

EXECUTIVE ORDER 94-2

CHICAGO CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has, for more than a century, greatly benefitted from successive waves of immigration that have contributed to the great diversity of ethnic groups which have proven so valuable to our economy and culture; and

WHEREAS, Chicago remains a thriving center of economic opportunity and culture and, as such, continues to attract people from many regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoans from many walks of life have reached out to help their new neighbors from many parts of the world to become better acquainted with a new and complex society that is often intimidating and confusing for the newly arrived; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate, and consistent with Chicago's tradition of providing a helping hand, that a formal program be established to promote citizenship and to assist eligible permanent residents who wish to become citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, Mayor of the City of Chicago in the State of Illinois do hereby declare and order as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Chicago Citizenship Assistance Council. The purpose of the Council shall be to develop and coordinate naturalization assistance activities for the benefit of the City of Chicago, its residents, and its businesses.

SECTION 2. The governing body of the Council shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of twenty one individuals, appointed by the Mayor, all of whom shall be fairly representative of the geographic, cultural, racial and ethnic diversity of the City of Chicago. The Mayor shall appoint one member as Chair and two members as Vice-Chairs of the Council. The Mayor shall serve as Honorary Chair of the Council. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and shall serve without compensation.


SECTION 3. The Council shall have the following powers:

- (a) to cooperate with and to advise the Mayor, city departments, agencies and officials in formulating and implementing a program to assist in the development and coordination of citizenship assistance activities in the City of Chicago;
- (b) to enlist and encourage the cooperation of local agencies, organizations, government agencies, councils and other groups, including private, ethnic and voluntary organizations, as well as corporations, partnerships and other business associations to assist in the development and coordination of citizenship assistance activities in the City of Chicago;
- (c) to cooperate with federal and state agencies in the development and coordination of citizenship assistance activities in the City of Chicago;
- (d) to issue publications and to take actions designed to promote naturalization assistance activities within the City of Chicago;
- (e) to form a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and to exercise the powers and purposes provided therein;
- (f) to adopt rules and by-laws;

- (g) to render an Annual Report to the Mayor outlining activities undertaken and detailing the results thereof; and
- (h) to submit to the Mayor a Financial Report which shall be available to the public for inspection.

SECTION 4. The Council, and any not-for-profit corporation that it may establish, shall expend funds consistent with the terms of this Order and its By Laws. The Council shall not undertake any activity inconsistent with federal, state or city law or regulation. The Council may apply for designation as a 501(c)(3) organization.

SECTION 5. This Order takes effect upon its signature by the Mayor and receipt and filing with the City Clerk.



RICHARD M. DALEY
Mayor of the City of Chicago

DATE: July 5, 1994

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City Clerk