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## Testimony to the Montgomery County Council

**RE: Bill 3-26, Administration – Immigration Enforcement Guidance – Required (The County Values Act)**

Dear Council Members:

**The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) urges the Montgomery County Council to pass Bill 3-26, the County Values Act.** This bill constrains U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity on county property, thereby promoting community trust.

**The United States Constitution guarantees individuals the right to due process and is concerned that recent federal immigration actions contravene those rights. The League also believes that this bill maintains community trust by clearly delineating county services from federal immigration enforcement.**

The County Values Act limits access to certain areas of county facilities for immigration enforcement and provides guidance related to enforcement at such facilities. LWVMC policy positions are consistent with the bill's goal to maintain public trust and protect individuals' rights to due process.

Recently, ICE has violated individuals' rights to due process and freedom from arbitrary arrest by seizing individuals from their homes and cars without federal judicial warrants. This bill would restrict ICE access to non-public areas unless there is a valid federal judicial warrant or exigent circumstances. The bill also prohibits the use of county-owned or -controlled parking lots, garages and vacant lots for civil immigration enforcement activities.

Montgomery County must protect the constitutional rights of all residents while promoting community trust.

Thank you for this opportunity to present our views. We urge the Council to pass Bill 3-26.

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