
Non-cooperation ordinance: please drop "conflicting policies" provision

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Dear Equity Committee,

Thank you for agendizing this ordinance, it's one of the most important issues affecting County residents today. Local governments across the country are taking action to protect residents against unlawful and unjust DHS/ICE activities.

Unfortunately the proposed policy has been significantly watered down from language suggested by immigrant advocates. I agree wholeheartedly with all of the points raised by those advocates, but particularly want to emphasize my concerns with the part of the policy that would permit (and even encourage) County departments to adopt conflicting policies that would trump this policy.

If departments can supersede this policy, then this policy is NOT A COUNTY-WIDE POLICY AT ALL! It's merely a suggestion: "hey folks, we hope you want to follow this policy, but it's also fine if you don't." That does not provide the protection and certainty that County residents deserve.

I hope the ordinance is reverted back to more effective language before it is brought before the full Board. We will have community members packing the board room to demand effective action from the full Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

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