



House Amendment 1 – House Bill 5574 (Ramirez-Guzzardi) SUPPORT

33rd Ward Working Families stands in support of HB 5574, The Emergency Renter and Homeowner Protection Act. We are a 150 member strong independent political organization representing members in Albany Park, Irving Park, Avondale and Ravenswood Manor. Albany Park alone has experienced the loss of over 5,000 Latinx residents from our neighborhood due to the pressures of gentrification and the lack of affordable housing. The crisis born by COVID-19 has only exacerbated this pre-existing problem.

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the Black and Brown community here in Chicago, and our majority Latinx ward is no exception. Our neighbors are not only suffering the health effects of this devastating disease but they are now worrying about the long term economic impact. Workers are losing their jobs and families are having to choose between food and medicine.

Our elected officials have offered nothing to the working people of this state. We are tired of this dismissive approach to struggling families and we are demanding action.

We SUPPORT HB5574 because it provides real relief to the thousands suffering in our community.