

Bill Marshall

From: Trevino, Kristin <Kristin.Trevino@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 3:24 PM
To: Bill Marshall
Cc: Brown, Amanda
Subject: RE: PIR 30646
Attachments: PIR 30646 Mayors Office.pdf; PIR 30646_D7_Redacted.pdf; PIR 30646 D8.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the responsive information for your request.

Thank you,



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From: Bill Marshall [mailto:BMarshall@JUDICIALWATCH.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2016 2:19 PM
To: Trevino, Kristin
Cc: Brown, Amanda
Subject: Re: PIR 30646

Sure, Kristin. Those agencies would work. Thanks for the suggested wording.

Best,
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From: Trevino, Kristin <Kristin.Trevino@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 3:17:04 PM
To: Bill Marshall
Cc: Brown, Amanda
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Good afternoon,

As point h is written, this portion of your request is broad and may result in cost estimate letter in order to produce the voluminous information. Would you be willing to narrow the scope of point h to communications between Mayor's office and specific City of Austin departments, the City Manager's office and Health and Human Services, and City Council?

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Hello,

By "other Austin municipal agencies" I meant communications between the Austin mayor's office and other Austin city agencies apart from the mayor's office, as well as communications between officials within the Austin mayor's office concerning refugees.

Please let me know if you need further clarification.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Any and all records of communication between officials of the Mayor's office, including but not limited to the Mayor, and officials, employees or representatives of any of the following agencies concerning the subject of refugees:

- a. Refugee Services of Texas*
- B. Covenant Presbyterian Church*
- C. Caritas of Austin*
- D. Multicultural Refugee Coalition*
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- I. Any Texas State agencies*
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For the highlighted portion, clarification is needed. Are you referring to other organizations within Austin, TX that may communicated with the Mayor's office regarding the requested subjected? Other specific City of Austin departments? Please clarify "any Austin Municipal agencies."

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To: Morgan, Anne <Anne.Morgan@austintexas.gov>
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That would be most helpful.

Thank you,

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 1:07 PM, Adelita Winchester <awinchester@caritasofaustin.org> wrote:

Hello,

Just ask for me when you come in to front desk. Have a good day!

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Subject: Re: Look forward to meeting you in person on Wed April 6 at 2:30 for 30 minutes

Adelita - so that I can be ready for our meeting - can you provide me ahead of time with the 2016 Abstract that you are required to submit to your national Volag?

That would be most helpful.

Thank you,

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 1:07 PM, Adelita Winchester
<awinchester@caritasofaustin.org> wrote:

Hello,

Just ask for me when you come in to front desk. Have a good day!

Adelita S. Winchester | Director, Integrated Services Dept.

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From: tamigreenberg999@gmail.com [mailto:tamigreenberg999@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of**
Tami Greenberg
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 1:06 PM
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To: Stanford, Jason
Subject: FW: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 9:40:47 AM
Attachments: [RST Orientation Guide 2015.pdf](#)
[Refugee Admissions Process-slide.pdf](#)
[Refugee resettlement in the U.S. - step by step USCRI.pdf](#)

FYI

From: Aaron Rippenkroeger [mailto:arippenkroeger@rstx.org]
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Cardenas, Nancy
Cc: 'Erica Schmidt'; 'Amanda Posson'
Subject: RE: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees

Hi Nancy,

I am sending some brief information below and attached and at this [link](#) as a starter and Amanda, Erica or I would be happy to also speak with you anytime on the process as it is a bit complex and sometimes talking it through can be the most effective way to capture the in's and out's of the program.

Again we are grateful for your support and for the positive remarks distributed by Mayor Adler last week. Please feel free to contact us anytime if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Aaron

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Background: Process for Refugees to be Admitted to the U.S.

Before a refugee can even be considered to come to the U.S., he or she must first be determined to be eligible. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) — or occasionally a U.S. embassy or another non-governmental organization (NGO) — determines which refugees (about 1 percent) should be resettled, which can take four to 10 months.

Once a case is referred from the UNHCR to the United States, a refugee undergoes a multi-layered security screening process that could take several rounds, an in-person interview with Department of State personnel, approval by the Department of Homeland Security, medical screening, a match with a sponsor agency, "cultural orientation" classes, and final security screening. This all happens before a refugee ever gets onto American soil.

This intensive vetting process, as well as U.S law on refugees and asylum seekers, makes it difficult to quickly admit large numbers of refugees. On average, the vetting process takes 18 to 24 months.

For refugees from Syria and similar countries, however, the process can span two years. Experts confirmed that two years is the average review duration for Syrian refugees, which means that some wait even longer.

Once they are approved for resettlement in the U.S., nine national refugee resettlement organizations and their network of local partners step up to receive refugees and provide cultural orientation, initial housing, English language training, workforce preparation, getting kids in to school, and medical care. This initial help is supported by funding from the U.S. federal government and private sources. Most refugees are expected to be financially self-sufficient within 90 days. Out of the nine national agencies, Church World Service (CWS) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) are partnered with Refugee Services of Texas (RST) in Austin and the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is partnered with Caritas.

From: Cardenas, Nancy [<mailto:Nancy.Cardenas@austintexas.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Aaron Rippenkroeger
Cc: 'Erica Schmidt'; 'Amanda Posson'
Subject: RE: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees

Good Afternoon,

Thank you once again for your assistance. Would you mind if I ask several questions for clarification? Our office is participating in a conference call and Mayor Adler suggested I reach out once again with more information about process. Do you have a general summary of what the process looks like for refugee resettlement? Preferably something specific to our city. We would greatly appreciate any information or insight you can provide.

Nancy Cárdenas

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City of Austin Mayor Steve Adler
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From: Cardenas, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:12 AM
To: 'Aaron Rippenkroeger'
Cc: 'Erica Schmidt'; 'Amanda Posson'
Subject: RE: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees

Aaron,

I greatly appreciate your assistance and speedy response! Should we have any additional questions, I hope we can contact you once again. Thank you and have a great day.

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From: Aaron Rippenkroeger [<mailto:arippenkroeger@rstx.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 3:03 PM
To: Cardenas, Nancy
Cc: 'Erica Schmidt'; 'Amanda Posson'
Subject: RE: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees

Hi Nancy,

Thanks for your inquiry. We are grateful for your work and that of Mayor Adler. Refugee Services of Texas assisted 18 Syrian refugees in FY 2015 and has assisted 17 Syrian refugees thus far in FY 2016 for a total of 35 in the past year. We do not have any additional Syrian cases in our arrival pipeline at this time. We also do not have the most up to date client caseload information for our colleague resettlement agency in Austin, Caritas, nor any specific information on the pre-existing Syrian-American community which was already living in Austin prior to FY 2015.

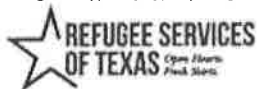
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From: Cardenas, Nancy [<mailto:Nancy.Cardenas@austintexas.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 1:54 PM
To: arippenkroeger@rstx.org
Subject: Mayor Adler Inquiry- Syrian Refugees

Good Afternoon,

Our office was hoping to get your assistance on some statistics regarding Syrian refugees in Austin. Would you happen to have information about how many folks we have in Austin as of today? We would greatly appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

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From: [Simone Talma](#)
To: [Adler, Steve](#)
Cc: [Shack, Barbara](#)
Subject: Meeting Request: Austin Housing Repair Coalition - August 17 w/ Mayor Steve Adler
Date: Monday, August 08, 2016 11:07:47 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Dear Mayor Steve Adler,

Members of the Austin Housing Repair Coalition will be at City Hall all day **Wednesday, August 17** to meet with you. We would like to share our great concern with you about the proposed cuts in funding to Home Repair proposed by NHCD staff in this year's budget. **Could we please gain an audience with you for 30 minutes sometime between 9am-5pm?**

We strongly request that you direct staff to fund GO Repair at \$3 million. This year's budget was \$2.5M and next year's recommendation cuts that down to \$2M which will have truly negative effects on the number of people and families we are able to serve.

Our coalition members have long waiting lists and are fully capable of effectively utilizing \$3M. Far too many Austinites live in substandard housing and are faced with extraordinarily tough choices. We work together to repair these homes allowing our neighbors to live in safe, accessible housing for the rest of their lives.

We will have representatives from the below organizations.

- American YouthWorks
- Austin Area Urban League
- Austin Habitat For Humanity
- Easter Seals Central Texas
- Interfaith Action of Central Texas
- Meals On Wheels and More
- Rebuilding Together Austin

We look forward to meeting with you and thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

Simone Talma Flowers

Austin Housing Repair Coalition, Chair

Simone Talma Flowers | Executive Director

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From: [Interfaith Action of Central Texas](#)
To: [Zamarripa, Hermelinda](#)
Subject: Thanks for coming together as one grateful community!
Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 5:46:52 PM

Thanks for attending iACT's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service!

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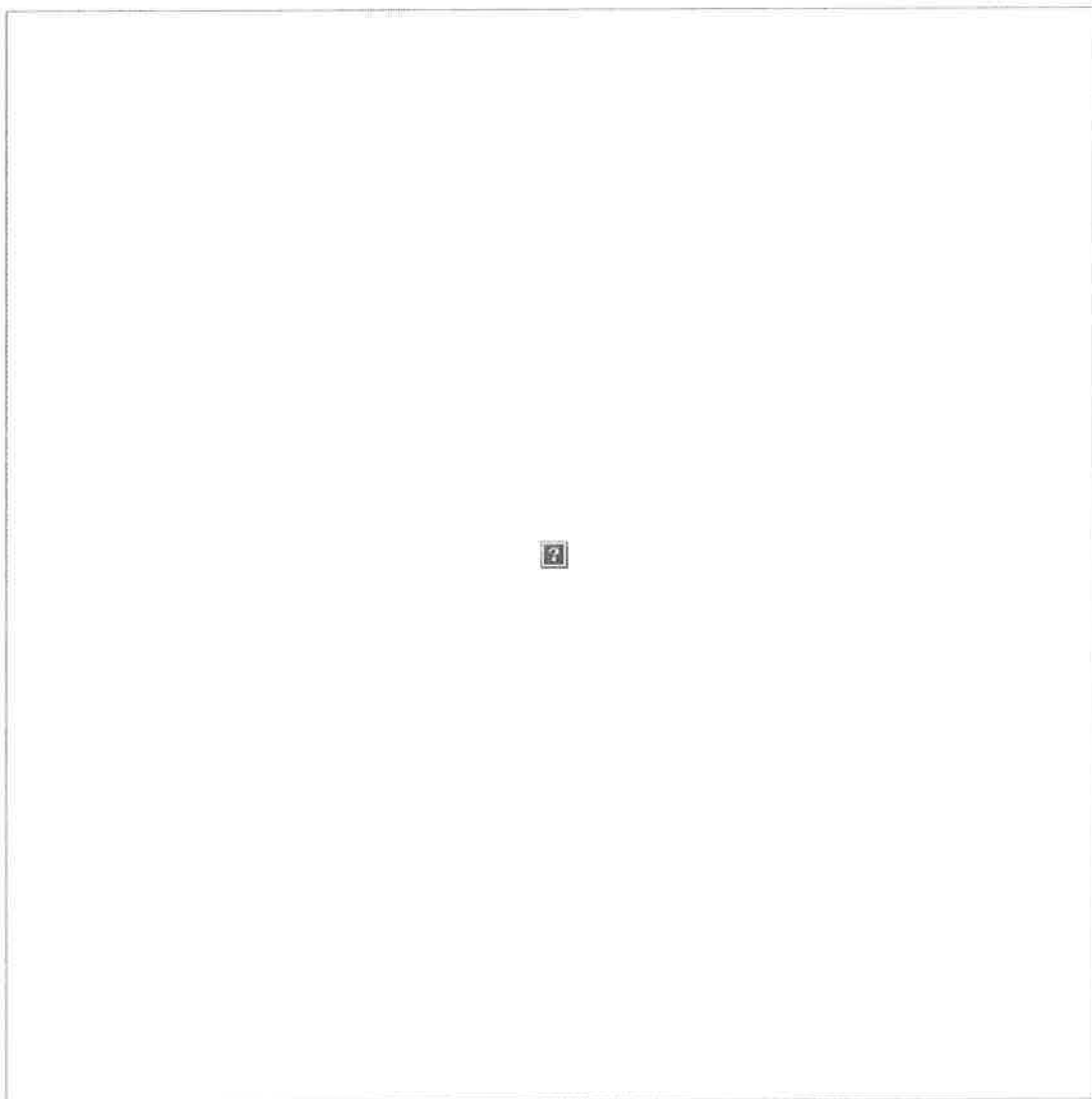
We Are Thankful for YOU

For the 32nd time, the interfaith community in Austin gathered yesterday, Sunday November 20, to express what we are grateful for together. We prayed, sang, danced, laughed, and loved as one. We are thankful to everybody who joined us. A special thanks to St. James Missionary Baptist Church for hosting, and to the Clergy and Faith leaders who participated in the program, as well as the volunteers who came out to help.

iACT will always welcome people of ALL faiths, as well as people who do not identify with any faith, to join us as we celebrate the common ground we all walk as human beings. In that spirit, we announced our Passport Program at yesterday's event. If you are interested

in getting to know more about religions other than your own, consider joining us. Over the course of the next 12 months, all Passport Program participants will have twelve opportunities to visit different congregations and four separate opportunities to attend community celebrations. Those who attend will earn a stamp in their iACT Passport book for each visit. To learn more about this new initiative, please [see our website](#), and fill out the contact form if you'd like to join us!

Again, thank you to all who make this wonderful Interfaith Thanksgiving Service possible each year. It is a unique opportunity for us to reach across the barriers that divide us and express our love for our fellow neighbor. We give thanks for you! Happy Thanksgiving!





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To: [Mayor Adler](#)
Cc: [Shack, Barbara](#)
Subject: WH conference call talking points
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:10:33 AM
Attachments: [WH refugee talking points.docx](#)

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From: Stanford, Jason
To: Mayor Adler
Subject: updated talking points on Syrian refugees
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 1:14:22 PM
Attachments: WH refugee talking points.docx

No answer from WH on percentage of time allocations. Questions of funding and lawsuit are updated. I encourage you to emphasize that questions about Abbott's order and legal actions are moving targets, and the practical effects of these actions are as yet unclear.

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From: [Hethcox, Leslie](#)
To: [Shack, Barbara](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request.
Date: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 3:39:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Barbara. Is Ceremonial Conference Room available Monday, 09 May, 12:30-1:00pm for this meeting, please, ma'am?

Peace.

-LRH.

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From: Shack, Barbara

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:55 PM

To: Hethcox, Leslie; Anguiano, Dora; Perkins, Karen; Wilson, Beverly; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Clark, Janine

Subject: RE: Meeting Request.

Leslie,

Janine Clark will be representing us. She is working on the Veterans Homelessness issue and has been in communications with HUD.

Thank you!

Barbara

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Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 1:39 PM

To: Anguiano, Dora; Shack, Barbara; Perkins, Karen; Wilson, Beverly; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Friday, 06 May, between 10:00-11:30am

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If you will please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Until then... Be Well. Peace.

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Subject: RE: Meeting Request.
Date: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 3:57:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Done!

Thank you!

Barbara

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From: Hethcox, Leslie

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 3:40 PM

To: Shack, Barbara

Subject: RE: Meeting Request.

Barbara. Is Ceremonial Conference Room available Monday, 09 May, 12:30-1:00pm for this meeting, please, ma'am?

Peace.

-LRH.

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From: Shack, Barbara

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:55 PM

To: Hethcox, Leslie; Anguiano, Dora; Perkins, Karen; Wilson, Beverly; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Clark, Janine

Subject: RE: Meeting Request.

Leslie,

Janine Clark will be representing us. She is working on the Veterans Homelessness issue and has been in communications with HUD.

Thank you!

Barbara

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From: Hethcox, Leslie

Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 1:39 PM

To: Anguiano, Dora; Shack, Barbara; Perkins, Karen; Wilson, Beverly; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Meeting Request.

Ok, now there is some urgency to schedule this meeting.

Mayor Adler told CM Pool that US Secretary of HUD Julian Castro will be visiting Austin on Friday, 13 April for a news event. In preparation, CM Pool will like to convene this meeting. Your boss/staff is invited as a stakeholder /co-sponsor of the upcoming resolution.

Can we possibly find some time:

Friday, 06 May, between 10:00-11:30am

Monday, 09th: between 11:00am-1:00pm?

If you will please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Until then... Be Well. Peace.

-L.

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From: "Hethcox, Leslie"

Date: 04/19/2016 3:58 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Shack, Barbara", "Anguiano, Dora"

Subject: FW: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

Good afternoon. Can we coordinate to schedule this meeting, please? There is not any specific urgency.

Peace.

-LRH.

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From: Pool, Leslie

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:52 PM

To: Hethcox, Leslie

Cc: Smith, Amy

Subject: Re: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

Yes, I have interest from CM Kitchen and the Mayor to begin the conversation about housing women (of all ages) and children. Pls find a date that works for us, possibly in the Mayor's conference room (but not necessarily) with Jo Kathryn and anyone else she recommends. Thanks.

Leslie Pool
Council Member, District 7
Chair, Committee on Open Space, Environment and Sustainability
Austin City Council
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From: Jo Kathryn Quinn
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Hethcox, Leslie
Cc: Smith, Amy
Subject: RE: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

Thank you for reaching out Leslie. My focus has been on making sure the woman brought to my attention was connected to services. I have started this process with my staff, so I think that will not need to be revisited. However, if Council Member Pool is interested in convening an meeting to talk about homeless services for women and children I'm happy to participate and offer my expertise.

Jo Kathryn Quinn | Executive Director

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From: Hethcox, Leslie
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 3:02 PM
To: Jo Kathryn Quinn
Cc: Smith, Amy
Subject: RE: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

Ms. Quinn, Good afternoon. In order to offer some clarity to Mayor's & CM Kitchen's offices (as well as myself), to invite them to join this meeting, will you please offer me some explanation as to the subject matter? Thanks very much.

Until then... Be Well. Peace.

-L.

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From: Pool, Leslie

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:42 PM

To: Hethcox, Leslie

Cc: Smith, Amy

Subject: RE: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

Here's the email from Jo Kathryn re: homeless women & children re: meeting. Please include Ann Kitchen and the Mayor on this meeting. We will want to focus on the cohort (not an individual) but hope to have the individual's needs addressed through this effort.

From: Jo Kathryn Quinn

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 12:41 PM

To: District 7

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: enjoyed meeting you at 10K Villages' event

This message is from Jo Kathryn Quinn.

Dear Council Member Pool,

It was such a pleasure to meet you at such an inspiring event last Friday evening. Thank you for being a judge. I have more hope for the future after hearing about such passionate women.

As promised, I'm reaching out to learn more about the woman mentioned by Joy. Let's put our heads together about what community resources might serve her best. I'm going to contact Joy to get more information. Feel free to email me at [REDACTED] or call my cell [REDACTED].

Jo Kathryn Quinn
Executive Director
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From: [Adelita Winchester](#)
To: [Van Arnam, Catherine](#)
Subject: FW: Community Consultation on Refugee Services, Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Date: Thursday, September 08, 2016 5:06:53 PM

Hello,

We sent this email to your office but it bounced back. I hope you receive it this time. Thank you.

Adelita S. Winchester | Director, Integrated Services Dept.

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From: Erica Schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 3:42 PM
Subject: Community Consultation on Refugee Services, Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Good afternoon,

You are invited to a community consultation meeting about refugee services to be held Wednesday, September 14 at 2PM. The meeting will be held at the Blackland Neighborhood Center at 2005 Salina St, Austin, TX 78722. The meeting is intended to be informative and will include presentations by multiple area refugee service providers & community organizations. Thank you for considering attendance at this consultation meeting. Please let Caritas and Refugee Services of Texas know if you or someone from your office/organization will be able to attend.

Thank you,

Erica Schmidt-Portnoy & Adelita S. Winchester

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