



**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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