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**COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS
MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
APRIL 2026**

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 April 2026.

REFERRED MATTERS

REPORTS AND MATERIALS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. April 14 2026 Committee Meeting Notice
2. April 14 2026 Committee Meeting Agenda of Matters
3. "Technology and Surveillance in Chicago: How government surveillance Threatens Civil Rights, Liberties, Privacy, and Safety," ACLU Chicago
4. "The Data-to-Deportation Pipeline: How Cities Enable ICE Surveillance," Just Futures Law

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Hello,

I'm concerned about the use of Flock cameras in the city of Chicago. These cameras collect the license plate and location data of every driver. I'm concerned that this company is inadequately protecting this sensitive data and that ICE and DHS are taking advantage of this data in ways that abuse their power. I am not opposed to law enforcement using this data, but they should do so in a way that complies with the 4th amendment. We should not be giving anyone warrantless access to it. Evanston and Oak Park, IL have both terminated their contracts with this company. Chicago should do the same.

-Ethan Fischer

COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 14, 2026

On April 14, 2026 at 10:15am, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights held a Committee Meeting in the 2nd Floor City Council Chambers, City Hall.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established.

The following members were present: Chair Vasquez (40), Alderperson Dowell (03), Alderperson Gutierrez (14), Alderperson Rodriguez (22), Alderperson Fuentes (26), Alderperson Cruz (30), Alderperson Cardona (31), Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Alderperson Quezada (35), Alderperson Knudsen (43), and Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth (48) were present.

The following members requested and were granted a virtual option to attend via Rule 59: Vice Chair Taylor (20) and Alderperson Taliaferro (29).

The following members were not present: Alderperson Hadden (49).

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following public speakers were each given three minutes to provide their testimony:

- George Blakemore

THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

1. Approval of the March 2026 Rule 45 Report
Recommended to Pass: Passed by the Committee

SUBJECT MATTER HEARING

The Committee held a Subject Matter Hearing on the City and Committee's oversight of police technology, procurement practices, and the potential intersections with federal law enforcement data access and information sharing.

The following speakers provided testimony:

- Hannah Lucal, Senior Policy Advisor, Just Futures Law
- Stephen Ragan, Policy and Advocacy Strategist, ACLU
- Era Patterson, Executive Director, City of Chicago Office of Public Safety Administration

A complete recap of the meeting can be found at

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8928487?video=1183165801>

ADJOURNMENT

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