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ALDERMAN SANTIAGO TO HOST KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOP

Rights and preparedness outlined to fight fear of ICE and Deportation

CHICAGO- Alderman Milly Santiago (31st Ward) will today host a workshop to help residents of the 31st Ward and surrounding communities understand their constitutional rights and prepare against deportation.

The *Know Your Rights* workshop will be held at **St. Genevieve Church at 2465 North Lamont at 10am this morning, April 8, 2017.**

“The fear in our community can be overwhelming,” said Alderman Milly Santiago. “Not knowing what our rights are as we face federal agents pounding on our door can lead to the outrageous incidents we have begun to see over the last few days. We have children afraid to go to school, residents afraid to call police for help and even people afraid to go out for groceries. This workshop is intended to answer serious questions and give people the information needed to feel a little more confident.”

The Resurrection Project, Erie House and the National Immigrant Justice Center will join in presenting information aimed to aid residents if they are stopped on the street or in their car; or if federal immigration officials or ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents come to their homes. Additional information will help prepare residents to think about emergency plans, financial plans and childcare plans for situations surrounding their citizenship status. Immigration lawyers will be on hand as well to answer questions and concerns.

New Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia, representatives from Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office and many local elected officials are expected to attend.