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ORDER CITATION FOR CONTEMPT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code the Chicago City Council is a body charged with the authority to investigate matters pertaining to its ordinances, rules, regulations and its officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, central to this power is the City's ability to conduct effective hearings; and

WHEREAS, such a hearing was called for by a City Council July 26, 2017 order that the Commissioner of Aviation appear before the Joint Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance to address problems with windows installed as part of the Residential Sound and Insulation Program; and

WHEREAS, a hearing pursuant to the order was noticed for August 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Hale Park, located at 6258 West 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a public notice and agenda for the hearing were posted and filed with the City Clerk on August 14, 2017 and August 15, 2017, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner failed to appear at said hearing; and

- WHEREAS, the City Council finds that its authority as a legislative and investigative body is curtailed when members of the City's own administration fail to cooperate with the fact finding process afforded by public hearings; and

WHEREAS, such an obstruction in a legal setting may elicit a finding of contempt within the applicable jurisdiction and venue; and

WHEREAS, to sustain a contempt charge, there must be a valid order, knowledge of the order, and disregard of the order; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2017, an order was entered seeking Commissioner Ginger Evans to appear before the City Council Joint Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance, a public notice issued for the hearing, and Commissioner Ginger Evans failed to appear, thereby satisfying all of the elements of a contempt charge; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Alderman, 14th Ward

That the Commissioner Ginger Evans of the Chicago Department of Aviation appear before the City Council's next scheduled Joint Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance to show cause why she

should not be held in contempt. _^^*|

City of Chicago

Office of the City Clerk Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date: Sponsor(s):

Type: Title:

Committee(s) Assignment:

7/26/2017

Burke (14) Quinn(13) Zalewski (23) Napolitano (41) Order

Call for Commissioner of Department of Aviation to appear before Joint Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance to testify regarding Chicago Midway International Airport Residential Sound Insulation Program Committee on Finance

ORDER

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS,,the City is home to two international airports, Midway and O'Hare; and

WHEREAS, although international in reach, they are part of our neighborhood fabric; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that the communities surrounding our airports deem them good neighbors; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the Department of Aviation has administered the Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP), which sound-insulates homes surrounding the airports; and

WHEREAS, over 10,000 homes near Midway have been insulated through the RSIP; and

WHEREAS, residents have recently expressed concerns regarding odors emanating from windows installed as part of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation has undertaken efforts to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, community residents and Members of the City Council seek to become informed regarding these efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

That the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation appear before the City Council Joint Committee on Aviation and Finance to address the issue concerning windows installed pursuant to the Residential Sound Insulation Program at Midway Airport including testing locations, findings, and plans to abate and prevent any potential risks.

CHICAGO July 26, 2017

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Finance having had under consideration

An'order requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Aviation to appear before a Joint Committee on Aviation and the Committee on Finance to testify regarding the Midway Airport Residential Sound Insulation Program and the O'Hare International Airport Residential Sound Insulation Program.

Direct Introduction

Having had the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that your Honorable Body pass the proposed.Order Transmitted Herewith.

This recommendation was concurred in by (amva voce vote^)
of members of the committee with dissenting vote(s):

Respectfully submitted

(signed^LQ^

Chairman

City of Chicago

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Alderman Edward M. Burke Chairmun

JOINT NOTICE CHANGE OF MEET ITS G
TIME

AUGUST 14,2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AVIATION AND COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS WINDOW INSTALLATION ISSUES PURSUANT TO THE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM AT MIDWAY AIRPORT.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE GYMNASIUM OF HALE PARK, 6258 WEST 62nd STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60638.

COPIES OF THE AGENDA AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING THERETO FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE OFFICE OF THES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. 3

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MICHAEL R. ZALEWSKI CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON AVIATION
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THIS NOTICE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

AGENDA JOINT COMMITTEE ON AVIATION AND COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AUGUST 23, 2017 3:00 P.M. HALE PARK GYMNASIUM 6258 WEST 62nd STREET
CHICAGO, IL

CITY COUNCIL

- I. An order requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Aviation to appear before the Joint Committee on Aviation and Committee on Finance to testify regarding the Midway and O'Hare Airport Residential Sound Insulation Programs.

Direct Introduction