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COMMITTEES AND RULES
ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
FINANCE
FINANCE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON REVENUE
PUBLIC SAFETY
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

July 25, 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS
COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS
SUBJECT MATTER HEARING
HELD JULY 24, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

ITEMS

1. July 24 Committee Meeting / Subject Matter Hearing Notice
2. July 24 Subject Matter Hearing Revised Notice
3. July 24 2025 Agenda of Matters
4. July 24 Revised Agenda of Matters
5. R2025-0017562
6. Memorandum provided by the Department of Law
7. 'Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights July Report' provided by the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights
8. 'Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights Presentation on the African Diaspora Engagement Council' provided by the OIMRR



July 22, 2025

Summary Statement: Current Status-Department of Law

DOL has filed six lawsuits against the Trump Administration so far. These lawsuits challenge the Trump Administration’s termination of a grant that reimburses the City for the cost of sheltering migrants, freeze of funding under a grant awarded to help the City prevent terrorist attacks, restrictions on funding for so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, requirement that grant applicants certify they will not promote DEI or “gender ideology,” mass firings of federal employees, and a rule that will increase the cost of insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act. These lawsuits have already generated wins, including two orders¹ temporarily stopping the Trump Administration’s illegal practices and the lifting of the freeze on our anti-terrorism funding.

DOL has also joined 24 multi-city amicus briefs in support of lawsuits filed by third parties against the Trump Administration. These include briefs opposing the Trump Administration’s efforts to end birthright citizenship, reduce science funding, rescind protections for immigrants, deploy the National Guard, terminate grants awarded to help reduce crime, and cancel funding for local government projects that incorporate certain Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals. Once again, many of these lawsuits have already resulted in court orders temporarily stopping the Trump Administration’s illegal practices while litigation proceeds.

DOL has taken many other actions to challenge the Trump Administration. These include helping to appeal the Administration’s reduction of Head Start funding and termination of DCASE grants, providing affidavits in support of lawsuits filed by Illinois and other States, and joining multi-city comments opposing efforts to rescind affirmative action in FHA housing programs and to change passport applications to exclude transgender people.

Further, DOL is defending the City in a number of inquiries and actions, including the Trump Administration lawsuit attacking the City’s Welcoming City Ordinance.

This Memorandum is not intended to nor shall be interpreted as comprehensive and it is subject to periodic updates, as federal responsive actions may dictate.

¹ The Supreme Court stayed one of these orders.



JULY 24, 2025 MEETING

*Committee on Immigrant
& Refugee Rights*

AGENDA



Introduction and Subject Matter Hearing of R2025-0017562

- Alderwoman Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez
- Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy, ACLU
- Cecilia Mendoza, Associate Director of government relations, NIJC

Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights Report

- Know Your Rights Trainings
- Immigration Briefings
- Support for Detained Constituents
- Legislative and Advocacy Priorities

African Diaspora Update

- Nneka Obasi, Senior Analyst, Office of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights



INTRODUCTION OF R2025-0017562 AND SUBJECT MATTER HEARING

*Committee on Immigrant
& Refugee Rights*

CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS ACTIVITIES REPORT

How is CIRR responding to attacks on immigrant and refugee rights?

***Committee on Immigrant
& Refugee Rights***

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



Community-based trainings on rights and resources, for communities including:

- Alders and Staff
- Non-Profits and Community-Based Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Parents & Students
- Language-specific trainings (e.g. Spanish, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Urdu, and Arabic)
- LGBTQIA community



15 Know Your Rights Trainings in 2025 so far!

CIRR is reviewing safety protocols due to outside attempts to report training dates and locations to ICE.



Monthly briefings on immigration updates impacting Chicagoans

- Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month
- 100–200 attendees per meeting
- Topics include: enforcement trends and immigration policy and updates, presented by immigration attorneys and advocacy orgs
- Open to the public, with a focus on immigrant-serving institutions

Who enforces Immigration Law?



Next Briefing: August 19th at 1pm
Register at [bit.ly/CIRR Briefing](https://bit.ly/CIRR_Briefing)

SUPPORT FOR DETAINED CONSTITUENTS

- CIRR created the **CIRR Immigration Enforcement Reporting and Detention Support Guide**, which includes information for Chicago-area municipal offices on:
 - How to report ICE activity
 - How to locate a constituent that has been detained by ICE
 - How to submit an inquiry with a detained constituent's Congressional representatives
 - Legal support resources
 - How community members can get involved in supporting immigrants in their community
- Find the guide at bit.ly/CIRRimmigrantsupportguide



CONGRESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE

On **July 25th**, CIRR is hosting a roundtable for staff of Chicago-area elected officials to share information on how to respond to immigration enforcement and support constituents who are targeted by ICE. Attendees will include:

- Congressional staff from the IL delegation
- Governor's Office staff
- State Representative and Senator staff
- staff from County and Ward offices

Congressman Quigley and Senator Durbin's office will co-host.



EXTERNAL ADVOCACY + ENGAGEMENT



We also engage with immigrant groups to provide resources and collectively advocate for immigrant and refugee rights.

Recent efforts include:

- Chicago Is With You Task Force
- Latino Unity Day in Springfield
- Chicago African Summit and Resource Fair
- Future of Western Ave Public Transit Town



LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND OUTLOOK



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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Protecting Immigrant and Refugee Communities from Trump Overreach**
 - **Welcoming City Ordinance Compliance:** Understanding the City's readiness to process a WCO violation and how to hold executive departments accountable
 - Order SOr2025-0017810
 - **Data Privacy Audit:** Understanding what data collected by the City is shared and/or sold to others and with what sensitivity
 - **ICE Masking Ban:** Advocating state legislators to pass legislation banning masks for federal agents and requiring identification.
- **Supporting Migrant Entrepreneurship**
 - **Street Vendor Legislation:** Understanding licensure, fines and fees for street food vendors and proposing municipal code changes to increase legal licensing



ADVOCACY PRIORITY: PEDDLER OUTREACH



- **Canvassing peddlers along business corridors to provide resources on:**
 - childcare, educational, and job opportunities
 - domestic violence and human trafficking
- **Surveying small businesses for concerns around peddling, and providing workshops on:**
 - cultural context of peddling
 - immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence
 - de-escalation + non-violent communication
 - business rights and responsibilities

6 volunteer trainings and 9 canvasses in 2025



QUESTIONS?



City Council Committee on Immigrant & Refugee Rights

July 24th, 2025

Senior Community Liaison Role

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| <p>Improve</p> | <p>Improve services to diverse immigrant, migrant, and refugee communities in Chicago and to nurture their sense of belonging as Chicagoans.</p> |
| <p>Increase</p> | <p>Increase engagement with the various communities through collaboration with individuals, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector, and international & diplomatic missions.</p> |
| <p>Prioritize</p> | <p>Prioritize persons of African and African Diaspora origin in Chicago as well as new arrivals.</p> |

Goals

- To facilitate strong connection with African diaspora communities and other Chicago residents
- To understand and address issues and challenges unique to these communities
- To advocate for and promote equitable access to City services and programs
- To provide guidance and support the Senior Community Liaison

Meeting Schedule and Location

- Once every two months
- Virtually, in City Hall, or member suggested venues



Office of Immigrant, Migrant,
and Refugee Rights

Membership

United African Organization (UAO)

HAMOC

Haitian Congress

Tanzanian Community Association

Senegalese Community Association

Caged Dreams

NIDOA

Africa International House

Hair Braiders Association

Alders

Cook County Judge

Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago (ECAC)

Women Refugee Commission

Refugee Action Network (RAN)

Igbo American Heritage Foundation

Dominican University Elders Council

African Students Association

EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **United African Organization (UAO) Summit**
- **National Immigrant Inclusion Conference (NIIC)**
- **Building Peaceful Bridges**
- **Rainbow Push Coalition's Annual People's Conference**
- **Haitian Flag Day**
- **AGCC Global Africa Day Celebration**
- **African Communities Together (ACT)**
- **Monthly Meeting - African Immigrant Leadership Forum (AILEF)**
- **Black Immigrants Support Network (BISN)**
- **Chicago Refugee Quarterly (Jewish United Fund)**



BPB Donation of Spanish/English Books to CPS OMME



UAO Summit



NATIONAL IMMIGRANT INCLUSION CONFERENCE
PROTECTING ASYLUM, RESETTLEMENT & HUMAN RIGHTS
National Immigrant Inclusion Conference Panel

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INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Nigerian Consulate Proposal**
- **Engagement With Plateau State, Nigeria Speaker of the House**
- **Engagement with Botswana foreign mission**
- **Engagement with WBC & Sister Cities International**
- **Engagement with Colombian Consulate**
- **UNESCO Anti-Racism/ Discrimination Masterclass Planning**
- **African Ambassadors Economic Forum**



NIGERIAN CONSULATE PROPOSAL GROUP



PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



Colombian Consulate Event at Rainbow PUSH Headquarters



Celebration of Diego Luis Mosquera 40 Years of Service

EVENTS

- **City Key Event for New Arrivals**
- **Haitian Independence Day**
- **Mayor's Office Global Africa Day Celebration**
- **Afro-Colombian Day Celebration**
- **Kiswahili Day Celebration**



**CITY KEY EVENT WITH
UNITED AFRICAN ORGANIZATION (UAO)**





HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY



Office of Immigrant, Migrant,
and Refugee Rights



WORLD AFRICA DAY, CITY HALL 4TH FLOOR RECEPTION





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AFRO-COLOMBIAN DAY CELEBRATION AT KENNEDY KING COLLEGE





Office of Immigrant, Migrant,
and Refugee Rights



KKC PRESIDENT KATONJA WEBB WALKER



AFRO-COLOMBIAN FOLK SINGER



MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON CELEBRATING AND DANCING WITH GUESTS



TANZANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING



NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER



AFRICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM

GUINEA FLAG RAISING





CHRISTOPHER HOUSE



ANKARA BALL

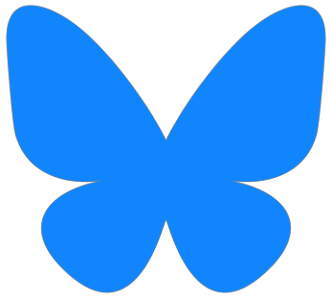




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KYR Website:

[Chi.gov/KnowYourRights](https://chi.gov/KnowYourRights)

Thank you!



Questions?