

Letters to the Editor

Urges passage of county measure to reaffirm policy of inclusivity

To the Editor:

In recent weeks, many Westchester communities have taken steps to reaffirm a policy of inclusivity when grappling with federal immigration enforcement issues. To this end, the Westchester County Legislature will likely be facing an important vote as early as July 17.

The pending legislation — The Immigrant Protection Act (Act 9928) — would, if passed, prevent the county from using any of its taxpayer funded resources to assist in federal investigations based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity or national origin. The act also safeguards

confidential information shared with county departments and prohibits officers from honoring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement requests that lack probable cause. The legislation would also ensure that services provided by the county will be available to all who are eligible, notwithstanding their immigration status.

I believe that diversity within our towns is what allows our community to flourish. By supporting and protecting immigrants who call Westchester County home, we help keep our businesses strong and our schools vibrant. An inclusive and

supportive community is a healthy one — for all of us.

I urge the current legislator for our district to use his voice and his vote to protect our immigrant neighbors by voting 'yes' in support of this legislation. We need our officials at the local level to protect all Westchester County constituents. It is what I would do, if I were elected to represent District 2 for the Board of Legislators, as I hope to be this coming November.

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Voters in town races should put the 'PP' before the 'D' and the 'R'