



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Call for support on efforts to deny Forty Acres and A Mule Filmworks' application for Film Production Tax Credit and for any film that utilizes "Chiraq" name
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Finance

**Illinois Film Tax Credit Resolution: Chiraq**

**WHEREAS**, Forty Acres and A Mule Filmworks have indicated their intention of filming a movie in Chicago titled Chiraq; and

**WHEREAS**, many Chicago residents associate the phrase Chiraq with gangs and gang violence; and

**WHEREAS**, many Chicago residents take great pride in their homes, block clubs, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, many Chicago residents view the term Chiraq as offensive; and

**WHEREAS**, Forty Acres and A Mule Filmworks have stated that they intend to apply for an Illinois Film Tax Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayer dollars are used to fund the Film Tax Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity must determine whether the film production will have a positive economic impact on the State of Illinois pursuant to 35 ILCS 16/30(a)(6); and

**WHEREAS**, branding large swaths of Chicago as Chiraq may have a detrimental impact on economic development and job creation activities in those neighborhoods; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015, do hereby support the efforts to deny Forty Acres and A Mule Filmworks' application for a Film Production Tax Credit, from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, for any film that utilizes the name Chiraq.



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