

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2017-16  
SUPPORTING HB 1362 (SB 835) MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND GOVERNMENTAL TRUST ACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has a long standing commitment to protecting its widely diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park has been a Sanctuary City since 1985 to ensure that our Police Department treats all community members with dignity and respect, regardless of where they are from or their legal citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park law enforcement officers are prohibited from inquiring about an individual's citizenship or immigration status in the course of their duties, from releasing information about an individual's status to any third party (unless required by federal or state law), and from assisting federal officials with an investigation or arrest of someone for violations of U.S. immigration law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that these policies have helped enhance the safety of our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK supports HB 1362 (SB 835) Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act to ensure that any non-U.S. citizen in the State of Maryland can feel comfortable reaching out to, or cooperating with, law enforcement officials and be able to TRUST that doing so will not result in an inquiry into citizenship or immigration status.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2017.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk