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September 19, 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS**  
**COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS**  
**SUBJECT MATTER HEARING / COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 AT 12:00 PM**

**ITEMS**

1. September 5 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Notice
2. September 5 Notice of Cancellation
3. September 12 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Notice
4. September 12 Agenda of Matters
5. July 2025 Rule 45 Report
6. CIRR Presentation on Learnings from Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.
7. Memorandum on Immigration Updates from IL State Rep. Hernandez
8. Safe Schools for All Fact Sheet

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August 13, 2025

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Chicago City Council  
**Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights**  
**SUBJECT MATTER HEARING / COMMITTEE MEETING**  
will hold a meeting on **Friday, September 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM**  
in the **City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street -**  
**Chicago, IL 60602**

Votes may be taken.

Written public comment on any of the items listed on the Agenda  
will be accepted at [CIRR@cityofchicago.org](mailto:CIRR@cityofchicago.org)  
until 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Copies of the Agenda of Matters to be considered at this meeting will be made  
available electronically on the [Chicago City Clerk's website](#).

Sincerely,

Andre Vasquez, Jr., Chair  
Committee on Immigrant and  
Refugee Rights

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September 3, 2025

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS**  
**SUBJECT MATTER HEARING / COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

Notice is hereby given that the Chicago City Council Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights Subject Matter Hearing / Committee Meeting on September 5, 2025 at 10:00am has been cancelled.

Yours in Service,

Andre Vasquez, Chair  
Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights

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September 3, 2025

## NOTICE OF MEETING

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**Chicago, IL 60602**

Votes may be taken.

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until 12:00 PM on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

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available electronically on the [Chicago City Clerk's website](#).

Sincerely,

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**AGENDA OF MATTERS  
CONSIDERED  
BY THE  
Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Friday, September 12, 2025  
12:00  
City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street - Chicago, IL  
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**Roll Call(s)**

Quorum

Attendance

**Monthly Rule 45 Report**

Approval of the August 2025 Rule 45 Report

**Subject Matter Hearing**

1. Subject Matter Hearing on the City and Committee's recent efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities in Chicago, as well on federal immigration activity trends in Chicago.

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## COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT JULY 2025

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 July 2025.

### **REFERRED MATTERS**

**Or2025-0017810**: Chicago Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Mayor's Office to provide City Council with all reporting data and communications related to any police presence at Intensive Supervision Appearance Program BI Inc. Building on June 4, 2025

**R2025-0017562**: Call for examination on recent alleged violations of free speech and due process rights

### **REPORTS AND MATERIALS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE**

1. July 1 2025 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Notice
2. July 1 2025 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Agenda of Matters
3. 'Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights July 1, 2025 Meeting Presentation' from the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights
4. 'Office of Emergency Management and Communications June 4th Presentation' from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications
5. 'Chicago Police Department Response June 4, 2025' from the Chicago Police Department
6. 'Civilian Office of Police Accountability Welcoming Ordinance Presentation' from the Civilian Office of Police Accountability
7. Memorandum provided by the Chicago Police Department
8. July 24 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Notice
9. July 24 Subject Matter Hearing Revised Notice

10. July 24 2025 Agenda of Matters
11. July 24 Revised Agenda of Matters
12. Memorandum provided by the Department of Law
13. 'Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights July Report' provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights
14. 'Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights Presentation on the African Diaspora Engagement Council' provided by the OIMRR

## **WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

In order of date received

1. From Jill Dollinger

*Recently there was a drive by shooting on Albany across from the shelter. I attended a CAPS meeting on June 3 on Albany with officers from the 17th district. I ride my bike through this area of Albany and Winona often to visit family on Troy. Many migrants that are in the shelter park their cars, sleep in their cars, work on their cars and party around their cars and on other peoples cars on Albany and Winona. Since the shooting occurred, there was a camera placed on the south east corner of Foster and Albany. This seems to have helped a little but there is still loitering. The neighborhood has tried to communicate the safety concerns with the migrants to the 33rd Alderperson and the 39th Alderperson but don't see any resolution to their complaints. The police say that they can only do so much and that if the neighbors continue to see safety concerns to keep calling. The neighbors are frustrated because it seems like the migrants don't care and the Alder people don't care. What information are the migrants given to learn how to respect the area around them. Concerns by the neighbors are:*

- 1. Loitering on the streets of Albany, Winona and around the foot bridge that leads to the park from Albany and Winona. Often times drinking and smoking around the foot bridge.*
- 2. Safety of migrant children.*
- 3. Migrant disposal of trash around the river on Albany and Winona.*
- 4. Open fires in the parks adjacent to Albany and Winona.*
- 5. Prostitution*
- 6. Their own safety.*

*Thank you*

2. From Nina Sedeño at the Latino Policy Forum

*Good morning, Chairperson Vasquez and members of the Committee. My name is Nina Sedeño, Senior Immigration Policy Analyst for the Latino Policy Forum, a non-profit policy and advocacy organization working to advance and empower Latino and immigrant communities throughout Illinois. I am also the proud granddaughter of Mexican, Irish, and Italian immigrants.*

*I stand before you today, representing the Forum, to urge a YES vote on Order 0017810, which calls on the Chicago Police Department, OEMC, and the*

*Mayor's Office to release all data and communications related to CPD's presence at the ISAP building on June 4, 2025.*

*The actions by ICE that day were harrowing and unacceptable. Like many of you, I watched as masked individuals armed with rifles harassed peaceful protestors and disappeared community members in front of their children. Meanwhile, CPD stood by—and, according to eyewitnesses, set up a perimeter. That raises serious questions: Why were they there? Who or what were they protecting? And more importantly, did their actions violate the Illinois TRUST Act and Chicago's Welcoming City Ordinance?*

*Welcoming policies like the TRUST Act and Welcoming City Ordinance make communities safer, healthier, and more economically vibrant—but only if they are enforced, when those in power are held accountable, and when there is trust between law enforcement and communities. That's why the Forum joins others in calling for a formal investigation by the Attorney General's Office, with findings made public. Thank you to our guests for being here today to help answer the questions of this Committee and the public.*

*Finally, the Forum would like to uplift the individuals who were disappeared that day and the nearly 20,000 people in Chicago who are monitored by ICE technology every day. Whether it's an ankle monitor or a phone app, this constant surveillance causes real and lasting harm— stress, anxiety, and fear. We call for more humane alternatives to detention and a future where all people, regardless of immigration status, are treated with dignity and have access to opportunity. Let's use our voices to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.*

*Thank you.*

3. Director, Founder, Gretchen Moore:

*I have been helping Latin Immigrants in my retirement for 16 years. There is one earth and nature made us a variety of nationalities and religions. Detention camps were made, WWII to host Japanese who had never even gone to Japan. For America to refuse to welcome people on our continent from Latin nations is unconscionable. My mother, a journalist during WWII shared that 1945 president Truman sent over 2 million migrants back as he thought the soldiers coming from the Pacific would want the farming jobs because the farmers were short of help picking corn in Iowa, fishing on the Mississippi Delta, Apples in Michigan, and Fruit in California. So, the result was it took 5 years for farmers short of help, and many went bankrupt as there was not enough American workers to fill the job. I share this because I doubt that most people realize this happened. Back then, my immigration attorney grandfather, Tom Skemp, felt very strongly that immigration should have been worked on and that we should welcome our neighbors from the South in our continent. Do humans, through our bias, never learn a lesson?? The national home builders association building new homes have shared with me if we continue to send men back, the price of homes is going to rise 30 to 40%.*

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING / SUBJECT MATTER HEARING: JULY 1, 2025**

On July 1, 2025 at 10am, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights held a Committee Meeting and Subject Matter Hearing in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 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 Taliaferro (29), , , Alderperson Quezada (35), Alderperson Knudsen (43), Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Alderperson Hadden (49)

Due to extenuating circumstances, Vice Chair Taylor (20), Alderperson Cruz (30), and Alderperson Cardona (31), requested to attend the Committee Meeting virtually in accordance with Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order. Alderperson Rodriguez moved to allow Vice Chair Taylor, Ald. Cruz, and Ald. Cardona to attend virtually; with no objections, the motion passed.

The following members were not present: Rodriguez Sanchez, Rossana (33)

The following non-members were present: Alderperson Walter Burnett (3), Alderperson Sigcho-Lopez (25)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- Jordan Esparza-Kelly, CAIR Chicago
- Nina Sedeño, Latino Policy Forum
- Keighty Ward, LiteracyWorks (Adult Literacy Programs in Chicago)
- Zhinya Polozova, Warehouse Workers for Justice
- Amy Huamani, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
- Sophia Shin, HANA Center
- Carson Wang, ASian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago
- Sarah Huang, Pui Tak Center
- Tenoch Rodriguez, The Resurrection Project
- Mark Kuehner, First Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Cecilia Mendoza, National Immigrant Justice Center
- Inci Narvaez, Instituto del Progreso Latino
- Romya Simone Tantesley, Communities United
- Fred Tsao, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

## THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

### **MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT**

1. Approval of the March 2025 Rule 45 Report  
**Recommended to Pass: Passed by the Committee**

### **RECOMMENDED TO PASS**

2. [Or2025-0017810](#): Chicago Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, and Mayor's Office to provide City Council with all reporting data and communications related to any police presence at Intensive Supervision Appearance Program BI Inc. Building on June 4, 2025 Recommended to Pass - Passed by Committee  
**Recommended to Pass: Passed by the Committee**

### **SUBJECT MATTER HEARING**

A Subject Matter Hearing on the City response to the mass detention incident on June 4, 2025 at the 2245 S. Michigan Intensive Supervision Appearance Program BI Inc. Building

- The following attended to provide testimony at the subject matter hearing:
  - Dr. Chenetra Washington, Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC)
  - Glen Brooks, Director, Community Policing, Chicago Police Department (CPD)
  - Michael Milstein; Deputy Director, Office of Equity and Engagement & Office of Victim Services, CPD
  - Mariann McKeever, Assistant Director - 911 Operations, OEMC
  - Garien Greatwood, Deputy Mayor of Community Safety
  - Beatriz Ponce De León, Deputy Mayor, Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights (OIMRR)
  - Deborah Witzburg, Inspector General (OIG)
  - Lakenya White, Interim Chief Administrator, Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
  - Angie Snell, Acting General Counsel, COPA
- Chair Vasquez introduced Or2025-0017810, including a summary of the events of June 4, 2025, and the Committee's understanding of whether any investigation, whether internal or independent, had yet been conducted.
- Dr. Chenetra Washington, OEMC and Director Glen Brooks, CPD provided testimony of the communications and dispatch process and subsequent internal analysis of the incident at June 4, 2025 ISAP BI Building, as well as internal trainings in both CPD and OEMC on the Welcoming City Ordinance, including frequency, curriculum and any metrics for measurement
- IG Deborah Witzburg provided testimony of the OIG's understanding of the Welcoming City Ordinance investigative authority.
- Lakenya White provided testimony on COPA's understanding of Welcoming City Ordinance investigative authority.

Chair Vasquez asked for a motion for a voice vote on the order; Alderperson Quezada so moved. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes had it.

A complete recap of the meeting can be found at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8928487/video/1096716165>

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### **SUBJECT MATTER HEARING: JULY 24, 2025**

On July 24, 2025 at 10am, the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights held a Subject Matter Hearing in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

#### ROLL CALL

A quorum was established.

The following committee members were present in person: Chairman Vasquez (40), Alderperson Gutierrez (14), Alderperson Rodriguez (22), Alderperson Fuentes (26), Alderperson Taliaferro (29), Alderperson Cruz (30), Alderperson Cardona (31), Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Alderperson Quezada (35), Alderperson Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Alderperson Hadden (49).

Due to extenuating circumstances, Vice Chair Taylor (20) requested to attend the Committee Meeting virtually in accordance with Rule 59 of the City Council's Rules of Order. Alderperson Rodriguez Sanchez moved to allow Vice Chair Taylor to attend virtually; with no objections, the motion passed.

Alderperson Dowell (3) and Alderperson Knudsen (43) were absent.

The following non-members were present: Alderperson Sigcho-Lopez (25).

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

#### THE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

##### **SUBJECT MATTER HEARING**

1. A Subject Matter Hearing on [R2025-0017562](#)

- The following attended to provide testimony at the subject matter hearing:
  - Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy, ACLU
  - Cecilia Mendoza, Associate Director of government relations, NIJC
  - Marissa J. Arrez, First Deputy, Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights
  - Nneka Obasi, Senior Analyst, Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights, Mayor's Office
- Chairman Vasquez introduced the subject matter hearing
- Chairman Vasquez introduced Ald. Rodriguez-Sanchez (33) to introduce the resolution and speakers
- Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy provided testimony from the ACLU regarding the denial of due-process and other legal infractions conducted by ICE and the Trump Administration
- Cecilia Mendoza, Associate Director of government relations, provided testimony on behalf of NIJC regarding warrantless detentions and other legal infractions the administration has conducted in order to crack down on immigrants.
- Marissa J. Arrez, First Deputy, Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights provided testimony on IMRR's efforts to support immigrants, such as Know Your Rights trainings.

2. A subject matter hearing on the City and Committee's recent efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities in Chicago.

- Chair Vasquez provided an update from the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights on its activities over the past quarter to support immigrants and refugees in light of the ongoing attacks from the Trump administration, including Know Your Rights trainings, immigration briefings for immigrant serving organizations, and the development of a guide for municipal offices to support constituents who have been detained by ICE.
- Nneka Obasi, Senior Analyst, Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights provided an update on IMRR's efforts to support African diaspora immigrants and refugees.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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



# SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 MEETING

*Committee on Immigrant  
& Refugee Rights*

## AGENDA

### Community Updates

- **Fred Tsao, ICIRR:** School Safety Zones
- **Ed Yohnka, ACLU:** Policy changes, recent Supreme Court cases, and reporting

### Subject Matter Hearing on Preparation for Federal Deployment

- Takeways from LA and DC
- Citywide preparation
- Community-level preparation





# FEDERAL DEPLOYMENT TRENDS IN LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Committee on Immigrant  
& Refugee Rights*

## TRENDS IN DC AND LA



For the past few weeks, Committee staff have been speaking with city council members and community organizations in LA and DC to learn trends and best practices to prepare for federal escalation in Chicago. Here's what we learned:

- **Federal agencies are aiming for escalation and the creation of media moments.**
  - In both DC and LA, they created opportunities for escalation to justify National Guard and militarized police deployment.
  - It's important that we understand those motivations and don't give them what they want.
- **Escalation & targets have looked different in different cities. But tactics are often previewed locally before they are scaled up.**
  - Checking purses + handbags asking folks to show ID
  - "Welfare checks" at large complexes as prelude for raids

## IMMIGRATION RAID TRENDS

- **Targeting of Black and Brown residents and neighborhoods**
  - Daily repeated raids of job sites with significant number of immigrant workers, e.g.
    - Car washes and garment workers
    - Street vendors
    - Day laborers and Home Depots
  - Other common raid locations: bus stops, churches, large parks with high immigrant or unhoused populations, Chinatown
  - In DC, delivery drivers were also targeted
  - Black neighborhoods targeted in DC: hundreds of arrests for low-level offenses, racial profiling, and unlawful searches
  - Unhoused people have been targeted in both cities
- **Use of large venues for staging, e.g. big parking lots**
  - In Chicago: Early morning staging at Hines VA and suburbs
- **Federal scouting ahead of raids**
  - Unmarked vehicles patrolling neighborhoods ahead of raids



## DETENTION TRENDS

Illinois has no overnight detention centers. People who are detained are held temporarily at Broadview, and then sent to out-of-state detention centers, e.g. Kentucky or Wisconsin.

- **Moving detainees around**

- Moving people from center to center so they can't be tracked down by attorneys or family members.
- Anyone at risk of detention should pre-fill a DHS Form 60-001 for the following: 1) attorney, 2) primary contact, 3) Congressional reps

- Find forms at [bit.ly/CIRRimmigrantsupportguide](https://bit.ly/CIRRimmigrantsupportguide)

- **Poor conditions in detention centers**

- In LA detention center, no food, no access to medication, sleeping on the floor, freezing temperature.

- **Lack of oversight**

- Blocking Congressional Reps from inspecting detention centers.

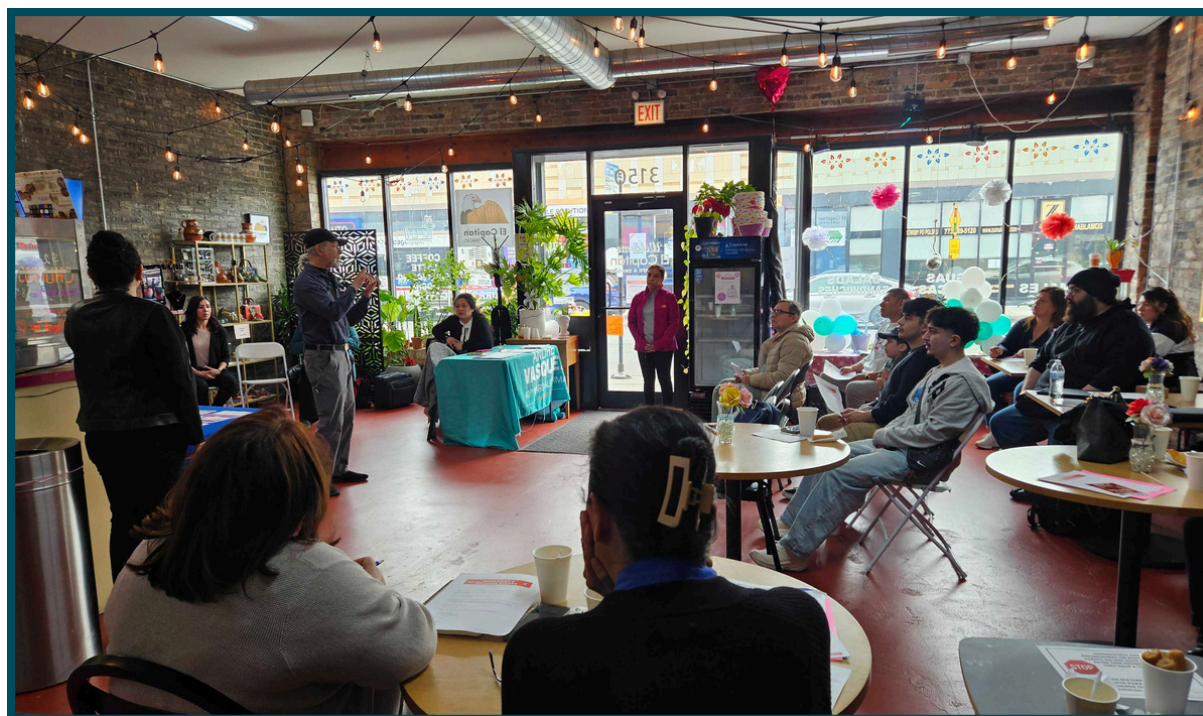
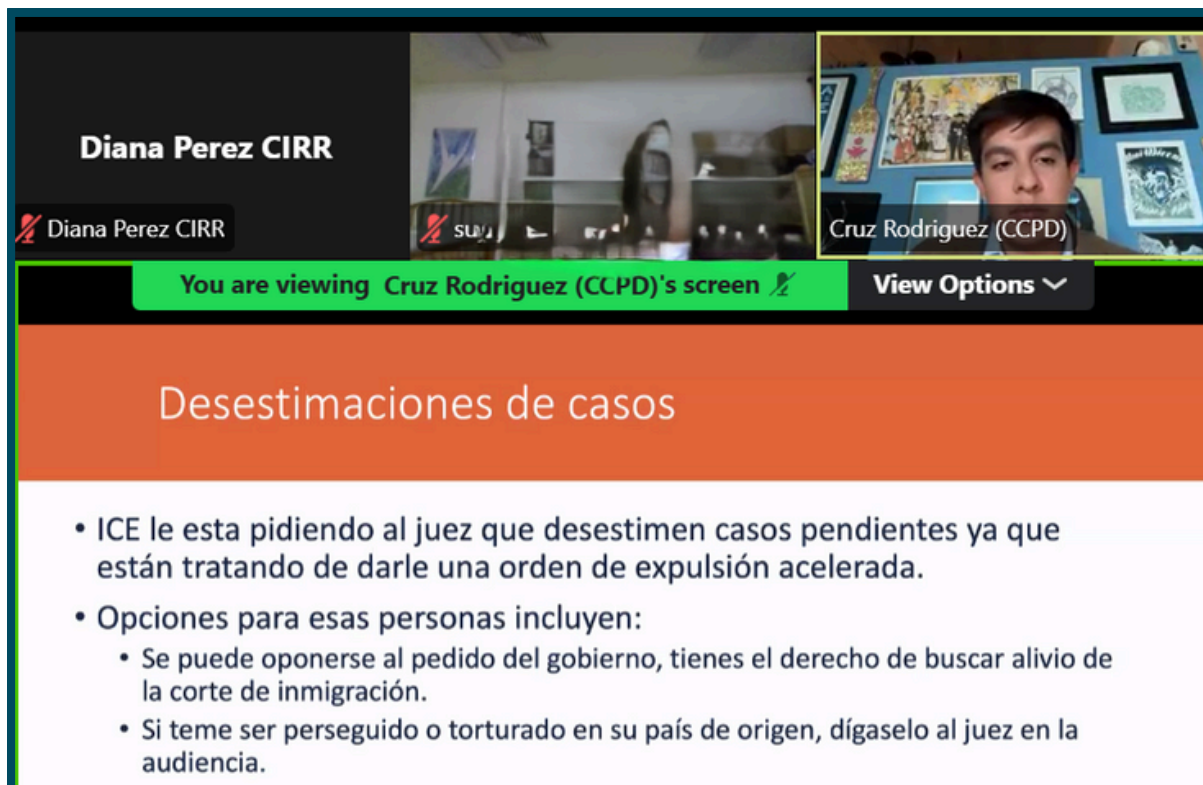


## TAKEAWAYS FROM DC AND LA

- **Know Your Rights**
  - KYR outreach and structured coordination between community partners is incredibly valuable, and there is a huge role for elected officials/offices in both.
- **Local law enforcement interactions and interventions**
  - Appropriate response can help undercut federal response, but strong oversight is needed.
- **Legal intervention**
  - Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and other legal victories have made a significant difference, but there is no guarantee federal agencies will abide by rulings
  - Advance work, e.g. pre-drafting litigation, makes legal intervention more effective



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



- **Host Community-based KYR Trainings**
  - Virtual trainings are helpful, since people may be afraid to leave their homes.
  - Targeted to specific communities
    - Small businesses
    - Non-profits
    - Schools
- **Disseminate digital and print KYR materials**
  - Chambers, churches, and schools
  - City-owned property, e.g. parks + CTA
- **Canvass local corridors**
  - Local businesses
  - Street vendors
  - Unhoused populations

**21 Know Your Rights Trainings & Immigration Briefings in 2025 so far!**<sup>8</sup>

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS BUSINESS CANVASSES

## ICE and Raids in the Workplace

A “raid” is when ICE agents arrive at a worksite without warning—often as part of an investigation.

ICE agents themselves are not police officers, but their uniforms may say “Police” or “Federal Agent.” They may be accompanied by law enforcement officers (although in IL, usually local police do not get involved in immigration enforcement), and they may carry guns.



Sometimes, ICE might show up to detain a specific worker, not “raid” the entire workplace. They might have an arrest warrant for a particular person (or people,) however while they are there, they may try to question, detain, and even arrest other people.

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR ICE ACTIONS

1. Make a Written Response Plan Ahead of Time. Talk to other businesses or business associations. Ask what they are doing to prepare.

Practice – just like a fire drill. Be prepared to know what to say and do.

Contact immigration response networks in your area. They can provide support with family, legal, financial, and media concerns if immigration agents come to your business.

2. Train Your Staff to NOT TALK to ICE Agents. Train all workers to NOT allow ICE agents to enter your workplace. A worker can say, “I can’t give you permission to enter. You must speak with my employer.” If ICE agents have questions or requests, workers should say nothing, or say, “You are not allowed to enter.

Talk to my employer.”

3. Know Your Rights!

Employers have rights when ICE goes to a business. Just because ICE agents show up, they do not always have a right to enter your business, stop or arrest your workers, or take documents. Work with a community or legal group to arrange a “Know Your Rights” training for you and your staff and pay your staff for the time they spend in training.

- **Canvass businesses to make sure they know their and their employees’ rights**
  - Know Your Rights
  - Staff training
  - Connect with other businesses and response networks
- **Share KYR resources with local Chambers of Commerce**



[bit.ly/NILCKYR-Employers](https://bit.ly/NILCKYR-Employers)



## SCHOOL & FAMILY PREPARATION



### WHAT'S A FAMILY PRERAREDNESS PLAN?



A Family Preparedness Plan offers **resources** and **tools** to help immigrant families plan for potential separation.

#### WHAT DOES A PLAN LOOK LIKE?

- **Talking** with your family or loved one about what to do in case of separation/emergency.
- **Creating** a binder or folder gathering important identification documents.
- **Arranging** guardianship for a loved one or a child.
- **Updating** emergency contact information with schools, doctors, and employers when traveling.



- **School Safety Planning**
  - School Safety Zones
  - KYR Trainings
- **Family Preparedness Planning**
  - Talk to your children and loved ones about what to do in case of detention
  - [illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/get-prepared-stay-protected#fep](https://illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/get-prepared-stay-protected#fep)
- **Community Mutual Aid Opportunities**
  - Carpools for children of parents who may be targeted
  - <https://bit.ly/TRPTrainings>

Request a training at [bit.ly/TRPTrainings](https://bit.ly/TRPTrainings)



## ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

- **Local law enforcement interaction and intervention**
  - Appropriate response from local law enforcement can undercut the excuse of lawlessness that federal agencies use for deployments.
  - But strong oversight needed to ensure response is appropriate & they aren't helping federal agencies.
- **Mutual Aid Requests**
  - Federal law enforcement requests to local law enforcement
    - e.g. "crowd control" in relation to immigration enforcement
  - Opportunity: increase reporting of mutual aid requests within a specific time period
- **To ensure strong oversight, we need to clarify the agency responsible for investigating WCO violations.**
  - Updating the COPA Amendment



## OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Text alert system**
  - LA uses Scale to Win and PDI to send text blasts when there are enforcement actions.
- **Departmental audit to identify what issues may emerge related to federal raids, and how to shift capacity**
  - e.g. increasing capacity for shelter beds and HOP teams, since unhoused are at greater risk of being detained



## POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Limit crowd control tactics that increase the possibility of violence.**
  - Banning tear gas and rubber bullets and ending kettling/police lines
  - Berkeley, Portland, and San Francisco have already done this
- **Audit surveillance technologies**
  - IL Secretary of State currently performing audit and has terminated contracts in two jurisdictions;
  - Evanston shut down ALPRs and terminated Flock Safety contract
- **Increase data security**
  - Cancel contracts with data brokers that share sensitive data w/federal law enforcement
  - Data Audit of tech and data storage contracts (R2024-0014261)
  - FOIA audit (R2025-0018172) and reporting (O2025-0018168)
- **Expand Legal Protection Funds**
  - For both immigrant communities and collateral arrestees (e.g. unhoused people, citizens exercising free speech rights)



# COMMUNITY PREPARATION



*Committee on Immigrant  
& Refugee Rights*

# COMMUNITY MAPPING



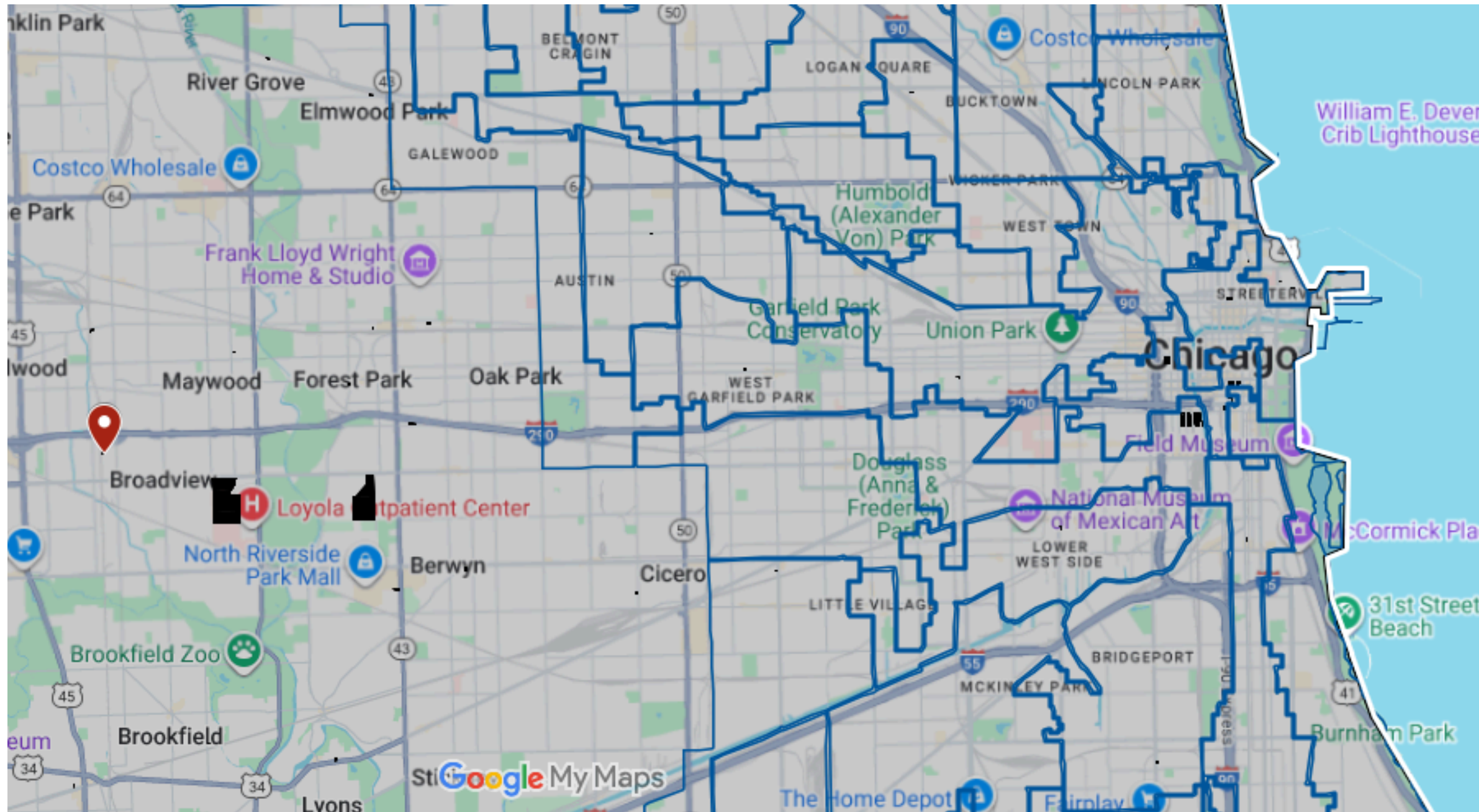
**Map out wards and communities to identify vulnerable locations, e.g.:**

- Schools
- Places of worship (especially non-English speaking)
- Food pantries
- Immigrant-run businesses

**Resource map to identify and connect with:**

- Local community support networks
- Mutual aid organizations
- Volunteer groups

## MAPPING FEDERALLY-OWNED AND LEASED AREAS



- Steve Vance + CIRR: Map of Federal leased and owned locations
- WBEZ: How Does Immigration Enforcement Work in Chicago?
- Sun Times: How Many immigrants has ICE detained



## HOW TO REPORT ICE ACTIVITY

If you observe ICE activity, call the ICIRR family support hotline at **1-855-435-7693**. Remember to spread info, not panic, by using SALUTE:

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE DUE TO ICE DETENTION, OR  
TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED ICE SIGHTINGS, CALL

**855-435-7693**



ILLINOIS COALITION  
FOR IMMIGRANT  
& REFUGEE RIGHTS

Visit [icirr.org/fsn](http://icirr.org/fsn) for  
hotline and Know  
Your Rights info

- **Size/Strength:** “6 agents”
- **Actions/Activity:** “stopping people outside a Home Depot”
- **Location/Direction:** “at the corner of Lincoln & Devon”
- **Uniform/Clothes:** “masks and dark blue uniforms with POLICE ICE on the back”
- **Time and date of observation:** on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm
- **Equipment and weapons:** “carrying batons”



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- **Court and Legal Support**
  - Court Observation or Accompaniment
  - Legal support
- **Community Mutual Aid**
  - Grocery and essentials drop-offs
  - School carpools
- **KYR Canvasses**
  - Businesses
  - Street vendors
- **Civic Action**
- **Donate to Immigrant Support Orgs**



Find volunteer opportunities at: [40thward.org/immigrantrights](https://40thward.org/immigrantrights)

## STAY INFORMED

- **Monthly immigration briefings every 3rd Tuesday**
  - Next Briefing: September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
  - Register at [bit.ly/CIRR Briefing](https://bit.ly/CIRR_Briefing)
- **Regular government staffer immigration roundtables and coordinated inter-city meetings**
- **Virtual Immigration & KYR event for the African Diaspora**
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm (Creole, French & English)
- **Alder toolkits**
- **Sign up for CIRR newsletter at [welcometochicago.org](https://welcometochicago.org) and follow on social media for regular debriefs: [@chicagocirr](https://twitter.com/chicagocirr)**





# QUESTIONS?



# HB 3247

## Safe Schools for All

Sponsored by Rep. Jiménez

The federal government is targeting immigrant communities across the country and Illinois. Rescinding the Department of Homeland Security's "sensitive locations memo" was among the first actions of the Trump administration, opening the possibility of law enforcement agencies directing their activities at schools for immigration enforcement. It is now critical for Illinois to affirm that *all* children have an unfettered right to free public education in this state, where no parent is discouraged from sending and no child is discouraged from attending school.

**WHAT DOES THE BILL DO:** HB 3247 ensures schools will provide a safe and undisturbed learning environment for all children, free from intimidation or loss of access to resources and programs that other students enjoy. HB 3247 will:

- Prohibit excluding students and their parents from schools and school programs based on immigration status.
- Prohibit school procedures or measures that have the effect of excluding or discouraging students from attending schools and school programs based on immigration status, including requesting a social security number.
- Prohibit threatening to report actual or perceived immigration status to federal immigration authorities, or actually reporting to immigration authorities based on perceived or unverified immigration status.
- Protect the integrity of the undisturbed classroom environment for students and school communities with procedures for immigration enforcement and law enforcement actions at schools and school facilities.
- Empower families to defend their rights.

**THE CHALLENGE:** *Illinois must ensure no child in Illinois feels afraid of going to school, and no parent should be afraid of sending their child to school.*

Anti-immigrant rhetoric and sentiment, coupled with changes in federal policy, threaten children's and parents' right to access and enjoy the benefits of a free public education. In this environment, Illinois must take affirmative steps to promote the right to educational equality.

Illinois schools must protect the integrity of a positive school learning environment in which all children and parents feel safe and supported.

**WHO IS HELPED:** All Illinois children and parents, regardless of immigration status, are helped by ensuring that schools will take all the necessary steps to ensure access to public education, and protection of a safe and undisturbed learning environment for their school community.



## **SUPPORTERS:**

Advance Illinois  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Chicago  
Childcare Advocates United  
Equality Illinois  
Hispanic Federation  
Illinois Association of Multilingual Multicultural Education  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
It Takes a Village  
Latino Policy Forum  
League of Women Voters  
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund  
Stand for Children Illinois  
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## Memorandum on Immigration Updates from IL State Rep. Hernandez

To: Members of the City of Chicago Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
From: Chair of City of Chicago Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Ald. Andre Vasquez (40)  
Date: September 12, 2025

Please find communication from IL State Rep. Barbara Hernandez Chair of the House Immigration and Human Rights Committee to my team on August 29, 2025 following a request for updates on immigration work happening on the state level. Many thanks to Rep. Hernandez for the information she shared below.

- Safe Schools for All Act ([HB3237](#)) was signed by the Governor in mid-August and will be in effect January 2026.
  - Ensures all children in Illinois public schools are entitled to a free education, regardless of their actual or perceived immigration status or that of their parents.
- I filed [HB4086](#) on July 18
  - This is the unmasking bill. We are still going over the bill options, and ICIRR is looking to see how we can legislate over federal agents.
  - I'm in conversations with local and state police associations to clean up the language and help ease their concerns.
- I hope to have a new bill soon that will regulate the public from purchasing federal agent gear and wearing it, creating fear in the community. Once I have the bill, I will share it.
- [HB2436](#) was signed into law in mid-August
  - Would expand the jurisdiction of the Cook County Public Defender to represent non-citizen Cook County residents in immigration cases arising or being heard outside of the county. The bill also allows the county board to authorize representation by the public defender beyond those limits. The bill has an immediate effective date.
- The IL Latino Caucus met with ICIRR on Aug 28 to discuss potential actions if the National Guard arrives in Chicago. They recommend we continue to pass the Know Your Rights information.
  - Share and sign up for the "[Eyes on ICE](#)" text alert system, where individuals will receive text alerts of confirmed ICE sightings.
  - ICIRR is reviewing a few policy options that we can implement in the state, including:
    - Trust Act additions
    - HB4086
    - License Plate Readers violations

Yours In Service,