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- **Alsobrooks supports giving illegal immigrants and non-citizens the right to vote.**
“Maryland Democrats running for the United States Senate illuminated their experiences and discussed hot-button topics ahead of the 2024 primary election during a forum Sunday hosted by the Latino Democrats of Prince George’s County. The forum featured three candidates: Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, U.S. Rep. David Trone and retired U.S. Army veteran Juan Dominguez. Candidates shared their views on healthcare, climate change, youth issues, disability issues and issues undocumented individuals face... All the candidates expressed support for allowing undocumented individuals and non-citizens to vote, which they said would lend itself to more Latino leaders being elected.” (Savannah Grooms, “Maryland’s US Senate candidates discuss undocumented voters, healthcare at forum,” [The Diamondback](#), 12/4/23)

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- **In November 2019, Alsobrooks signed a bill to bar all county agencies from engaging in immigration enforcement, a change that council members said was necessary to reduce fear among a growing immigrant population.** “The Prince George’s County Council voted unanimously Tuesday to bar all county agencies from engaging in immigration enforcement – a change that council members say is necessary to reduce fear among a growing immigrant population.” (Rachel Chason, “Prince George’s Council bans agencies from working with ICE,” Washington Post, [Via Wayback Machine](#), 11/19/19)
 - **Sanctuary policies “act to limit the participation of state or local agencies with detention and deportation.”** “Sanctuary policies take many forms, but broadly act to limit the participation of state or local agencies with detention and deportation.” (Immigrant Legal Resource Center, “[State Map on Immigration Enforcement](#),” accessed 7/10/24)
- **The bill was opposed by Prince George’s County Police Department, saying that existing policy already barred them from cooperating with ICE “unless the individuals face criminal warrants.”** “The bill, sponsored by 10 of the council’s 11 members, was opposed by the Prince George’s County Police Department, which says it’s unnecessary because of

an existing policy barring officers from working with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement unless individuals face criminal warrants.” (Rachel Chason, “Prince George’s Council bans agencies from working with ICE,” Washington Post, [Via Wayback Machine](#), 11/19/19)

- **In 2019, an illegal immigrant suspected of the gang killing of a 14-year-old girl was released by Prince George’s County officials without informing ICE.** “Not one, but two different agencies in Maryland released two teenagers from custody despite detainers from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The two teens – Josue Rafael Fuentes-Ponce, 16, and Joel Ernesto Escobar, 17 – are suspects in the MS-13-related killing of 14-year-old Ariana Funes-Diaz, of Anne Arundel County, whose body was found in Prince George’s County May 15. The two had been arrested by the Prince George’s County police in May 2018 on charges of attempted murder and attempted robbery. They were transferred to a state-run youth detention center a few days after the 2018 arrest. Escobar, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery, spent 10 months at the youth detention center and was taken back to the Prince George’s County jail on March 15 of this year, when he was released to a family member on the same day. A previous statement from the Prince George’s County Department of Corrections said that Escobar was not in county custody at the time of his release.” (Dick Uliano, “Md. agencies released teen murder suspects despite ICE detainers,” [WTOP](#), 5/22/19)
- **In 2020, an illegal immigrant and MS-13 member charged with multiple violent crimes was arrested by ICE after Prince George’s County officials ignored a detainer and released him without notifying the federal agency.** “On Nov. 19, ICE officers with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) Capital Area Task Force arrested Jose Luis Sorto Gomez, 33, a citizen of El Salvador and a known member of MS-13. Sorto has been arrested several times by Prince George’s County between 2016 and 2020, but despite five ICE detainers lodged during that time, was released after each incident. Sorto was previously identified by ICE in 2015 in McDowell County, North Carolina, where he was in custody pending charges of resisting arrest, assault of a government official and larceny. He was referred for prosecution for illegal reentry and on May 3, 2016, he was convicted and sentenced to 14 months incarceration by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. At the time, Sorto was the subject of active criminal warrants from Prince George’s County for failure to appear and he was transferred to Prince George’s custody following his federal sentence. ICE lodged a detainer with Prince George’s County on July 2, 2016, but Prince George’s County released Sorto into the community. Sorto is in ICE custody pending removal to El Salvador...Under federal law, ICE has the authority to lodge immigration detainers with law enforcement partners who have custody of individuals arrested on criminal charges and who ICE has probable cause to believe are removable aliens. The detainer form asks the other law enforcement agency to notify ICE in advance of release and to maintain custody of the alien for a brief period of time so that ICE can take custody of that person in a safe and secure setting upon release from that agency’s custody. Yet, across the United States, several jurisdictions refuse to honor detainers and

instead choose to willingly release criminal offenders back into their local communities where they are free to offend.” (Press Release, “ICE arrests 2 criminal aliens released by Maryland county after detainees not honored,” [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#), 12/2/20)