



CITY OF CHICAGO



COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & REAL ESTATE

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**Monthly Rule 45 Report**

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of the City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Housing and Real Estate submits the following monthly report for February 2026. On Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12:30 pm, the Committee on Housing and Real Estate held a meeting in Room 201A.

**The following members were present:**

Alderman Sigcho-López (Chairman) (25)  
Alderman Mitchell (Vice-Chair) (7)  
Alderman La Spata (1)  
Alderwoman Harris (8)  
Alderman Quinn (13)

Alderman Moore (17)  
Alderman Quezada (35)  
Alderman Villegas (36)  
Alderwoman Mitts (37)  
Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)

Remote Participation: Alderman Robinson (4), Alderwoman Taylor (20)

The following members were absent: Alderwoman Dowell (3), Alderwoman Tabares (23), Alderwoman Scott (24), Alderperson Fuentes (26), Alderman Burnett (27), Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Alderwoman Clay (46), Alderwoman Hadden (49)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm. After quorum was established, the Chairman accepted a motion by Alderman Quezada to allow for remote participation by Alderman Robinson and Alderwoman Taylor, which was approved by voice vote. There were four public speakers and twenty-three written comments.

**Public Comment:**

- George Blakemore spoke to broader issues.
- Willie J.R. Fleming, Executive Director of the Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign, spoke to broader housing issues in the City.
- Melissa Ortiz, Executive Director for In Good Company Inc, spoke about her work and support for item #2 on the agenda.
- Zoe Leigh spoke to broader issues.

**Written Public Comment:**

- The following individuals submitted a written public comment regarding item #1 on the agenda:
  - o Abdi Maya, Chicago Healthy Homes Coalition, Dotti Willis, Dr. Emma Anselin (& other pediatricians at Lurie Children's Hospital), Gevian Dargan, Gordon

Dymowski, Greg Reigh, J. King, Johnny Harvey, Minerva Garcia, Patricia Chandon, and Tracy Hart.

- The following individuals submitted a written public comment in support of item #2 on the agenda:
  - o Andre Martin, Chris Smith, Antionella White, Dr. Romian Crockett, E. Bernard Jennings, Erwin Heyek, Jeff Simon, John Powell, Jonathon Miller, Mark Mulroe, and the North Lawndale Urban Garden Collective.

### **Approval of January 2026 Rule 45 Report**

- Alderwoman Mitts moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

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

1. **([O2025-0019991](#)) Establishment of Proactive Rental Inspection Working Group to regulate inspections, certifications, and testing criteria, and to establish registry to track data for rental housing in Chicago. (Introduced by Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez)**
  - At the request of the lead sponsor, this item was held in Committee until further notice.
2. **([O2026-0022514](#)) Sale of City-owned property at 1014 S California Ave to In Good Company Chicago NFP. (28<sup>th</sup> Ward)**
  - Meg Gustafson from the Department of Planning and Development was present to testify, give a presentation, and answer any questions.
  - Alderman Villegas asked a clarifying question.
  - Alderwoman Mitts moved to approve the ordinance, which was passed by voice vote, and reported out at the City Council meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

There being no further business before the Committee, on a motion made by Alderman Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Byron Sigcho-López  
Chairman, Committee on Housing and Real Estate