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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Finance Committee <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Item Number 69987

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Dear Madison Mayor, Alders and Members of the Finance Committee,

I write to you regarding item 69987.

I am in full support of the recommendations made by the Community Services Committee. It is critical that Latinx led organizations such as Centro Hispano and the Latino Academy, whom have a known and a proven track record for providing services, and providing them well, to the undocumented community, are fully funded. These organizations have been doing this work since the beginning of the pandemic and have the trust of the uncodocumented community. It is equally important that the Community Immigration Law Center receive full funding as they have shown to be responsive and effective in their work which extends to undocumented people from any country of origin.

I urge you to support the resolution before you with the recommendations from the Community Services Committee which reflects the prioritization and appropriate level of funding for organizations who have a have a proven track record of serving the undocumented community.

Respectfully,

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From: Norma Gallegos Valles <boardchair@lpamadison.org>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:43 PM

To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Norma Gallegos Valles <boardchair@lpamadison.org>

Subject: Support of the resolution with recommendations by Community Services Committee

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Dear City of Madison Mayor and Alders,

On behalf of the Latino Professionals Association, we write this email in full support of the resolution with recommendations by Community Services Committee which reflects the prioritization and appropriate level of funding for organizations who have proven track record of serving the undocumented community.

Current allocation funds are detrimental to the work that Latino organizations have done for many years, especially during the pandemic. The undocumented already trust organizations recommended in the resolution with recommendations by the CSC. Thus, we strongly ask that you vote in favor of such resolution.

Thank you,

LPA Board Chair

Norma Gallegos Valles

Board Chair

From: Mario Garcia Sierra <marios.sierra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 9:50 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In Support of Community Services Committee Recommendations

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All City Council Alders and Mayor,

For your City Council meeting today: I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the alternate resolution with staff recommendations (Item 53) - I strongly support the substitute with Community Services Committee Recommendations. I believe this substitute does a bit of justice to Madison's undocumented residents.

I've been following the work of the City's Community Services and Finance Committee regarding funding to be allocated to organizations serving undocumented residents. I trust you know well how vital it is that the City allocates funding to the organizations that have experience providing services to undocumented families. They have gained the trust and respect of the families they serve because they have been there when families have needed them the most, especially during the pandemic. There were only a few organizations that became a resource to undocumented residents during one of the most critical times for them. I also trust that you are listening to what community members working with undocumented families are expressing regarding the funding they need to continue providing services to undocumented families.

I'm not in Madison at the moment, so I can't make it to the meeting but I'm urging you to support the substitute with Community Services Committee Recommendations. I have no doubt that the funding allocated to the organizations under this recommendation is the best investment our city can make to alleviate the need of undocumented families.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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From: Tom Qualls <qualls.thomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:22 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Written Opposition to Agenda Item #53

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I am writing to express my opposition to agenda item #53 regarding the allocation of ARPA funds and to express my support for the alternate Community Services Committee recommendations.

There are several reasons for my opposition to the Finance Committee and staff's recommendations:

1. 70-80% of undocumented folx in Madison are part of the Latinx community. The changes proposed by the Community Services Committee reflect that, while the staff recommendations do not.
2. By taking up the staff recommendations, the community most impacted (Latinx) are being de-centered. These funds should be used to center the community that is the *most* impacted.
3. The organizations recommended by Community Services Committee have a track record of having served the undocumented community. These organizations have worked together for many years to support the undocumented community in Madison.
4. The ARPA funds are being offered as a one-time opportunity to meet basic/immediate needs. Thus, we need organizations with strong and proven track records of serving the immediate needs of the undocumented community to spearhead the distribution of these funds.

It is essential that the ARPA funds are distributed based on the Community Services Committee recommendations, **not** the staff and Finance Committee recommendations.

From: jacob84@charter.net <jacob84@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:42 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Supporting Agenda Item 69987

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Good Afternoon:

During tonight's Council meeting I encourage you to support Agenda Item 69987. As you know this allows the allocation of up to \$700,000 of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA) aid, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, to support community-based organizations (CBOs) serving undocumented immigrant residents, as the result of a competitive application process conducted by the Community Development Division; and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into agreements with those agencies. The Catholic Multi-Cultural Center serving all kinds of immigrants would be one of the eligible CBOs. I am impressed with their programing for immigrants and their programs overall.

Thank You.
Jake

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From: Open Doors General Manager <opendoorsforrefugees@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:48 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Council mtg tonight, item 69987: Authorizing the allocation of up to \$700,000 of American Rescue Plan Act

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Dear Council members,

I'm writing on behalf of Open Doors for Refugees to advocate for tonight's agenda item 69987: the use of \$700,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act to support community-based organizations (CBOs) serving undocumented immigrant residents.

Undocumented immigrants are one of the poorest segments of our community. They have been severely impacted by the ravages of COVID and disenfranchised by the previous administration. More than any other segment of society, they are greatly in need of support. I urge the Council to adopt this resolution and provide these funds for the undocumented immigrant community.

FYI, Open Doors for Refugees is a local, all-volunteer organization whose mission is to help refugees make a home in Madison. We are NOT one of the recipient organizations which will receive funding from this resolution.

Thank you for your support for these people most in need.

Respectfully,
Ken Baun
General Manager
Open Doors for Refugees

From: Richard Reynolds <richard@reynoldsms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:11 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Supporting #69987 Funds for non profits to support the needy

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I am supporting this proposal #69987 at tonight's Common Council meeting. I have been a volunteer with the Catholic Multicultural Center for 20+ years. They have been doing good work and helping the needy in Madison for just a little longer than I have been alive (75 years). I have seen many non profits come and go but CMC has always been there to help out those less fortunate, They have strong leadership and a number of excellent services designed to assist people of all faiths with legal, language, tutoring, employment, food and nutrition, housing, mental health and many other services. Please support this proposal as it is presented tonight. Thank you! --

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From: Bridget Rogers <rogers.bridget@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:22 PM
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Subject: Opposition to 53 - Undocumented Immigrant RFP

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Dear City of Madison Alders,

My name is Bridget Rogers and I am a member of the Community Services Commission. I am writing to express my opposition to item 53 and the alternate resolution with staff recommendations regarding the Undocumented Immigrant RFP. I strongly express my support of the substitute resolution that the Community Services Committee put forth.

CSC members spent hours reviewing the proposals and had the privilege of listening to powerful and heartfelt personal testimony related to the Undocumented Immigrants RFP. There are many organizations doing excellent work in our community; that is not in question. This RFP is one time funding and explicitly intended to meet the basic/immediate needs of the undocumented community. The agencies CSC recommended for funding already have demonstrated their ability and capacity to disperse resources and meet needs effectively and efficiently. The data shows that between 70% – 80 % of undocumented immigrants in our community are Latinx and CSC funding recommendations reflected this proportionality.

Questions have arisen regarding the inclusivity of populations in the CSC committee recommendations. It should be noted there are several agencies recommended for funding by the CSC substitute resolution that serve members of the undocumented community from many different countries of origin. CSC funding recommendations include agencies that are most able to meet the needs of the most undocumented residents as possible, with pre-existing trusting relationships. It is important to again center discussion of funding recommendations on the numbers of undocumented populations in Madison. Freedom Inc. expressed in the CSC meeting that they served 10 – 15 undocumented residents in the past year and are recommended for 75K funding while other agencies that CSC recommended serve over a thousand of undocumented residents a year but are not included in staff recommendations.

Lastly, one of the agencies recommended for funding through item 53 alternate resolution with staff recommendations was unanimously voted against consideration for funding by the CSC due to the application being submitted late. I stand strongly against a practice which allows City staff to consider and recommend one late application for funding while refusing to consider other late applications in the same RFP process. This simply jeopardizes the integrity of the process and creates questions of equity and transparency. Adopting the alternate version of the resolution that included staff recommendations for an agency that did not meet the deadline establishes a very precarious precedent.

I would urge Council to adopt the substitute resolution put forth by the Community Services Commission as the recommendations center the money on the greatest need, while still being

inclusive, and funding agencies with established trust and effective track record for serving undocumented community members.

Respectfully,

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From: Mary Vasquez <marycvasquez@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 5:11 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Opposition of item 53

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I oppose the alternate resolution with staff recommendations and support the substitute with Community Services Committee recommendations.

I have been a social worker in the Madison community for 20 years. I have extensive knowledge of working with a very diverse community during those years. By far the majority of the undocumented individuals are within the Latinx community. The Latinx community is hit the hardest and the organizations recommended by the Community Services Committee have proven track records of having served our undocumented communities. Those organizations should be the ones allocated funds. Furthermore, as a former member of the Community Services Committee, I have a lot of respect for the work that they do when they take on funding recommendations/allocations and have faith that they have made good recommendations and thought about this thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Mary Vasquez, APSW