

SPEAKERS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE FY22 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 PM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1. Araceli Lucio	The Resurrection Project
2. Alexandra Sossa	Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project
3. Emily Inman	Respond Now
4. Bria Robinson	Lawrence Hall
5. Dr. Jen Vargas	Alivio Medical Center
6. Aaron Brown	Lawrence Hall
7. Jeremy Rosen	Shriver Center on Poverty Law
8. Shamiah Byrd	Budget for Black Lives/SOUL
9. Susan Avila	7th District Health Task Force
10. David Rosa	St. Leonard's
11. Athena Williams	Oak Park Regional Housing

WRITTEN COMMENT

1. Liza Gutierrez Partners for our Communities:

Good afternoon, my name is Liza Gutierrez from Partners for our Communities (POC), a non-profit organization located in Palatine, which connects people with local resources and provides a pathway for their integration and success. I'm writing this statement in support of the Public Defender's request to continue funding the newly created Immigration Unit.

Unfortunately, legal resources for immigrant families in the northwest suburbs are very limited especially when it comes to criminal cases. When we learned that the Public Defender was creating an Immigration Unit, we knew that our communities would stand to benefit from this new resource by having access to trusted legal representation and advice.

Although the Immigration Unit is new, we know how crucial it will be to continue supporting it to ensure its full impact. We thank the Cook County Board and President Preckwinkle for their support and ask that you continue supporting and funding the Immigration Unit for the 2022 fiscal year.

Thank you,
Partners for Our Communities