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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS RULE 45 REPORT: MAY 15, 2024

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 May 15th, 2024.

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

The following committee members were present:

Chair Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)
Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth (48)
Ald. Sigcho-Lopez (25)
Ald. Hadden (49)
Ald. Fuentes (26)
Ald. Yancy (5)
Ald. Lopez (15)
Ald. Ramirez-Rosa (35)

Remote Participation:

Vice Chair Ramirez (12)
Ald. Robinson (4)

Non-members present:

Ald. Villegas (36)
Ald. Mitts (37)
Ald. Ervin (28)
Ald. Burnett (27)

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 9:56 am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish a quorum, with 7 members present. After the Chairperson found that quorum was present in the chamber, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation for Alders Robinson, Ramirez, and Cruz. Ald. Fuentes moved to approve remote participation of

the alders, and was approved by voice vote with no nays or abstentions. The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker.

There were 6 public speakers that submitted pink slips and 0 written comments.

The committee heard public comment from the following speakers:

Cheryl Miller (Virtual), Lisa Salazar (Virtual), Zoey Lee, Michael Youngbey George Blakemore, and Mr. Sims.

Following public comments, the Chair then called for the approval of the **Rule 45 Report** from the committee meeting held on February 28th, 2024. So moved by Ald. Fuentes, it was approved.

The Chair then called for a Subject Matter Hearing from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding Chicago's response to the opioid epidemic and resources available to Chicagoans.

Commissioner Ige, Dr. Hua, and Matt Richards presented on the topic.

Chairwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez, Chairman Ervin, Chairwoman Mitts, Chairwoman Mitts, Alderman Lopez, and Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth all made comments and asked questions about the presentation and ways to take meaningful action on the information presented.

The representatives from CDPH answered the questions from the each of the alderpeople.

After the Subject Matter Hearing, the Chair called for item **R2024-0008389 (Ald. Fuentes, 26)**, an "Expression of support for right for self-determination for people of Puerto Rico and opposition to Puerto Rico Status Act."

Ald. Fuentes spoke about the colonial relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States and this resolution. Chairwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez voiced her support for the resolution. Ald. Lopez asked clarifying questions about the resolution and sponsor Ald. Fuentes made a clarifying amendment to the resolution.

While the amendment to **R2024-0008389** was being made, the Chair then called for item **O2024-0008872 (Ald. Villegas, 36)**, a "Requirement for City departments and agencies to include designation of Middle Eastern or North African on data reports using racial or ethnic classifications."

Ald. Villegas spoke briefly about this resolution and Chairwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez asked a clarifying question about implementation before Ald. Lopez moved a motion to recommend approval for this ordinance, which passed unanimously.

The Committee stood at a five minute recess to allow for the edits to **R2024-0008389** to be made. After the amendment was made and distributed to the committee members, Ald. Lopez made a motion to accept the substitute, which passed unanimously.

Ald. Fuentes then moved a motion to recommend approval for this resolution as **SR2024-0008389**, "Expression of support to right of self-determination for people of Puerto Rico, opposition to Puerto Rico Status Act, and endorsement of Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act," which passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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