

## TALKING POINTS IN SUPPORT OF ROCKVILLE COMMUNITY TRUST ORDINANCE

(MOST SOURCES COULD BE USED IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY OR STATE LEGISLATION AS WELL)

### 1. THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF "SANCTUARY" POLICIES ON CRIME AND THE ECONOMY ([PDF] (The Effects of Sanctuary Policies on Crime and the Economy <https://www.nilc.org/.../Effects-Sanctuary-Policies-Crime-and-Economy-2017-01-26...>))

According to the National Immigration Law Center, there are on average 35.5 fewer crimes per 10,000 people in "sanctuary" cities. Stats were determined using an ICE data set. Median household annual income is on average \$4353 higher; poverty is 2.3% lower and unemployment is 1.1% lower in "sanctuary/trust" communities.

### 2. Police Departments , mayors have been supportive of trust communities

- 61 Sheriffs and police chiefs, including Tom Manger of Montgomery County, have signed a letter against the EO and supporting community trust policing, stating that the the new EO will create "new and sometimes problematic tasks" that will undermine the balance between the local communities they serve and the federal government, and "harm locally-based, community-oriented policing". <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/mar/01/police-chiefs-letter-trump-deportation-immigrants>
- Only 32 law enforcement agencies in 16 states have chosen to become 287G counties or jurisdictions.

### 3. TRUST ORDINANCES OR "SANCTUARY" LEGISLATION DO NOT VIOLATE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW. IF ANYTHING THEY SUPPORT THE 4TH, 5TH, 10TH AND 14TH AMENDMENTS OF THE US CONSTITUTION.

- Since 1997, no jurisdiction has been found to be in violation of federal law re: restricting government entities, or sending or receiving information re:immigrants in custody.
- The Executive Order does not require asking about immigration status; it does not prohibit policies against requesting immigration status upon arrest.("Washington Defender")
- "The 10th Amendment precludes federal government from coercing state or local government to use their resources to enforce federal regulatory programs. ...The federal government cannot commandeer state or local resources."( The Immigrant Legal Resource Center) Municipalities have actually been sued for detaining immigrants for ICE when they should have been released.
- The 14th Amendment--Trust Ordinances reduce racial profiling and support equal protection under the law.
- The 4th Amendment- Trust ordinances ensure against unlawful search and seizure. Agents must have a warrant to search a home or pick up a detainee.
- The 5th Amendment- Trust ordinances ensure that an individual cannot be detained without charges or due process of law.

### 4. Facts about concerns over loss of funding and the cost of complying with the executive order:

- The Supreme Court has determined that the federal government cannot withhold funds to states and cities in order to coerce a state to comply with a federal mandate.(Migration Policy Institute)
- On funds to local law enforcement:"Withholding funds is unworkable and unconstitutional...(it)would reduce public safety and economic development,and undermine local governance." (Mike Quiqley, Member of Congress)
- Cost of enforcement= more beds and bigger detention centers cost money;loss of family income
- Social cost: ; need for foster care for children of detainees;need for mental health services; no justice for immigrant victims of crime.

Loss of trust in police officers, resulting in unprosecuted crimes and increased vulnerability to crime in the immigrant population. [http://www.npr.org/2017/05/25/529513771/new-immigration-crackdowns-creating-chilling-effect-on-crime-reporting?utm\\_source=facebook.com](http://www.npr.org/2017/05/25/529513771/new-immigration-crackdowns-creating-chilling-effect-on-crime-reporting?utm_source=facebook.com)

#### 5. Information about Crime in Rockville

- lower than 52% of Maryland communities and 45% lower than the national average. In comparison, Frederick is only safer than 24% of US cities, although it has a 287G agreement.

<https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/md/frederick/crime>

- No murders in Rockville last year
- Dec. 2013-Crime decrease of 9% in Rockville