat people in there, many of whom are not criminals, but whom ICE decides they are. I consider them to be political prisoners. The first time my friend was first put in solitary was because he was translating Spanish and English for two men who were fighting. The second time he went to solitary he'd been trying to help a friend who was being abused by MS 13. He tried to help his friend and got beaten. After that he was kept in there for several months. I was able to speak to him for 30 minutes a week on video. He wasn't given medical treatment and had worse food then those in general population. It was also restricted calories. At some point he was transferred to a state prison in NY where the conditions were much improved. After a year of incarceration, away from his children he was released of criminal charges and won his immigration trial. It is my understanding from talking to people who have been held there that many of the men there are not criminals and it's a dangerous place to be. In addition I feel that we should not be cooperating with ICE at all. We should not be separating families. We are better then this! Many of the people who are held there would be released if they were able to afford good attorneys. My friend had the good fortune to have an excellent lawyer, if not for that he would have been deported. I saw this first hand. We are a nation of immigrants and I support HB 51. I voted for you and I care how you vote on this bill. Thank you for reading my letter.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Claudia Russell <cjrussell@erols.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 3:07 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bill CB5 - Comments  
**Attachments:** Howard County .pdf

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Please see the attached. Thank you. Claudia Russell



September 12, 2020

Dear Howard County Council Members;

*RE: Bill CB5 - a bill to stop the Howard County Department of Corrections from accepting individuals detained by federal immigration law enforcement agencies introduced by County Council Vice Chair Liz Walsh.*

We understand that legislation has been introduced requesting that the Howard County Detention Center, located in Jessup, no longer house individuals as they await disposition in exclusively immigration-related proceedings. We applaud and fully endorse this legislation. We have visited the Detention Center for the past two plus years which unfortunately has been curtailed due to Covid-19. Our visits with the detainees, through the secure visitor center, are part of our ministry with the Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry.

We have visited individuals who have committed no criminal act but rather a civil act of entering the country without authorization or presenting themselves at a port of entry seeking asylum. They include persons who have fled their countries due to life threatening experiences such as uncontrolled gang violence in their home countries. They had no choice but to seek safety here in the US. Those we met have created "American" lives after residing here for many years. They have jobs, families and contributed to their communities and this country. As you know, many of them also have US citizen children and spouses and deserve to be with their families.

Covid19 has increased the desperation of the detainees and their families. With detainees crowded together and without the ability to social distance as well as the ICE policy to transfer detainees among the many detention centers, the risk of COVID-19 is extreme.

For a better understanding of the ICE response to immigrants, we recommend viewing the 6 episode documentary on Netflix, *Immigrant Nation*. Journalists were above-cover and embedded with ICE agents for 3 years. It visually tells the dehumanizing stories of the actions ICE has taken against hundreds of thousands of immigrants. These ICE actions are tearing apart our humanity. As people of faith and leaders of the Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry, we are appalled at these actions against those who have already suffered enormously in their home countries. We are not a cruel nation.

The effort of Howard County to stop providing detention beds for ICE constitutes a step in rebuilding our humanity and living with kindness and goodwill by treating our neighbors as ourselves. It also will be viewed as a check to ICE to reconsider their actions against our neighbors. Thank you for raising this issue and for taking our thoughts into consideration when you debate this important matter.

Respectfully,

Dora Currea

Martin Dickinson  
Claudia Russell  
Co-chairs, Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry

Committee  
cc. Calvin Ball, County Executive

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Elizabeth Alex <ealex@wearecasa.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Jung, Deb; Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; CouncilMail; Jones, Diane; Glendenning, Craig; Williams, China; Gick, Ginnie; Dvorak, Nicole; Gelwicks, Colette; Facchine, Felix; Harris, Michael; Alston, Ashley; Knight, Karen; Skalny, Cindy; Sidh, Sameer; Jones, Jennifer D.; Manley, Josh  
**Subject:** Message from CASA  
**Attachments:** CASA Letter to Howard County Council 9.11.2020.pdf

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9/11/2020

Howard County Council  
Drive

3430 Courthouse  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Council members,

Howard County has long been recognized as a place where diversity is embraced and celebrated. Over 20% of our residents hail from Latino and Asian first and second generation immigrant families, and they play a critical role in every facet of our County's economy and social fabric. Despite this long standing attitude of welcoming and celebrating immigrants, Howard County's absence of critical policies to ensure trust between immigrant communities and county government is notable. Further, the presence of a formal contract between the County and the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency sends a chilling and contradictory message to immigrant communities.

Over the last few years, the national climate for immigrants has grown increasingly harsh. Rhetoric scapegoating immigrants and a mischaracterization of the root causes of immigration have fueled an increase in hate crimes against Latinos and immigrants over the last 5 years. Federal policy directives aimed at increasing and fast tracking the detention and deportation of immigrants, combined with harsh tactics of detaining children and forcibly separating young children from their parents, have drawn the national spotlight. As the County Executive said in a recent communication to the council, "The way immigration has been weaponized at the federal level in recent years is troubling and unacceptable."

As the changing national climate and policies around immigration have increasingly encroached upon our values and beliefs at the local level, Howard County residents, both immigrants and allies, have spoken up urging our local government to step up in leadership and solidarity with immigrant communities. The peaceful protests, vigils, community forums and conversations convened by religious and educational institutions have demonstrated the urgency for Howard County to join all of the other large jurisdictions in Maryland by rejecting outright and unlimited collaboration with ICE through formal policy. With 1430 members in Howard County, CASA has been deeply engaged in bringing our members together with key stakeholders – including all of you and the County Executive - to work toward policy solutions that would demonstrate our County's ongoing commitment to immigrants in an increasingly harsh national climate.

We identified two critical policy changes that would bring Howard County in line with other large counties in Maryland in welcoming immigrants: 1) Establishing a clear policy limiting collaboration and communication

between county agencies and ICE, along the lines of TRUST policies established and reiterated via legislation and executive orders in Baltimore City and Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Baltimore Counties in recent years. 2) Eliminating the long standing bed rental contract between the county and ICE, similar to steps taken in Anne Arundel county that resulted in dissolution of the 287(g) and IGSA contracts there since 2018.

We have appreciated sincere and open dialogue with each of you and with the County Executive's office, and with the steps many of you have taken to publicly stand with immigrants in Howard County. Our team at CASA has been working in close collaboration with the County Executive's team to develop policy language that we think will be a strong first step in advancing these goals. We would love to meet with each of you in the coming days to review this policy language and also discuss other ways that Howard County can continue to support immigrants in our community.

Thank you again for your continued engagement on this issue. We look forward to working with you to make sure that Howard County continues to be a welcoming place for immigrants. Feel free to reach out to Elizabeth Alex at [ealex@wearecasa.org](mailto:ealex@wearecasa.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director

CASA

**Elizabeth Alex | Chief of Organizing and Leadership**

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Sincerely,

Gustavo Torres, Executive Director

CASA



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 10:03 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: County Bill No. 51-2020

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**From:** Susanna Sung <susanna.s.sung@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 10:22 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** County Bill No. 51-2020

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Dr. Jones,

As you know, Howard County has a contract with ICE to detain immigrants in the Jessup jail. I am calling on your vote for CB 51-2020 to end this contract TODAY because:

1. **Howard County's contract with ICE makes us complicit in a cruel and unjust system.** The current immigration policies are heartless and unjust, routinely tearing families apart and deporting people who have lived and worked peacefully in the United States for decades. Collaborating with this system is inconsistent with Howard County's stated values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We should not be using our much needed tax dollars to enforce ICE's racist policies, especially in this health and economic emergency.

2. **ICE practices racial profiling, targeting Black and Brown immigrants.** Almost all the detainees in the Jessup

jail are from Mexico, Central America, and Africa.

3. **Howard County detains men who have not committed or been convicted of violent crimes.** The Department of Corrections accepts detainees charged with "any jailable offence" which includes minor traffic violations and possession of small amounts of marijuana. The County detains people who have been charged but not convicted, and people who have already served their complete sentences in jail or prison.

4. **While incarcerated, detainees cannot easily find or pay for competent legal representation.** It is much harder to find a lawyer from inside the detention center than in the community. While Howard County has many lawyers, there is no evidence that detainees at the Jessup jail are more likely to have legal representation than detainees in other facilities.

5. **Continuing the contract with ICE makes Howard County less safe.** With ICE's presence in Howard County, immigrants are less likely to cooperate with county police and less likely to report crimes, making everyone less secure. Many undocumented immigrants in Howard County work, pay state and federal taxes, and contribute to the community, yet many live in fear of detention and deportation.

6. **There are proven alternatives to detention.** For decades, immigrants facing deportation could continue living and working in the community while they waited for their hearings. Alternatives to detention include parole/release on own recognizance, check-ins at ICE offices, home visits and check-ins, telephone monitoring, and GPS monitoring through electronic ankle bracelets.

7. **Change has to start here. We cannot wait for Washington to act.** While Howard County cannot, on its own, change federal policy, it can refuse to support or implement it. Social and legal change begins here at home. Local political action puts pressure on national leaders to change laws. We have an obligation to our foreign-born friends and neighbors in Howard County to work against cruel and unjust policies and practices. Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice, not in the rear.

8. **Detention tears families apart.** Families are broken up by detaining men at the Howard County Detention

Center (HCDC) who are fathers and breadwinners. Family members of detainees often cannot pay rent, get evicted, lose jobs, and suffer other hardships.

Thank you for being on the right side of history.

Your constituent,  
Susanna Sung  
9455 Sargossa Place  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Abby McAuliffe <alwaysabby317@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 8:00 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Testimony for CB 51

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good morning,

Howard County has a contract with ICE to detain immigrants in the Jessup jail. We are calling upon the County Executive, Calvin Ball, and the County Council to vote for CB 51-2020 and end this contract NOW in order to make our county, state, and country, places that live up to their promise of justice and compassion.

Howard County's contract with ICE makes us complicit in a cruel and unjust system. The current immigration policies are heartless and immoral. Collaborating with this system is inconsistent with the Howard County that raised me to believe in values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In order to truly live those values, we must end this contract, which routinely tears families apart and deports people who have lived and worked peacefully in the United States for decades. Howard County should not be using our much needed tax dollars to enforce ICE's racist policies, especially in this health and economic emergency.

When I expressed concern about Howard's contract with ICE earlier this year, I was told that this wasn't an issue, because no women or children are detained through this contract. However, this deflection does not address that the men being detained are entitled to rights and liberties, in addition to deserving our mercy and compassion. Justice is not restricted by age or gender. The men detained have not committed or been convicted of violent crimes. The Department of Corrections accepts detainees charged with "any jailable offence" which includes minor traffic violations. The County also detains people who have been charged but not convicted, and people who have already served their complete sentences in jail or prison.

Furthermore, this shows a lack of understanding (or perhaps willful ignorance) about how the detention of these men affects their families and communities as well. Families are broken up by detaining men at the Howard County Detention Center (HCDC) who are fathers and breadwinners. Family members of detainees often cannot pay rent, get evicted, lose jobs, and suffer other hardships. With ICE's presence in Howard County, immigrants are less likely to cooperate with county police and less likely to report crimes, making the entire community less secure. Many undocumented immigrants in Howard County work, pay state and federal taxes, and contribute to the community, yet many live in fear of detention and deportation.

There are proven alternatives to detention. For decades, immigrants facing deportation could continue living and working in the community while they waited for their hearings. Alternatives to detention include parole/release on own recognizance, home visits and check-ins, telephone monitoring, and GPS monitoring through electronic ankle bracelets. I firmly believe amnesty and asylum should be granted liberally where it is applicable.

Change has to start here. We cannot wait for Washington to act. While Howard County cannot, on its own, change federal policy, it can refuse to support or implement it. Social and legal change begins here at home. Local political action puts pressure on national leaders to change laws. I have an obligation to my neighbors in Howard County to work against cruel and unjust policies and practices. You have that responsibility too. Howard County should be at the forefront of efforts to achieve social and racial justice, not in the rear.

Hyattsville, Rickville, Riverdale Park, Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Greenbelt, Colmar Manor, Norfolk, Anne Arundel County, Forest Heights, Prince George's County, Cheverly, Annapolis, Mt. Rainer, Brentwood, and Prince William County have all said no to ICE. Howard County must stand with them, on the right side of history.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Abby McAuliffe  
10325 Twinedew Place  
Columbia, MD 21044



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:52 PM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: Support CB-51

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**From:** Anna Rubin <airubin@umbc.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 4:22 PM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Support CB-51

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Councilman Jones, I urge you to support CB-51. I am in your district and hope you understand how important this legislation is.

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Richard Kohn <richardakohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Yungmann, David; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Re: End contracts with ICE

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Dear Mr. Yungmann,

Time has shown that the reasons I gave previously for closing the ICE Detention Center have now been shown to have been correct. I expect you will vote yes on CB-51.

The main reason you opposed ending the ICE contract earlier was because you believed the contract was a money maker for the County even though it wasted our federal tax dollars. We now know that the County is losing money on housing immigrants in the Detention Center. How does one justify taking money from programs needed in the County at this time of severe economic austerity to use on a program that doesn't address a County issue at all? In fact most of the inmates don't even come from Howard County. Furthermore, unnecessarily putting men in prison prevents them from working and supporting their families.

You also state that these prisoners are "dangerous" to our County and we are better off with them in jail. However, most of these detainees are not from Howard County. This money-losing program is bringing in immigrants from throughout the country.

But more importantly, most of the detainees have been shown not to be violent criminals but rather people who were detained for non-violent offenses or no offense other than visa violations. In the case of those who were convicted of criminal offenses, they have served their time. We have a word in this country to describe people who have not been convicted of a crime whether accused or not, it also describes people who have been rehabilitated. They are called "innocent."

The US has the highest per capita prison population of any country in the world by far. We would have to go back 30 years to find a time when any other country's prison population was similar to ours. And then, it was the countries of the Soviet Union and apartheid South Africa that were similar. We know what happened there, but in the mean time, the US further militarized the police, expanded the drug war including the CIA pushing crack cocaine in the inner cities to fund war in Central America (It was all documented in Congressional investigations), implemented programs like "Stop and Frisk" and "Three Strikes", and passed the Crime Bill. Both Republican and Democratic politicians have escalated incarceration and targeted Black and Brown people. ICE mostly detains Black and Brown immigrants from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and Africa even though overstaying ones visa is a common occurrence among Canadians. ICE Detention is just another excuse to put people in jail because of their race and origin. We already have an enormous prison system for criminals, and too many people in those prisons, we do not need to also have a prison for innocent people of color.

It seems that it is highly inconsistent with Republican Party values to waste money on a federal program that prevents people from working and supporting their families. It is also not in the interest of the County to bring in immigrants from other parts of the country to this prison. Immigration is a national and international issue, not a County issue. The County should not be carrying out a racist federal policy at its own expense. Once someone has served their time, they should not be given additional jail time because of their race, country of origin, or immigration status.



Richard Kohn

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.

David Yungmann  
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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 <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: End contracts with ICE

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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 PCs 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)>  
**Subject:** End contracts with ICE

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Dear Councilman Opel Jones:

It is past time to end all contracts with ICE. This is an outlaw organization that violates US and international law, as well as Howard County laws. All HowardCounty agencies must be prohibited from assisting ICE with profiling and incarcerating innocent people, and close the ICE detention center. Immigrants are afraid of their schools, libraries, hospitals, and especially the police. This fear endangers all of us and only helps gangs recruit. A clear law prohibiting cooperation with ICE will help ease the tension. We will all be safer if immigrants feel safe enough to work with police.

Sincerely,

Rick Kohn  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Susan Clack <susanclack@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Clack, George  
**Subject:** Please support my CB 51

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I am a longtime Howard County resident. Address below. I am well informed and want you to support CB 51. Susan Clack

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"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." -- FDR, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1937.

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jones, Opel  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** Fw: Please support CB-51

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**From:** Yona Gorelick <yona.lev.gorelick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support CB-51

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Good morning, Councilmember Jones,

I am writing to urge your support of CB-51, prohibiting immigrant detainees from being held in Howard County's detention center.

I am a Maryland resident and a Jewish great-granddaughter of immigrants to the U.S. Simply being an undocumented immigrant is no reason to be locked up and separated from family and community. Howard County should have no part in the federal immigration enforcement machine that is violating people's basic human rights every day.

In my training as a hospital chaplain, I have seen firsthand the devastating toll it takes when, for example, a soon-to-be parent is torn away from their pregnant partner. As a Jew whose very existence is thanks to my recent ancestors' desperate departures from their home countries and thanks to the opportunities they had to build life anew here in the U.S., the thought of criminalizing and removing from society people who are simply seeking a place to live in relative safety chills me to the core.

ICE employs a brutal approach including raids, deportations, and family separations of immigrants. Some immigrant detainees are apprehended at the border, and some have lived peaceably here in the U.S. for decades before being stripped of their rights and ripped from their families and communities. The inhumanity, in either of these circumstances, is unconscionable.

Please do everything in your power to end Howard County's contract with ICE. Please support CB-51 without any weakening amendments.

Thank you,

Yona Gorelick  
Baltimore, MD



## **Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ray Donaldson <rtdonaldson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:55 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Get ICE out of the county

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We need to get ICE out of the county. This is a disgrace to the memory of Jim Rouse along with lots of others..Calvin Ball should be ashamed of himself if he opposes this.

Ray Donaldson. Liz's district.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Live <chrisfoster22@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 6:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Howard County needs ICE

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Hello,

This is in response to County Council member Liz Walsh's proposal to end Howard County's contract with ICE. The council members were elected to protect and serve Howard County residents, not to provide sanctuary to criminals. It's a crime to be here illegally and it is Howard County's responsibility to notify ICE when they are releasing a criminal back into society. You were elected for a reason and we expect you to put the the safety and security of Howard County residents before criminals.

Thank you,  
Christine Foster

Sent from my iPhone

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** kmbenton@smcm.edu  
**Subject:** District 2 - Support CB 51

**First Name:** Kara

**Last Name:** Skipper

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**Street Address:** 5444 Tilted Stone, Apt, Suite, Bldg. (optional)

**City:** Columbia

**Subject:** Support CB 51

**Message:** Please support CB 51 to end Howard County's contract with ICE to detain immigrants. ICE uses cruel and unjust practices such as racial profiling, limiting access to legal resources, and ultimately makes our communities less safe. There are proven alternatives to detention that allow for families to stay safe and together and for immigrants to access the resources they need . Please support CB 51!

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:35 PM  
**To:** Cwskipper@smcm.edu  
**Subject:** District 2 - Support CB 51

**First Name:** Christian

**Last Name:** Skipper

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**City:** Columbia

**Subject:** Support CB 51

**Message:** Please support CB 51 to end Howard County's contract with ICE to detain immigrants. ICE uses cruel and unjust practices such as racial profiling, limiting access to legal resources, and ultimately makes our communities less safe. There are proven alternatives to detention that allow for families to stay safe and together and for immigrants to access the resources they need . Please support CB 51!

**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  
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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



## Sayers, Margery

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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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

- 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 country 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.

## Sayers, Margery

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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.

Thank you, Tammy Spengler

5218 Wood Stove Lane

Columbia MD 21045



## Sayers, Margery

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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?

## Sayers, Margery

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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  
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**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.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** dlery59@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Council - ICE contract

**First Name:** Dana  
**Last Name:** Ely  
**Email:** [dlery59@verizon.net](mailto:dlery59@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

## Sayers, Margery

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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.

## Sayers, Margery

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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.



## Sayers, Margery

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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

## Sayers, Margery

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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.

## Sayers, Margery

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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**

## Sayers, Margery

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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?



May 7, 2020

## 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](#).



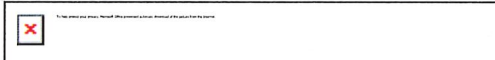
## May 2020 Legislation

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



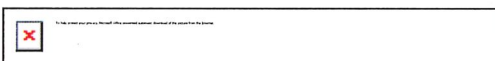
- **CB33-2020:** The Rental Protection and Stability Act, which would prohibit rent increases for residential tenants, commercial tenants, and mobile home owners in Howard County for the duration of our State of Emergency. This legislation is an important start to protecting the 30,000+ Howard County 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





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

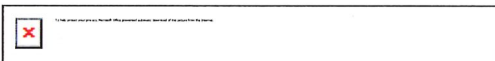
With over 4,000 members on Facebook, Columbia Community Care is collecting and distributing donations of groceries, toiletries, and other items in need. You can learn more about how to donate, volunteer, or access resources [here](#).



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,



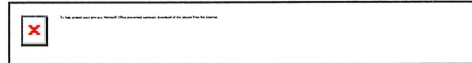
Christiana Rigby  
Councilwoman, District 3

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 Thibadeau 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.



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.](#)**





## 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](#).



## 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.

## 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](https://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?

**Christiana Rigby**  
Councilwoman, District 3

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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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**Sayers, Margery**

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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

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

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 Excutive in the next election?

Ray Donaldson

## Sayers, Margery

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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

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

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

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

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.

David Yungmann  
Howard County Council – District 5  
(410) 313-2001  
<https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Districts/District-5>

**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  
<[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: End contracts with ICE

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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 PCs 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

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, 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 policies 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.

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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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