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**Subject: A Hard NO to Expedited Bill 35-25**

To my Councilmembers and the County Executive,

This legislation appears to be the misguided outcome of the County & State's failure to coordinate and intervene on our behalf, with Federal Law Enforcement Organizations. You have not shown any valid criteria for this action, either as documented percentages of the alleged injustices perpetrated, or examples of failures with cooperation.

Preferential treatment for those immigrants who have not fulfilled their obligations for entry is also a slap in the face for all of the legal County residents who have successfully upheld their agreements.

Should this pass without citizen referendum (or not; as typical in the past), at a minimum the document \*needs\* to concisely define the distinction between legal and non-legal residents, to the point of no debate.

The only rational way to "calm the fears" of our immigrant population is to show through actions, and legislation as a last resort, that we will protect our \*legal\* residents. Many Council members (and State "Representatives") have unfortunately incited mistrust and angst with biased public rhetoric, actions, & anecdotal gossip. I should remind you that 46% of our registered voter population is not of the political party as \*all\* of you. Without referendum you cannot justify legislation that purports to speak for all of us.

In my 73 years as a resident, this legislation will surpass the "No Nuclear Zone" legislation, as the epitome of ill conceived, quickly antiquated, and likely impossible to revoke legislation.

Lastly, this along with executive order serves as an example of authorization to impede and/or ignore laws that we don't ideologically agree with, rather than work within the law to correct them.

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