



Howard County Council

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Emergency Legislative Public Hearing
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Nick Rinehart, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 6:02 p.m.

CB16-2026 and CB17-2026 read together. Combined testimony for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026 received by those called to testify as noted below.

A. Emergency Legislation

1. CB16-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Co-Sponsored by: Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, and Liz Walsh
AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Howard County Building Code to provide that only a government agency is eligible to make application, obtain or hold a permit for the I-3 Use group; to provide that the building official may suspend or revoke a permit other than one issued to a government agency that has not passed final inspection; generally relating to the regulation of building and construction in Howard County; and declaring this to be an emergency act.
2. CB17-2026 Introduced by Liz Walsh
AN ACT requiring the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities and property; requiring County departments to adopt certain policies consistent with the County Executive's guidance on immigration enforcement at County facilities and property; limiting access to certain areas for immigration enforcement; declaring contracts in support of immigration enforcement void and unenforceable as against public policy; and declaring that this Act

is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet an immediate emergency affecting public health, safety, or welfare; and Generally related to the County Administration and immigration enforcement in the County

- a. County Executive Calvin Ball – called to speak for CB16-2026
- b. Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth – called to speak for CB16-2026
- c. Delegate Ashanti Martinez – called to speak for CB16-2026
- d. Gavin Falcon, student – called to speak for CB16-2026
- e. Grace Castleberry, student – called to speak for CB16-2026
- f. Sarah Pan, student – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- g. Kish Williams, student – called to speak for CB17-2026
- h. Aidan Gould, student – called to speak for CB16-2026
- i. Ellie Newberger, student – called to speak for CB16-2026
- j. Arely Rojas, student – called to speak for CB16-2026
- k. Emory Saucedo – called to speak for CB16-2026
- l. Stephen McKenna – called to speak
- m. Heidi Connolly – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- n. Hiruy Hadgu, Howard County for Human Dignity – called to speak CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- o. Senator Clarence Lam – called to speak for CB16-2026
- p. Claudia Allen – called to speak for CB16-2026
- q. Erika Chavarria, Columbia Care – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- r. Padma Swamy – called to speak for CB16-2026
- s. Truth Thomas – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- t. Mary Sulerud, Grace Episcopal Church Elkridge PATH – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- u. Shameika Preston – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- v. Linfeng Chen, HoCo Board of Education – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- w. Jannsen Evelyn – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- x. Vanessa Deutschmann, Indivisible HoCo MD – called to speak for CB16-2026
- y. Ann Barnes, Christ Church Interfaith – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- z. Lena Kennedy – called to speak for CB16-2026
- aa. Mohammad Abukhdeir, Dar Al Taqwa – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- bb. Ghuydar Bashmaf – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- cc. Jean Xu – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- dd. Muzna Ansari, HoCo Muslim Alliance – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026

- ee. Rasha El-Haggan, Tarbiyah Academy – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- ff. Tina Horn, Luminus Network, Inc. – called to speak for CB16-2026
- gg. Razia Kosi – called to speak for CB16-2026
- hh. Elizabeth Taylor – called to speak for CB16-2026
- ii. Crisaly De Los Santos, CASA – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- jj. Margaret Nolan – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- kk. Tahira Hussain – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- ll. Robert Taylor – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- mm. Taylor Huston – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- nn. Scott White, Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America – called to speak for CB16-2026
- oo. Willem Kupper – called to speak for CB16-2026
- pp. Dan Jorquera – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- qq. Vivian Stone – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- rr. Nilda Ventura – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- ss. Cristiana Little – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026
- tt. Michael Worthington – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- uu. Roxanna Moores – called to speak for CB16-2026
- vv. Muhammad Motagaly, Muslim Family Center – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- ww. Chippella Lewis – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- xx. Ashley Asberry – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- yy. Joselyn Castillo – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- zz. Lawrence Hudnell – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026
- aaa. Abdun Martin – called to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- bbb. Aeleen Tar – called to speak for CB17-2026
- ccc. Jill Bussey, Maryland State Bar Association Immigration Law Section – called to speak for CB17-2026
- ddd. Amir Naviwala – called to speak for CB17-2026
- eee. Jennifer-NeToi Claiborne – called to speak for CB17-2026
- fff. Lawrence Hudnell – did not appear to speak for CB17-2026
- ggg. Daniel Hajdo – was called but did not appear to speak for CB17-2026
- hhh. Jason Quinones – did not appear to speak for CB17-2026
- iii. Michael Boyer, Howard County Rent Stabilization – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- jjj. Jonathan Hao – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026
- kkk. Johanna Klema – did not appear to speak for CB16-2026 and CB17-2026

B. Adjourned at 10:11 p.m.