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TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Councilman Angel L. Ortiz

RE: Briefing on Financial and Legal implications of Domestic Partnership Bills

I am setting up an informational briefing on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Caucus Room for Councilmembers and their staffs on the financial and legal implications of the proposed domestic partnership legislation, including an overview and analysis of the experience of other cities and private companies in the provision of these benefits. I believe that prior to a formal hearing, it will be important for Councilmembers to be better informed as to some of the complex financial, legal and insurance implications of instituting domestic partnership policies on a wider basis than the Mayor's Executive Order.

To this end, I have identified an expert in this field, attorney Thomas Coleman of the Spectrum Institute, who knows the ins and outs of this issue from both public and private sector perspectives. He is particularly knowledgeable about insurance issues and has recently conducted workshops for the Self-Insurance Institute of America on the insurance implications of domestic partnering. I have attached his biography, as well as some other information that he has developed, for your reference.

Please let me know what specific issues you would like to see raised at this briefing and who from your office will be attending. I expect the entire session, including questions and answers, would last approximately two hours. I hope you will make every effort to attend what I believe will be a most informative briefing!

Attachments:

Thomas F. Coleman biography  
Letter to TFC from the American Assn. of Retired Persons  
Letter to TFC from the Nat'l. Employee Benefits & Workers Compensation Institute  
"Business Lobby Wants Permission To Discriminate..."  
"Chicago's Domestic Partnership Plan: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back"