

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, August 27th Chicagoland Community Church







COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY



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Ashley Vargas, 14th DC



Beth Rochford, 17th DC



Karen Kane, 18th DC



Deirdre O'Connor, 20th DC



Veronica Arreola, 24th DC



Keo Jean-Joseph, 24th DC

Agenda

- Roll Call & Quorum Determination
- Votes
- Public Announcements & Comment
- District Council Member Updates

- Discussion:
 - Know Your Rights
 - Welcoming City
 - Federal Immigration Changes
 - CPD/Federal Agent
 Interaction/Restrictions
 - Q&A
- Reminders & Calls to Action
- Announcement of Next Meeting(s)

A Message from Our Hosts

"Chicagoland Community Church offers this space for community conversation because we truly love everyone in our community, we greatly appreciate the service of our police officers and other public servants who enforce the rule of law, and we firmly support freedom of speech. Opinions expressed at these meetings are not necessarily the opinions of the church, our members, or our denomination."

Votes

Public Announcements

Welcoming Community Groups

- If you are a part of a community group in the 19th District, please let us know:
 - Who you are, your position within the group
 - About any events coming up
 - How can neighbors reach you



Public Comment

Public Comment - Rules & Follow Up

Rules of Engagement

- 2 min/speaker = ~10 speakers (typically 20 minutes total)
- Request to make public comment must be submitted within 30-minutes of start of meeting
- Order of speakers randomly selected
- No disruption of speakers
- No harassment or disrespect will be tolerated (zero tolerance policy)

Follow Up

- District Councilors and staff will take official minutes of public comments made
- District Councilors may address comments in real time or may follow up with community member at a later time

2-Minutes per Speaker



District Council Member Updates

Opposition to Trump's National Guard Push

As the Trump administration threatens to escalate federal intervention in Chicago, it's more important than ever to understand how CPD and other local law enforcement agencies may interact with federal enforcement.

Today's meeting has become even more important as Donald Trump toys with deploying troops in Chicago. We stand with Gov. Pritzker and scores of local, state, and federal elected officials in condemning Trump's unwarranted threat.



Source: Chicago Sun-Times

Alternative Parking Enforcement Hearing

We'll present our parking enforcement proposal before the City Council's Committee on Public Safety on September 3 at 10:30am.

Is anyone here willing to make a public comment in support of our proposal?

CARE In The News

Recent news stories have highlighted what we have been working diligently to address:

CARE is being set up to fail and implementation must be improved in order for the program to succeed

CARE can succeed here, just as it has elsewhere. But we must:

- Expand funding
- 2. Expand hours, so CARE can serve the entire city 24 hours a day.
- 3. Empower responders to take on a broader range of calls.
- 4. Reinstate self-dispatch and hire behavioral health telecommunicators at 911.

Lessons from Evanston's CARE Team

Organized a meeting with Chicago leaders (Treatment Not Trauma, Mayor's Office staff, Alderperson, DCs) and Evanston's CARE team, CARE leadership, and Evanston Police Commander

Participated in ride-alongs to see CARE vans in action



<u>Takeaways</u>

- Evanston CARE is responding to calls such as well-being checks, ordinance violations, mental health crises, and nuisance complaints.
- CARE vans: no authority to ticket or arrest—focused solely on helping.
- Approach is working: growing call volume shows more community served, with benefits for both residents and officers.
- Evanston CARE is on police radio and this is an important part of their work. We must figure out how to do this in Chicago!

Albuquerque Police Department on Alt. Response

In Albuquerque, Community Safety responders helped reduce use-of-force incidents by police by 53%.

The Albuquerque Police Chief himself <u>credited</u> <u>its non-police crisis response teams</u> as a big reason the city reached compliance with its consent decree.

"We sent a better response to help people in crisis. It doesn't always take a badge, it doesn't always take a gun" - Chief Harold Medina.



Listen to the full clip from the Albuquerque Police Chief

Community Partnership Plan: Monthly Update



Summary of Progress



	Last Month	This Month	Delta
In Progress	15	15	0
Ongoing	5	5	0
Completed	23	23	0
Total In Progress/ Ongoing/ Completed	43	43	0
Total Goals	50	50	0
	% In Progress/ Ongoing/ Completed	86%	19

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON



IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS



Immigration & Know Your Rights

By: Diana Perez: Community Engagement Director Pooja Ravindran, Chief of Staff

AGENDA

- CIRR Overview
- CIRR Current Legislative Work
- Federal Immigration Changes
- **Know Your Rights**
- CDP & Federal Agent Laws & Restrictions
- Community Q&A

JOIN US: PROTECTING OUR **IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

With rising attacks on our immigrant neighbors and shifting federal policies, it's more important than ever to stay informed and take action. Join us to learn about local laws, get resources, and discover ways to support and stand with immigrant communities in Chicago.

Topics Include:

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- √ Chicago's Welcoming City Status
- √ Federal Immigration Changes Impacting Chicagoans
- √ CPD & Federal Agent Laws/Restrictions
- √ Community Q&A



AUGUST 27, 2025 | 6:30 PM



Chicagoland Community Church ((19)1) Livestream:
(1926 W. Aldine) https://bit.ly/livestream19thDC



RSVP Appreciated: https://bit.ly/19thDCMeeting

translation services available





About the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights (CIRR)

- For the 2023-2027 term, Alderperson Andre Vasquez (40th Ward) was appointed Chair of the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights (CIRR).
- There are <u>13 other Alders who sit on CIRR</u>. Any legislation that CIRR passes must have at least 8 votes. Then 26 votes are needed to pass full council!
- Legislative oversight, community engagement, operations auditing
 - Call To Action
- 3 staffers- budget was slashed by 10% by Mayor's Office



Current CIRR Legislative Work

- Ald. Vasquez and Ald. Mike Rodriguez (22nd Ward) introduced a resolution (<u>R2025-0018798</u>) calling on the State of Illinois to prohibit federal agents from concealing their identity and requiring them to present identification and agency-identifying insignia.
- On June 4th 2025, many immigrants who were participating in the Alternatives to Detention (ATD) program received surprise texts for check-ins at the ISAP BI Building on S. Michigan Ave. When City staffers and Alders arrived on the scene to join organizers supporting these constituents being surprise detained and torn from their family members by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), CPD was present and seemed to have a high level of interaction with DHS. This raised red flags around potential violations of Chicago's Welcoming City Ordinance. Ald. Vasquez has therefore introduced an order (Or2025-0017810) to understand more about the City's dispatch of CPD to this incident to make sure that Public Safety Departments are well-trained in ordinance compliance. The information released is here.
- Ald. Vasquez was notified of a DHS FOIA request to the City that was responded to by a CPD FOIA officer that included arrest records of immigrants with names, places of birth, pictures, and home addresses. In response to this, Ald. Vasquez introduced an ordinance (O2025-0018168) for the Executive Director of the Office of Public Safety and Administration to provide monthly reports to the Chair of the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights to understand FOIA patterns of inquiry by the federal government and to make sure the appropriate redactions to protect personally identifiable information in accordance with FOIA law are being followed in responses. This was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.
- Following the above-mentioned disclosure of sensitive data, Ald. Vasquez introduced a resolution (R2025-0018172) calling on all City departments and offices that respond to Freedom of Information Act requests to discuss internal training, response policies and public maintenance of FOIA records to make sure the Bodily Autonomy and Welcoming City Ordinances are not undermined. This was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight and we hope to work with Chair Martin to hear this item.

Key Immigration Agencies

Here are the key immigration agencies and their roles:

- **USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services):** This U.S. federal agency is responsible for processing immigration applications.
- **ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement):** This U.S. federal agency is responsible for enforcing immigration laws, including detention and deportation.
- **CBP (Customs and Border Protection):** This U.S. agency enforces customs, immigration, and agricultural laws and regulations at U.S. ports of entry.
- **EOIR (Executive Office of Immigration Review):** This refers to the immigration court where individuals can present their case before a judge and government attorneys. The judge determines the cases and can order deportation.

How is This Federal Administration Changing Immigration Norms?

- Jan. 20, Executive Order: empowers the Secretary of Homeland Security (Kristi Noem) to change policies, direct agencies, and set priorities.
- Jan 22, Officially deputizes other federal agencies, such as:
 - ATF Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms DEA Drug Enforcement Agency FBI Federal Bureau of Investigations US Marshals ERO - Enforcement Removal Operations DHS - Department of Homeland Security ICE - Immigration & Customs Enforcement HSI - Homeland Security Investigation to carry out immigration enforcement.
- Jan 29, Laken Riley Act: DHS can expedite deportation for people with low level crime charges (not conviction), a violation of the due process rights afforded to them in the U.S. Constitution

"Expedited Removal" Program

With Expedited Removal, an immigration officer can quickly detain and deport any individual without allowing an immigration judge to decide over their case if that person:

- Entered the United States without being inspected or paroled
- Cannot demonstrate that they have been physically present in the
 United States for at least two years
- They are implementing this program in a across the country.

Registration Requirement

The federal government announced a process by which non citizens must register their presence in the United States went in effect on April 11th.

- The goal of the registration process is to use this information to find, arrest, and deport people or pressure them to leave.
- Potential immigration and criminal consequences of registering
- Some people are considered to have already registered
 - Legal permanent residents (LPRs), people with parole, people with employment authorizations, people who entered on visas, in removal proceedings, refugees
- Criminal consequences of failure to register, failure to carry proof of registration, failure to update address within 10 days of moving
- It its important to consult with an immigration attorney or accredited representative

Local Policies in Illinois and Chicago

City

Welcoming City Ordinance:

- prohibits all city agencies including CPD from:
- assisting federal agencies in civil federal immigration enforcement activities
- collecting immigration status in the provision of services or benefits
- allows comparative-to-state ID documents to be accepted as ID within the City
- suggests 311 resource line for immigration resources
- creates quarterly reporting requirements for CPD around federal immigration requests
- creates HR process for reporting violations of ordinance
- creates form for CPD to fill out to certify victim cooperation in reporting a crime

State

- Illinois Way Forward Act: Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies are prohibited from asking about your immigration status
- Illinois TRUST Act: Illinois Law Enforcement
 Agencies are prohibited from holding you for
 additional time after processing at the request of
 ICE

Immigration Agents at your Home

- Stay calm
- You are not required to open the door to ICE unless they present a valid arrest warrant signed by a judge.
- If agents enter without a permission, say I do not consent this search. Ask for a warrant
- Do not answer and question or lie. Exercise the right to remain silent
- Do not sign any documents
- Ask to speak with an immigration attorney
- If they attempt to force the door open, make note of as many details as possible (agent name/ID, vehicle license plate number, etc).

Immigration Agents at Work

- Remain silent, if you choose to speak, remember not to lie
- Show your valid documentation or a copy of your pending process
- Ask for a warrant and check to see if you name is on it and spelled correctly
- Do not sign anything
- Do not consent to being search and verbally say I do not consent to be search
- Don't carry a passport. A passport is a travel document and if you have it on you while detained, it can help ICE deport you faster.
- Don't provide a foreign ID, this includes your consulate ID, foreign driver's license. A
 foreign ID reveals to the ICE agent that you were born in another country that is not
 the U.S.

Immigrant Agents in Private Space

- Private species are areas where individuals have reasonable expectations as private such as homes or other private properties.
- Immigration enforcement officers will need a judicial warrant signed by a Judge or the consent of resident to enter.
- Examples of private spaces: A person home, areas inside a business that are not open to the public, offices, employees only areas.



Immigrant Agents in Public Spaces

- ICE does not need a judicial warrant to look for individuals in a public space. If you are stopped on the street, ask if you are under arrest and if you are free to leave. If the officer indicates you may leave, do so in a calm manner.
- Examples public area: street, sidewalks, public parks, open areas of businesses such as restaurant dining areas.
- If ICE comes
 - DO NOT LIE. Say that you want to exercise your right to remain silent. Do not give any
 explanations, excuses, or make up stories.
 - Do not claim to be a U.S. citizen if you are not!
 - Don't provide a foreign ID, this includes your consulate card, foreign driver's license. A foreign ID reveals to the ICE agent that you were born in another country that is not the U.S.
 - DO NOT SIGN any document.

Judicial Warrants

- Judicial Warrants is an official court order signed by a judge or magistrate that authorizes a search of private property, seizure, or arrest based on the cause.
- A judicial warrant will:
 - MUST HAVE CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS, A VALID DATE
 - Be issued by a court and signed by a Judge or magistrate.

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Source I National Immigration I am Center https://twitter.com/NII C/status/11/107550/60815380/107s=20

Administrative Warrants

- Administrative Warrants issued by a federal agency such as Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), purporting to document their authority to arrest a person suspected of violating immigration laws.
- These administrative documents are not signed by a judge but rather an immigration officer like an ICE agent or immigration judge.
- An ICE administrative warrant is NOT a judicial warrant.
- ICE administrative warrants do not give ICE officials authority to enter a place where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, without consent.

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How to identify DHS/ICE Officers

- ICE may wear civilian or plain clothing
- with black bulletproof vest.
- Often the vest says "POLICE" on the front or back.
- Wearing mask to cover their faces





How to Identify Chicago Police Officers

• Local police wear distinctive uniforms with Identifying insignia.

What to Do If Detained by ICE

- Locate them Locator ICE
- Call ICIRR Hotline
- Reach out Consulates depending where the person national origins
- Call an attorney or legal representative
- Other things to consider
 - Emergency plan for your family in the event that one of both of the parents are detained, <u>see</u> these tips from the Resurrection Project.
 - It important to memorize any important phone numbers
 - Make copies of anu legal documents such as passport, birth certificates, and important documents. Tell your family where you keep them in case of a situation.
 - Apply for a passport for your U.S Citizen child so they are able to travel to and from the US.
- See CIRR Immigration Enforcement Reporting and Detention Support Guide in Resources slide!

How to Report ICE Activity

- Call ICIRR Hotline (1-855-435-7693)
- Male sure to report:
 - Size/strength
 - Actions/activity
 - Location/direction
 - Uniform/clothes
 - Time/date of observation
 - Equipment and weapons

SPREAD INFORMATION, NOT PANC When reporting or boosting potential threats: provide as much information as possible!

REMEMBER! - S.A.L.U.T.E

Size/Strength

"5 to 6 law enforcement officers"

Actions/Activity

"harassing random people on the street"

_ocation/Direction

"Chicago, West of Millennium Park, on Michigan Ave"

niform/clothes

"Dark Blue uniforms that say 'Police ICE' on the back"

ime and date of observation

"12:45 PM January 20"

=quipment and weapons

"They have helmets, vests and batons"

Not a useful message: "URGENT!!! Potential ICE Raids on the west side!!!"

"Where? When? What are they doing? How Many? What are they carrying?"

How Can You Support Immigrants?

- Join a Rapid Response Network in your area
- Report ICE sightings or detentions
 - o ICIRR Hotline 1-855-435-7693
 - www.TRPimmigrantjustice.org/reportice
- Donate to organizations like OCAD,
- Canvass with CIRR to connect street peddlers with opportunities
- Volunteer for Know Your Rights business canvasses with Jewish Council for Urban Affairs and Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Sign up to Court Watch
- Volunteer opportunities:
 - 40thward.org/immigrantrights
 - <u>illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/volunteer</u>

Legal Support & Other Resources

- 40thward.org/immigrantrights
- CIRR Immigration Enforcement Reporting and Detention Support Guide: bit.ly/
- NEW! Illinois Immigration Info o illinoisimmigrationinfo.org/
- NIJC
- KYR: What to do if you or a Loved one is Detained
- **KYR: ICE at Immigration Court** 0
- **ICIRR**
 - KYR PDF
 - ICIRR Family Support Hotline
- The Resurrection Project Now Your Rights

 - Legal Assistance 0
 - **Detained Loved one Form**
- The Immigration Division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office https://www.cookcountypublicdefender.org/resources/immigration-division
- ICE Locator and Detention
 - Visit the ICE locator online
- **USCIS informational pages** Visit https://www.uscis.gov/
- As of July 1, 2024, undocumented immigrants in Illinois can obtain a standard driver's license, which is not a REAL ID, but can be used for identification and driving within the state, replacing the previous Temporary Visitor Driver's License: http://ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/drivers license/renewonline.html

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- Website: welcometochicago.org
 - Sign up for our newsletter!
- **Instagram:** @chicagocirr
- Facebook: Chicago Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Reminders & Calls to Action



- **COPA Chief Search** Traffic Stops Update
- CPD Budget recommendations process





POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Maurilio Garcia
Jenny Schaffer
Sam Schoenburg



Coffee with a Councilor

19th District Council - Office Hours

Office Hours

The 19th District Council wants to talk with you about building a policing and public safety system that is more holistic, effective, data-driven, and responsive to our community's needs! We want to hear your ideas and share more about the work we are doing to improve public safety in the community. If you cannot make this event, we still want to hear from you. Please reach out to us and we will find a mutually agreed upon time and place to meet.

Thursday Aug. 28 9:00 am - 10:30 am Botanical Cafe 3740 N. Lincoln

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Thank you to our hosts!

Next Meeting:



Wednesday, September 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
Uptown Church
1134 W. Wilson

Adjourn - Thank you!