



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 12/4/2019

TITLE:

Consent to Refugee Resettlement

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Proposed Consent to the Resettlement of Refugees in Albemarle County, in Response to Executive Order 13888

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Kamptner, Herrick

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: By Executive Order 13888, dated September 26, 2019 (Attachment A), the President has ordered that refugees should be resettled only in those jurisdictions in which both the State and local governments have consented to receive refugees under the Department of State's Reception and Placement Program. For the reasons stated in a letter dated November 8, 2019 (Attachment B), the International Rescue Committee (IRC) has requested that the Board of Supervisors consent to the continued resettlement of refugees in Albemarle County.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Engaged Citizens: Successfully engage citizens so that local government reflects their values and aspirations.

DISCUSSION: If the Board wishes to consent to the continued resettlement of refugees in Albemarle County, staff has modified a proposed consent letter (Attachment C) originally prepared for that purpose by the IRC.

BUDGET IMPACT: No budget impact is expected.

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Board wishes to consent to the continued resettlement of refugees in Albemarle County, staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chair to act on the Board's behalf in affirming the Board's consent to such resettlement, in response to Executive Order 13888.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Executive Order 13888

B - International Rescue Committee request

C - Proposed consent letter