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Immigration Committee Minutes

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Mohammed Sheikh, Committee Chairperson

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Immigration services and resources in NYC.

- Policy Director Rebecca Engel from Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs discusses how MOIA is collaborating with the community.
- Director of Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs discusses helping those who contact their office with immigration issues.
- Mayor's office policy discussed; Support services for immigrants.
- Policy Advisor Lucette Moran provides information on immigration services in New York City.
- Policy Advisor Lucette Moran clarifies immigration legal hotline vs. immigration affairs hotline.

Immigration services and legal aid for African immigrants in NYC.

- Service offers free immigration lawyer connections to avoid fraudulent claims.
- Policy Advisor Lucette Moran explains the ID card for NYC local government services.
- Rebecca Engel explains immigration questions and hotline number.
- Lucette Moran discusses benefits of IDNYC card, including free or lower-cost access to NYC museums.

Immigration resources and language access in New York City.

- A member of the audience asks for translation services in Salah in future meetings.

Immigration and job training for refugees.

- Member Ngande Ambroise emphasizes the importance of orientation and independence for new immigrants.

Immigration and criminal law services in NYC.

- Member Argelia Ortiz highlights free legal clinics in NYC boroughs, including the Bronx Defenders Office.

Immigration challenges and resources for young people.

- Member Ngande Ambroise advises against teaching immigrants only what not to do, emphasizing the importance of also teaching them what to do.
- Community support crucial for refugees' survival in new country.
- Members discuss migrant issue and its impact on young people.

Action Items

Distribute flyer on local public library resources and English classes.

Schedule follow up meeting to provide job training and workforce integration support.

Address issues with inadequate shelter conditions and lack of support for migrants.

Provide contact information for legal assistance organizations in each borough to help with criminal/immigration issues.

Accompany individuals to appointments and help orient them to available resources.

Develop a support system within the community to help individuals navigate services.