



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO23-0032

City Hiring of Day Laborers

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired by: Mark Conway

Hearing Date: March 22, 2023

Time (Beginning): 1:05 PM

Time (Ending): 2:15 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 50 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Conway Kristofer Burnett Zeke Cohen
Eric Costello Odette Ramos

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Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- MacKenzie Garvin, Mayor's Office of Employment Development
Quinton Herbert, Department of Human Resources
Richard Luna, Department of Public Works
Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
Jenny Morgan, Department of Recreation and Parks
Jeff Hochstetler, Law Department
Derrick McKnight, City of Austin
Jay Thibodeaux, City of Austin

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order, introduced the committee members in attendance, and discussed the potential opportunities for a Baltimore day laborer program.
2. Agency representatives discussed existing City job training and transitional work programs, potential barriers and challenges related to starting a day laborer hiring program, and the City's current hiring needs.
3. Derrick McKnight and Jay Thibodeaux discussed the City of Austin's program for connecting day laborers with private sector employers.
4. Agency officials and panelists responded to committee member questions.
5. Members of the public testified about the need for homeless services and additional labor to clean encampments. Union representatives testified on the need to honor existing labor contracts and fill permanent positions.
6. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

The Committee requested the following additional information:

1. The number of vacant positions, broken down by department and skilled/unskilled.
2. Additional information on MOED transitional work programs and how they potentially relate to day labor.



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

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