



Who we are:

Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice (HCCIJ) is a group of immigrants, concerned organizations, and individuals working to support and protect our foreign-born friends and neighbors in Howard County. We believe all residents of Howard County deserve respect, justice, safety, and opportunities to thrive and prosper.

Our Current members:

- ACLU
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)
- CASA
- Chinese-American Network for Diversity and Opportunity (CAN-DO)
- Columbia Jewish Congregation
- Friends of Latin America
- Friends Committee on Immigration and Refugees
- Howard County Board of Rabbis
- Indian Cultural Association of Howard County
- Indivisible HoCoMD-Immigration Action Team
- Jews United for Justice
- Our Revolution Howard County
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia

We are working to:

- Build a broad base of support in Howard County to welcome and respect foreign-born residents
- Give local immigrants a powerful voice in the community
- Pass Howard County laws to protect immigrants from discrimination and minimize County cooperation with ICE
- End the Howard County Intergovernmental Service Agreement with ICE to house immigrant detainees in the Jessup jail
- Ensure that county agencies keep information about immigrants confidential
- Support programs to improve the quality of life for immigrants in Howard County
- Develop partnerships between the immigrant community and Howard County agencies including the Howard County Police Department and the Office of Human Rights
- Support state and national legislation to protect immigrants
- Educate the community about immigrants' contributions to our county, our state, and our nation.

We welcome diversity of opinion

All Coalition members are united by the shared goal ensuring justice for immigrants in Howard County. We are a diverse group of organizations, and not all members concur on other non-immigrant related issues. We agree to respect differences of opinion, work towards mutual understanding, and review issues together before speaking for the Coalition as a whole or any of its individual partners.

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