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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: FEBRUARY 2025

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for February 2025.

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The following committee members were present:

Chair Rodriguez-Sanchez
Vice Chair Ramirez
Aldersperson Ramirez-Rosa
Aldersperson Fuentes
Aldersperson Manaa-Hoppenworth
Aldersperson Sigcho-Lopez
Aldersperson Cruz
Aldersperson Robinson
Aldersperson Cruz
Aldersperson Gutierrez

Remote Participation:

Aldersperson Hadden
Aldersperson Yancy

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 1:05pm. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation for Aldersperson Yancy and Aldersperson Hadden under Rule 59. Alder Fuentes moved to approve remote participation which passed by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were public speakers, and 2 written comments that were shared with committee members via email.

The committee heard public comment from the following speakers:

- Jessica Jackson
- Tiwon Sims

- George Blakemore
- Fasika Alem

Following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the **Rule 45 Report** from the committee meeting held in January 2025. Ald. Fuentes moved to approve the report and it passed with voice vote, no nays or abstentions.

The Chair then proceeded to call the next item on the agenda, **resolution number R2024-0012436 which was introduced by Alderperson Lopez** to express support for victims of slavery.

Alderperson Lopez shared remarks as the Chief sponsor of the resolution and invited his expert guests to present to the Council.

The following guests participated were present in the hearing and were provided with 5 minutes to present their testimony:

In person:

- Simon Deng
- Gloria Puldu
- Stephen Enada
- Rev Zamani Kafang
- Hacen El Khair

Video:

- Offor Chukwuemeka
- Daowd Salih

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez moved to open space for Q & A from Committee members. A summary of their questions and comments are below.

Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa thanked the panelists for sharing their testimony and expressed concerns about the resolution's 3rd Whereas clause, specifically

Alderperson Ramirez-Rosa motioned to amend the Resolution to strike the 3rd whereas in the resolution:

“The United Nations refusal to address modern African slavery and persecution illustrates the hypocrisy and cherry-picked, selective moral outrage of the greater international community”.

Alderperson Lopez moved the motion and the Chairperson called for a vote in support of this amendment. With all ayes and no opposition, the motion passed and the amendment was adopted.

Aldersperson Burnett shared and expressed interest in collaborating with the organizations present at the hearing in order to stand in solidarity with victims of modern day slavery.

The Chairperson thanked the guests for sharing their testimonies and asked to include language about how corporate mining and profits are exacerbating the human rights crisis in multiple African countries.

Aldersperson Sigcho-Lopez echoed the Chairperson's request language and recommended action be taken to hold the corporations who benefit from these abuses accountable.

Aldersperson Lopez spoke in support of the resolution and the changes to the resolution.

At approximately 2:16pm the Chairperson called for a recess to include the recommendations to the Resolution.

At approximately 2:35pm the Chairperson concluded the recess and called the room to order.

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez motioned to approve the substitute resolution.

Aldersperson Lopez moved to accept the substitute.

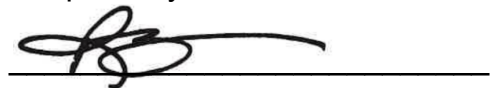
The Chairperson called for a vote to pass the resolution.

With all ayes and no objections, the resolution passed.

The committee, having no further business, on a motion made by Ald. Gutierrez, the meeting was adjourned.

A full recording of the meeting can be viewed on the City Clerk's website.

Respectfully submitted,



Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Human Relations