

CB7 Immigration Committee Meeting-October 29th,2020

Virtual Tool: WebEx

Committee Chairs: Jimmy Li and Anita Bulan

Attendees: CB7 Immigration Committee members and board members, reps from NYC Comptroller's Office and Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

The meeting was conducted through the WebEx, and unfortunately the livestream was not available on Facebook because of some technical difficulties with the WebEx. Thank god that we don't have to use it anymore after this meeting. Rep from Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs gave a presentation on paid sick leave, best practices during COVID, legal resources available during an ICE raid. Effective 9/30, employers must provide domestic workers with 40 hours of paid safe and sick leave, allow employees to use safe and sick leave as it is accrued. Please visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/businesses/paid-sick-leave-law-for-employers.page> for more details about changes in the Paid Sick Leave Law. All New Yorkers can access to the City services they need, regardless of their immigration status. For business owners, if ICE officers want to enter your business, they must have a judicial search warrant. If not, you can refuse to let them in, even if they have an administrative warrant. We should continue to practice social distancing and mask wearing as they are the keys to stopping coronavirus.

Comptroller's office came to talk about the prevailing wage, which is the "wage and benefit rate set annually by the New York City Comptroller for each trade or occupation for employers performing public works projects and building service work on New York City government-funded work sites." Presenter briefly went through some responsibilities for city contractors and more details about employer's responsibilities can be found on Comptroller's website, <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/nyc-wage-standards/employers-responsibilities/>. If employers paid less than the prevailing wage to their covered employees, the Comptroller's office may have recovered the amount of underpayment plus interest on their employees' behalf. Comptroller's website contains the names of workers with unclaimed unpaid NYC wage awards by county and state of last known address, please visit <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/nyc-wage-standards/unclaimed-nyc-wage-wage-awards/> to see if you are on the list.

Furthermore, all information on NYC wage standards can be found on Comptroller's website, <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/nyc-wage-standards/wage-schedules/>.