



CITY OF CHICAGO



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ALDERMAN, 25TH WARD

Committee on Housing and Real Estate  
Monthly Rule 45 Report

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Housing and Real Estate submits the following report for April 2024. On Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at noon, the Committee on Housing and Real Estate held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers.

**The following members were present:**

Alderman Sigcho-Lopez (Chairman) (25)  
Alderman Mitchell (Vice-Chair) (7)  
Alderman La Spata (1)  
Alderman Dowell (3)  
Alderman Harris (8)  
Alderman Quinn (13)  
Alderman Moore (17)  
Alderman Taylor (20)

Alderman Scott (24)  
Alderman Burnett (27)  
Alderman Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)  
Alderman Ramirez-Rosa (35)  
Alderman Clay (46)  
Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)  
Alderman Hadden (49)

Remote Participation: Alderman Robinson (4), Alderman Fuentes (26), Alderman Villegas (36), Alderman Mitts (37)

The following members were absent: Alderman Tabares (23)

The following non-members were present: Alderman Beale (9), Alderman Ervin (28), Alderman Vasquez (40), Alderman Gardiner (45)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 12:40 pm due to a slight delay. After quorum was established, the Chairman accepted a motion from Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth to allow for remote participation by Alderman Robinson, Alderman Fuentes, Alderman Villegas, and Alderman Mitts, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. There were seven public speakers and one written comment for items posted on the agenda.

**Public Comment:**

- George Blakemore spoke to the City of Chicago's sanctuary city status.
- Jessica Jackson spoke about corruption at the City and County level.
- Michael Young Bey spoke about personal struggles with housing insecurity.
- Zoey Leigh spoke about personal struggles with housing and local government.

- Taiwan Sims spoke to his experience with the housing/ shelter system over the last few years.
- Daisy Feidt, from Access Living spoke to the importance of Chicago building and maintaining affordable and accessible housing. Ms. Feidt also submitted a written public comment on the same issue.
- Christopher Garibay from Chicago Veterans spoke in support of the Veteran ARO preference ordinance.

### **Approval of March's 2024 Rule 45 Report**

- Alderwoman Dowell moved to approve, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

### **The Committee addressed the following items:**

1. **(O2024-0008410) Renewal of lease agreement with Chicago Children's Advocacy Center for building and parking facilities at 1240 S Damen Avenue supporting centralization of medical and mental health experts, children's protective services, law enforcement and family advocates. (28th Ward)**
  - Michelle Woods from the Department of Fleet and Facility Management was present to testify, give a presentation, and answer any questions. Char Rivette, CEO for the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center was also present to testify.
  - Alderman Ervin and Alderman La Spata spoke in support of the Center and in favor of this ordinance.
  - Alderwoman Dowell and Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth asked additional clarifying questions.
  - Alderwoman Dowell moved to approve this ordinance, which was passed by the same roll call as was used to determine quorum in Committee and at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.
2. **(O2024-0008414) Sale of vacant City "as-is" property at 4741 S Indiana Ave, in combination with owner's property at 4739 and 4743 S Indiana Ave, for development and construction of two three-story residential buildings. (3rd Ward)**
  - London Walther from the Department of Planning and Development was present to testify, give a presentation, and answer any questions.
  - Alderman La Spata asked a clarifying question.
  - Alderwoman Dowell spoke in favor of the ordinance.
  - Alderman La Spata moved to approve this ordinance, which was passed by the same roll call as was used to determine quorum in Committee and at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

3. **([O2024-0008244](#)) Designation of 2000-2294 N Milwaukee Ave as Low-Affordability Community. (1st Ward)**

- Alderman La Spata was present to testify and answer any questions on behalf of his ordinance.
- Alderman Mitchell moved to approve this ordinance, which passed by the same roll call as was used to determine quorum in Committee and at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

4. **([SR2024-0006982](#)) Call for hearing(s) on CHA's plan of action to address vacancy rates of scattered-site properties.**

- Alderman La Spata moved to approve the substitute resolution.
- Chairman Sigcho-Lopez spoke as co-sponsor of the resolution.
- Alderman Villegas spoke as lead sponsor and provided context to the need to pass the resolution.
- Alderwoman Dowell and Alderman La Spata requested to include certain topics in the upcoming subject matter hearing.
- Alderwoman Dowell moved to approve this ordinance, which passed by the same roll call as was used to determine quorum in Committee and at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

5. **([SO2023-0002888](#)) Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-44-085 regarding veteran preference for residential housing purchasers or renters under Affordability Requirements Ordinance.**

- Alderman Burnett moved to approve the substitute ordinance.
- Alderman Villegas spoke as lead sponsor of the ordinance. Daniel Hertz from the Department of Housing and Kevin Barszcz from the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs were also present to testify on behalf of this ordinance.
- Alderman Burnett spoke in support of the ordinance and commended Alderman Villegas on his efforts to support veterans.
- Alderwoman Hadden moved to approve this ordinance, which passed by the same roll call as was used to determine quorum in Committee and at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

The Committee having no further business, on a motion made by Alderwoman Scott, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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