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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MEASURE TO PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN REGISTRY PROGRAMS

City Council today approved a measure that will prohibit any City Department participation in a registry program based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, criminal record and other identifying factors.

The ordinance prohibits the disclosure of personal demographic information regarding any individual that is requested for the creation of a Registry Program. The City of Chicago will not participate in the disclosure of individuals' race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, criminal record and other identifying factors which would be used to track or identify specific individuals.

In response to travel bans and hateful rhetoric of the Trump administration, Chicago will ensure that city money, facilities, property, equipment and personnel will in no way provide support in any manner for any proposed Registry Program. A federal registry program does not align with the morals and values of Chicago, a city welcoming of its immigrant and refugee communities.

The Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago has been instrumental in helping the City of Chicago develop the ordinance.

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