

News and Upcoming Events in the 24th District

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Dear 24th District Neighbors:

I can't believe it's already February! January flew by and was packed full of events and activities.

The second half of the month began with a flurry of meetings, many with service or advocacy groups wanting to share their legislative agendas for the coming session. Groups I met with included Korean American leaders from the [Hana Center](#), the [Woodstock Institute](#), the [Illinois Area Agencies on Aging](#), [Citizen Action](#), [She Votes Illinois](#), and moms from the Back of the Yards who have been fighting for a new library.

There were all kinds of events hosted by various organizations as well, such as the Illinois Restaurant Association's annual luncheon; a [tour](#) of the Back of the Yards Bank Building which is at the center of a proposal for a film music scoring stage and postproduction center; an event for Project Vision, a nonprofit in the district that does great work. I attended the Illinois Association of Park Districts Annual Awards luncheon and sat with the good folks from the Chicago Park District.

Last weekend, the festivities marking the Lunar New Year began early, with the lantern lighting event in Chinatown and a dinner out in the suburbs with the Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago.

For Lunar New Year's Day itself, I was in Springfield for our legislative session. During our two days at the Capitol, I worked on getting bills ready to file, met with more advocates, and attended an important briefing on potential threats to Medicaid at the federal level of government and how that would affect our state. There was some potentially alarming news, but my colleagues and I are committed to fighting as hard as possible against heartless and punitive cuts that would harm the most vulnerable residents of our state.

Speaking of vulnerable populations, our office has also been actively sharing "Know Your Rights" information in light of the increased activity on the part of ICE to detain and deport undocumented residents. Our office is committed to assisting our residents as much as possible to ensure that everyone knows that each person has the right to remain silent and not open the door unless a criminal warrant signed by a judge is presented. We have posted a variety of [Know Your Rights](#) on our [facebook page](#), but there is also a good website with the essentials listed [here](#).

Finally, a scheduling note: our office will be closed next Wednesday, February 12th, in recognition of Lincoln's Birthday, an official State of Illinois holiday, as well as Monday, February 17th, for Presidents Day. The next issue of our newsletter will be published on Tuesday, February 18th. Our normal office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Please contact me at my constituent service office at (872)281-5775 or email us at office@reptheresamah.com and we will be sure to respond when the office is open. We will continue to regularly post helpful information on our [Facebook Page](#).

Sincerely,

State Representative, 24th District
Theresa Mah, Ph.D.

Important information!

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE DUE TO ICE DETENTION, OR TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED ICE SIGHTINGS, CALL

855-435-7693

ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS

Visit icirr.org/fsn for hotline and know Your Rights info

Tips de Dirección

- Le es más difícil estar tranquilo porque no desea hablar a tener más contacto con ICE.
- No debe tener ni desconfianza ni mantenerse callado y me obligo a mantenerme así.
- Si me arrestan, necesito información de derecho a mantenerme callado y a regresar a cualquier momento.
- No quiero hablar con un abogado antes de contactar. Quiero contactar a mi abogado/organización.

권리 카드

- 나는 당분간은 침묵하고 싶지만 ICE가 내 말을 듣고 싶어 할 것이다. 침묵해 달라고 부탁하지 말고 ICE와 대화하라.
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ICIRR Call the Family Support Hotline

1 (855) HELP-MY-FAMILY
1 (855) 435-7693

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Small Business Guide to ICE ENCOUNTERS

INTRO & BACKGROUND

Under the new administration, action against the immigrant community has drastically increased. If you own a restaurant, meatpacking facility, construction, landscaping, or cleaning company you may be at higher risk of receiving an ICE raid. CBCAC is here to support you and provide you with some key actions you should take now to prepare.

TO PREPARE

To be ready, you should start reviewing your workers I-9 forms now and compare them with other documents to ensure all details match. It is important to know that an ICE raid is different than an I-9 audit, which requires a 3-day notice. You should also put signs and policy around private areas up around your facility now. More on why below. You must also now establish procedure with staff and assign 1 person to interact with ICE when it arrives.

WHEN ICE ARRIVES

- Make sure they have a warrant. Here are 2 kinds:
 - Administrative: they may be looking for a specific employee. They are only allowed to search PUBLIC areas.
 - Judicial: they can access private areas.
- Make sure the warrant is signed by a judge and has a specific time frame. Read the warrant to know what they can and cannot do.
- If an agent asks for someone, you are not obligated to disclose if they're there or working that day or bring them to them.

Here's an example of what a court order looks like vs. an immigration order.

FORM AN ACTION PLAN NOW

- Make sure your workers know their rights.
 - They can remain silent and ask for an attorney if questioned.
 - Do not sign anything, never show up IDs or documents.
 - Someone should film the interaction on their phone.
- The employee or yourself - designated to interact with ICE should escort the agents to a different area, away from customers and staff.
- If someone is arrested, make sure you ask where they are taking the person and contact their family and emergency contacts.

CONTACT US

If your business suffers an ICE raid or if you want help preparing now, please contact us via our Immigrants' Helpline where we can provide English, Cantonese, and Mandarin assistance.

773-969-6098

小企业应该如何应对 移民与海关执法局 (ICE) 突袭

简介及背景

在新政府上任后,针对移民社区的行动大幅增加。如果您是餐馆、肉类加工厂、建筑公司、园艺公司或清洁公司,您可能面临更高的ICE突袭风险。CBCAC将为您提供支持,并向您提供一些关键措施,帮助您在ICE到来时做好准备。

如何准备

为了更好地准备,您应该立即开始审查员工的I-9表格,并与其他文件进行对比检查,确保所有信息一致。需要知道的是,ICE突袭与I-9审计不同,I-9审计需要提前3天通知。您还应该立即在场所内张贴标识和规则声明,明确标注私人区域的范围及其界限(具体原因见下文)。此外,您还必须与员工建立应对程序,并指定一名负责人,在ICE到来时负责与其交流。

ICE突袭到来时

- 确保他们持有搜查令。搜查令主要有以下两种类型:
 - 行政令 Administrative Warrant: 他们可能在寻找某位特定员工,只允许搜查公共区域。
 - 司法令 Judicial Warrant: 允许进入私人区域。
- 请务必确保搜查令由法官签署,并且包含具体的时间范围。仔细阅读搜查令,了解他们被授权可以做什么以及不能做什么。
- 如果执法人员向某人索要在场,您没有义务透露该员工是否当天在场或是否在工作。您只需要提供员工信息给员工。
- 左侧是法院命令与移民命令的示例对比,帮助您更好地了解。

联系我们

如果您的企业遭受ICE突袭,或您想现在就获得帮助做好准备,请通过我们的移民热线联系我们。我们可以提供英语、粤语和普通话服务: **773-969-6098**

请扫描二维码获取最新信息

Chinese Immigrant Assistance Hotline & Resources

Looking for information regarding your rights? Unsure about how to get legal help? Let CBCAC help!

Call us at: (773) 969-6098*

We will help you find the assistance you need & provide resources in Mandarin or Cantonese.

*This is a specific hotline for immigrants in need, different than our office line previously shared. You will receive a faster response with this number.

中国移民求助热线及相关资源

寻求有关您权利的信息? 不确定如何获得法律帮助? 让华埠更好团结联盟(CBCAC)来帮助您!

求助热线: (773) 969-6098*

我们将帮助您找到所需的援助,并提供普通话或粤语的资源。

*这是为需要帮助的中国移民提供的专线,区别于我们的办公室电话号码。如果使用这个号码,您将更快获得针对移民相关问题的回复。