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Immigration Committee Minutes

June 19th, 2025

Mohammed Sheikh, Committee Chairperson

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Attendance: *Mohammed Sheikh, Argelia Ortiz*

Introduction and Meeting Purpose

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh introduces himself as the chair of the immigration committee and outlines the meeting's purpose.
- Member Argelia Ortiz introduces herself as the secretary of the immigration committee.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan, the district manager, reminds everyone that the meeting is being broadcast live and emphasizes the importance of stating names for the minutes.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh discusses the lack of a specific agenda and suggests focusing on involving more community members and utilizing available resources.

Proposed Immigration Forum and Workshops

- Member Argelia Ortiz suggests organizing an immigration forum to address legal aspects affecting immigrants.
- She highlights the anxiety among immigrants and the need for "know your rights" workshops.
- Member Argelia Ortiz shares an example from Community Board 7, where Know Your Rights cards are distributed.
- She recalls a similar initiative during the stop and frisk era, where legal hotline numbers were provided on wristbands.

Community Engagement and Resource Allocation

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh thanks Argelia for her ideas and emphasizes the importance of connecting with non-profit organizations and city agencies.
- He acknowledges the district manager's contributions to the committee's effectiveness.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh calls on the district manager to share his ideas and plans for community engagement.

Visiting the Migrant Facility

- District Manager Anthony Jordan proposes visiting the migrant facility with 2200 beds to understand the services and resources available to the residents.
- He mentions the need to know the safety measures in place and the process for emergencies.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of proactive community engagement to address the needs of the migrants.
- He highlights the heightened anxiety among immigrants and the need for community resources and services.

Concerns About Migrant Facility Conditions

- Member Argelia Ortiz expresses concerns about the conditions at the migrant facility, particularly during the summer heat.
- She questions the daily schedule and living conditions for the 2000 men housed in the facility.
- Member Argelia Ortiz highlights the need for safe and humane conditions for the migrants.
- She shares anecdotes about immigrants' fear of leaving their homes due to government presence.

Planning for Future Actions

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh suggests involving other sub-committees and the chairperson in addressing the concerns raised.
- He mentions the upcoming changes in board officers and the need to work together to find solutions.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan agrees with the plan and emphasizes the importance of community engagement.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, made by Argelia Ortiz.