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**Immigration Committee Minutes**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Mohammed Sheikh, Committee Chairperson**

**Attendance:** *Mohammed Sheikh, Argelia Ortiz*

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**Immigration Committee Meeting Introduction**

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh opens the meeting, acknowledging the presence of various members and expressing gratitude to key individuals.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan welcomes everyone and provides instructions for the meeting, emphasizing the importance of clear and concise communication.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh highlights the importance of the meeting's information, particularly regarding community resources and collaboration with Lincoln Hospital.

**Introduction of Committee Members**

- Member Argelia Ortiz introduces herself as the board member and secretary of the immigration committee.
- Cheikh Ndao introduces himself as the president and Imam of the Islamic community.
- Sam Murphy and Rebecca Raghunath, both reporters, introduce themselves.
- Anthony Jordan reiterates the importance of clear communication and mentions the live broadcast of the meeting on social media channels.

**Community Resources and Upcoming Events**

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh discusses the importance of community resources, particularly for immigrants, and mentions collaboration with Lincoln Hospital.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan talks about the upcoming meeting on November 15, focusing on citizenship assistance and collaboration with CUNY Citizenship Now project.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the need for citizenship assistance and the importance of the upcoming presentation by CUNY Citizenship Now.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan highlights the diversity of the Bronx community and the importance of the immigration committee in providing resources.

#### **Imam's Role and Community Support**

- Cheikh Ndao shares his experience of helping migrants, including providing transportation and assistance with ID applications and Medicare.
- Cheikh Ndao mentions the financial challenges of supporting the community and the need for additional resources.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh expresses gratitude for the Imam's efforts and emphasizes the community board's commitment to supporting the community.
- Cheikh Ndao requests support for the community and mentions the need for volunteers and financial assistance.

#### **Discussion on Women's Resources and Community Needs**

- Member Argelia Ortiz discusses the growing population of immigrants, particularly African immigrants, and the need for resources specifically for women and children.
- Member Argelia Ortiz mentions a meeting with Sister Islamia to discuss resources for immigrant women and the importance of trust and support.
- Member Argelia Ortiz highlights the need for proper grants and established services to support the growing immigrant population.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan and Member Argelia Ortiz discuss the importance of connecting immigrants with trustworthy resources and the challenges faced by undocumented immigrants.

#### **Community Board's Commitment and Future Plans**

- Member Argelia Ortiz and Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh discuss the importance of women's empowerment and the need for resources to support immigrant women.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh invites Sister Islamia to share her ideas and experiences, highlighting the importance of community input.

#### **Sister Islamia's Contributions and Community Support**

- Sister Islamia shares her efforts to support the community, including organizing Quran classes and group chats.
- Sister Islamia mentions the challenges faced by women in the community, including limited education and language barriers.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh expresses gratitude for Sister Islamia's contributions and emphasizes the importance of community support.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh invites Sister Islamia to share any additional ideas or concerns, highlighting the importance of community input.

#### **Citizenship Now Program Overview**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides an overview of the Citizenship Now program, emphasizing the importance of free, high-quality immigration law services.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan highlights the services provided by Citizenship Now, including assistance with citizenship applications, DACA, and other immigration benefits.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of the upcoming event and the need for community participation.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh expresses excitement about the upcoming event and the potential benefits for the community.

#### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh thanks District Manager Anthony Jordan for the information and emphasizes the importance of the upcoming event.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan reiterates the importance of the Citizenship Now program and the need for community support.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh invites any final comments or questions from the participants.
- The meeting is adjourned.

#### **Action Items**

Announce the upcoming CUNY Citizenship Now presentation and assistance event in November 2024.

Reach out to the Mexican coalition and immigrant women's groups to make them aware of available resources.

Explore the possibility of establishing a larger mosque or community center to better accommodate the growing immigrant population.

Provide information about the November 16th program at the prison to the committee.