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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT : MARCH 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City of Chicago Rules of Order, the **Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights** submits the following Monthly Report for March 2025.

REFERRED MATTERS

No referred matters.

REPORTS AND MATERIALS RECEIVED BY COMMITTEE

1. March 18 2025 Subject Matter Hearing Notice, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
2. March 18 2025 Subject Matter Hearing Agenda, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
3. March 18 2025 Subject Matter Hearing Revised Agenda, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
4. March 18 2025 Subject Matter Hearing Written Public Comment, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
5. 'March 18 2025 Committee Meeting' presentation, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights;
6. 'March 18 2025 Committee Meeting' revised presentation, provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights.
7. 'The New Immigration Landscape: What has Changed and What is Changing' presentation, provided by National Immigrant Justice Center;
8. Memorandum provided by Intergovernmental Affairs.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

In order of date received.

1. From Mark Kuehner, Immanuel Lutheran Church :

My name is Mark Kuehner. I am a volunteer with Immanuel Lutheran Church at Ashland and Roosevelt. I work with our migrant ministry. Our work has been adversely affected by recent changes in immigration policies and practices. People are afraid to take part even in services they need. We have cut back on our publicity, taken down our large welcoming banner, and had to post legal notices around our property. We have done this to create a sense of safety for our clients.

We appreciate the City of Chicago's Welcoming Ordinance and encourage you to vigorously defend it. We ask that you do everything in your power to stand up for our new neighbors. We believe all people are children of God and deserve love, respect, and dignity. We also believe everyone has legal rights protected by the Constitution to be secure in their persons and possessions and a guarantee to due process of law. It is our Church's obligation to fight for these things and we are eager to work by your side.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING - MARCH 18, 2025

On March 18, 2025 at 10a, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights held a Subject Matter Hearing in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established.

The following committee members were present in person : Chairman Vasquez (40), Alderperson Dowell (3), Alderperson Gutierrez (14), Alderperson Rodriguez (22), Alderperson Fuentes (26), Alderperson Taliaferro (29), Alderperson Cruz (30), Alderperson Cardona (31), Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa (35), Alderperson Knudsen (43), Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Alderperson Hadden (49).

Due to extenuating circumstances, Vice Chair Taylor (20) and Alderperson Cruz (30) requested to attend the Committee Meeting virtually in accordance with Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order. Alderperson Fuentes moved to allow Vice Chair Taylor and Alderperson Cruz to attend virtually; with no objections, the motion passed.

No committee members were absent.

The following non-members were present : Alderperson Burnett (27).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public speakers were each given three minutes to provide their testimony : George Blakemore; Jessica Jackson; Tiwon Sims; Paula Gean.

THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING

A Subject Matter Hearing on the City and Committee's recent efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities in Chicago, as well on federal immigration activity trends in Chicago.

- The following attended to provide testimony at the Subject Matter Hearing :
 - Katarina Ramos, Managing Attorney with National Immigrant Justice Center
- Chairman Vasquez introduced the subject matter hearing.
- Chairman Vasquez presented the 'March 18 2025 Committee Meeting' slide deck.
 - The following committee members and non-members asked questions / made comments : Alderperson Dowell; Alderperson Rodriguez; Alderperson Fuentes; Alderperson Taylor.
- Katarina Ramos, National Immigrant Justice Center, presented the 'The New Immigration Landscape: What has Changed and What is Changing' slide deck.
 - The following committee members and non-members asked questions / made comments : Alderperson Dowell, Alderperson Rodriguez; Alderperson Knudsen; Alderperson Fuentes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vasquez asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Fuentes so moved. Hearing no objections, Chairman Vasquez adjourned the meeting.