



December 14, 2025

Letter to the Montgomery County Council

Re: Expedited Bill 35-25, County Administration – Immigrant Protections (Promoting Community Trust – Immigrant Protections Act)

Dear Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) urges the Montgomery County Council to pass Expedited Bill 35-25 County Administration – Immigrant Protections (Promoting Community Trust – Immigrant Protections Act). This bill protects immigrant communities in Montgomery County by ensuring that county law enforcement personnel avoid being caught up in any inappropriate actions taken by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The League of Women Voters supports due process of law for every person in any law enforcement proceeding, including immigration law enforcement. **Ensuring due process of law not only provides justice to an accused person but also provides assurance to the entire community that law enforcement is trustworthy.** This promotes cooperation of residents with law enforcement in detecting and investigating crimes. **Any action that undermines public confidence in law enforcement diminishes the security of all residents.**

There have been credible reports of alarming misconduct by ICE agents, including arrests of citizens and legal residents as well as the use of excessive force. These instances are made worse by the practice of agents masking themselves and using generic “police” identification on their clothing. Taken together, these instances of misconduct by “police” undermine public confidence in legitimate law enforcement actions. **Montgomery County should take all the steps necessary to distance itself from this questionable conduct and ensure that the actions of all county law enforcement officers follow the law.**

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our views. We urge the Council to pass Expedited Bill 35-25.

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