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Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Paul Naranjo
Organization (if any):	Pilsen Wellness Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

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Proposed Resolution #21-0495

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The Honorable: President Preckwinkle and Board of Commissioners,

I am very thankful for the opportunity to advocate on behalf of my community today. My name is Paul Naranjo and I am the Division Director of Early Intervention and Assistant to the President & CEO at the Pilsen Wellness Center.

I am registering my testimony in support of the Proposed Resolution #21-0495, in which Cook County calls upon the federal government to implement policies to protect our immigrant community and to strengthen in a humane way the immigration system in the United States of America.

I would like to respectfully encourage our elected officials for the County to send a strong message to our President Biden and his incoming administration that you are committed to strengthening and protecting the rights of our immigrant community. The policies of fear targeting our immigrants in recent years has caused them tremendous harm. Any existing policies of fear and intimidation should not only be reversed but we must approach immigration policy in an innovative way that moves towards inclusion and decriminalization of this vulnerable population.

As a community stake holder, I have seen the impact in my own community. The suffering and anxiety experienced by countless individuals as a result of our broken immigration system.

Thus, my testimony is submitted as evidence of my unconditional support of the goals outlined in this resolution and respectfully ask you to do the right thing by voting in its favor. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

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Witness Name:	Tanya D Woods
Organization (if any):	Westside Justice Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60643

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Witness Name:	Jaime di Paulo
Organization (if any):	Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60629

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Hon. President Preckwinkle and Board of Commissioners,

My name is Jaime di Paulo, I am the President & CEO of the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

I am writing this letter to support the Proposed Resolution #21-0495, in which Cook County calls upon the federal government to implement policies to protect the immigrant community and strengthen the immigration system in the United States.

It is critical that Cook County, the second largest County in the United States, send a strong message to President Biden that you are committed to strengthening the rights of immigrants. The harms done in recent years should not only be reversed but we must approach immigration policy in an innovative way that moves towards inclusion and decriminalization.

As an business organization, I have seen the impact in our community.

I fully support the goals outlined in this resolution and respectfully ask you to vote in favor today.

Thank you.

Jaime di Paulo

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Witness Name:	Julián Lazalde
Organization (if any):	National Immigrant Justice Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60604

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Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Statement in Favor of Proposed Resolution #21-0495
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Distinguished committee members:

My name is Julián Lazalde, I am the Civic Engagement and Policy Analyst for the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC). On behalf of my colleagues and the tens of thousands of individuals NIJC serves every year, I am here to express our strong support for resolution #21-0495. Calling upon the federal government to implement policies to protect the immigrant community and strengthen the immigration system in the United States.

As a country, we find ourselves with an opportunity to re-imagine an immigration system that is just and humane, supports family unity and strong communities, and confronts the legacy of racism and xenophobia that have put Black and Brown immigrants at risk for too long.

NIJC welcomes the Biden administration's initial executive orders and the proposed legislation to provide a path to citizenship for upwards of 11 million undocumented people in our communities, including an estimated 263,000 in Cook County (according to a 2018 estimate by the Migration Policy Institute). These actions can help keep families together, strengthen communities and bring unquantifiable relief to individuals that have had to deal with the terror, trauma and stigmatization of living in the shadows. We are in this position due in large part to the organizing, advocacy, and example of immigrants and advocates across the country, including right here in Cook County.

The initial steps taking by the new administration are only the beginning of repairing the damage of decades of immigration policymaking that has been founded in white supremacy. Previous presidential administrations showed us the dangers of continuing our government's reliance on detention and deportation to manage our immigration system. As the Biden administration takes over, 15,415 people remain in immigration detention and at-risk of contracting COVID-19 and thousands of asylum seekers are trapped in Central America and Mexico, barred from seeking protection. Our nation can and must do better.

NIJC urges the members of this committee to vote in support of this resolution today. In doing so, it will serve as another reminder to undocumented individuals, their families, loved ones and allies that Cook County remains steadfast in its commitment to be a fair and equal community for all residents regardless of their immigration status. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julián Lazalde
