

Staff Report

Agenda Item: 6

Title: Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Action Discussion Informational

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Attachments:

Requested Action

There is no action being requested. This item is for discussion purposes only.

Background

The City of Minneapolis is establishing The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, an exciting and vital resource to ensure that Minneapolis is a safe and welcoming place for all. The Office, housed in the department of Neighborhood and Community Relations, will support our One Minneapolis goal to “eliminate disparities so that all Minneapolis can participate and prosper.” The Office is anticipated to begin operations in mid-April 2018.

The Office will take a proactive, coordinated, enterprise-wide approach to accomplish the following:

- Enhance the civic and social integration of immigrant and refugee communities.
- Promote economic development and ensure access to resources and programs within immigrant and refugee communities across Minneapolis.
- Collaborate with federal, state and local governing bodies, nonprofit organizations and community stakeholders on immigrant and refugee issues, programs and policies.
- Advocate for continued immigration reforms at all levels of government to eliminate inequities.
- Provide relevant, accurate information and education—including community resources—to residents regarding significant issues that impact immigrants and refugees.
- Ensure that Minneapolis remains a welcoming city for immigrants, refugees and existing residents.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-673-3737. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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