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Immigration Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2024

Mohammed Sheikh, Chairperson

Outline

Immigration issues in Bronx County.

- Chair Mohammad Sheikh opens immigration committee meeting discussing community issues and seeking solutions.

Immigration issues and community support.

- Mayor of New York makes changes to shelter rules for single adults, including 30-day process.
- Argelia Ortiz introduces herself and shares her ideas for the immigration committee, including helping local underserved communities.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses how the board can implement positive initiatives to help these communities, including food distribution and other forms of support.
- Bronx Community Board 1 aims to support immigrant communities during Ramadan with food and resources.
- Anthony Jordan emphasizes the committee's focus on social problems faced by immigrants and migrants, including poverty, lack of education, and unequal pay.
- Jordan expresses excitement about reaching out to elected officials for support in broadcasting meetings in multiple languages to ensure inclusivity.

Community involvement and immigration support.

- Chairperson Mohammed Sheikh emphasizes the importance of embracing diversity and working together to make a significant change in the community.
- Chairperson Mohammed Sheikh proposes creating a 24/7 immigration Help Line with the support of elected officials and community members.

Supporting immigrant youth in the community.

- Member Argelia Ortiz also discussed the challenges faced by immigrant youth, including fear and lack of access to benefits, and emphasized the importance of confidentiality in filling out forms.
- Committee discusses ways to reach immigrant youth in local schools.

Immigration and housing challenges in a US city.

- First-generation immigrant highlights potential contributions and challenges of African community in city.
- Member Issa Boubacar describes the difficulty of finding affordable housing in the city, with many people struggling to pay rent and facing barriers to accessing support services.

Food insecurity and volunteer opportunities in a community.

- Anthony Jordan thanks the mosque and its committee for their work in fighting discrimination and ensuring equal rights for all.
- Anthony Jordan: Community needs 10 volunteers every Saturday to distribute food to 346 individuals, with many facing housing and food insecurity.
- Jordan: Volunteers carry boxes, bag food, and break down bags to help those in need, with a growing number of people willing to support the cause.
- Member Issa Boubacar mentions that some new members from Africa may not speak French or English, and the city may need to provide language support.

Action Items

Volunteer at the food pantry distribution on Saturday at 10am-1pm at the Community Board office. (Volunteers including Mohammad, Isa, Natalia, Imam and mosque members)

Spread the word about Saturday's food pantry distribution at the Community Board office being open to the public starting at 11am.

Send volunteers from the mosque to help with Saturday's food pantry distribution at the Community Board office.

Translate flyers about the case management services on Wednesdays into appropriate languages for immigrant community.

Provide information to the Imam about social services that could be offered at the mosque.