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Item No. 14

AN ORDINANCE 2014-08-07-0530

RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A SHORT-TERM LEASE WITH REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR USE OF 7,337 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 515 CASTROVILLE ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

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WHEREAS, a sudden influx of children into the United States from Central America has necessitated the housing of a significant number of these unaccompanied minors in San Antonio at Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland, thereby putting particular strain on the local immigration infrastructure including judges, the Court system and attorneys that represent this constituency; and

WHEREAS, utilizing grant funding set to expire October 2, 2014, Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), a non-profit group, attorneys and support staff are addressing this immediate need for processing these children through the immigration system; and

WHEREAS, RAICES approached the City of San Antonio (City) requesting temporary housing assistance to alleviate this strain; and

WHEREAS, the City recognized a public purpose for necessary humanitarian assistance in cooperation with the government of the United States of America to support the abatement of crowded conditions, health, welfare and safety of immigrant influx as well as overall security in areas encompassed by the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of that urgent humanitarian need, City and RAICES agreed that it is in the best interest of the City to provide RAICES temporary office space to perform its functions and facilitate its mission; and

WHEREAS, in support of that conclusion, Staff entered into a short term lease for use by RAICES of 7,337 square feet of property located at 515 Castroville Road ending October 2, 2014 in exchange for RAICES providing education and legal services for this purpose and now seeks to have this ratified. **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1: City Council hereby ratifies the short-term lease attached as Attachment I with the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) non-profit organization for 7,337 square feet of office area in a City-owned building located at 515 Castroville Road ending October 2, 2014.

SECTION 2. This ordinance is effective immediately upon receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective 10 days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2014.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

Attest:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:

Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney

Agenda Item:	**14**
Date:	08/07/2014
Time:	11:54:16 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance ratifying the execution of a short-term lease with the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) non-profit organization for use of 7,337 square feet of property located at 515 Castroville Road in Council District 5. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Etienne, EastPoint & Real Estate Services Office]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy Taylor	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x			x	
	District 2	x					
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6	x					
	District 7	x					
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				x
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				