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**MAYOR EMANUEL REITERATES CHICAGO'S STATUS AS SANCTUARY CITY  
Urges Residents with Questions to Call 311**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today reiterated Chicago's commitment to being a sanctuary city for immigrants and announced the city's 311 operators have been given special instruction to assist anyone with concerns or questions about their status in Chicago or the United States.

"Since the Presidential Election, there has been a sense of uncertainty among many immigrant communities in Chicago and across the nation. I want to assure all of our families that Chicago is and will remain a Sanctuary City," said Mayor Emanuel. "Chicago has been a city of immigrants since it was founded. We have always welcomed people of all faiths and backgrounds, and while the administration will change, our values and our commitment to inclusion will not."

Residents are encouraged to call 311 for information about legal resources, as well as other supportive services. Families can also learn more about Chicago's upcoming Municipal ID program by calling 311. Under a provision in the Mayor's recently announced budget, the City will begin issuing Municipal IDs in late 2017 to ensure all Chicago residents have access to official identification. Community meetings will be scheduled throughout next year to provide more information.

To learn more about the Municipal ID program or for a list of community meetings, visit <https://www.cityofchicago.org/officeofnewamericans>, or call 311.

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