



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, February 5, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Special Council Meeting - Act on Immigration Status Bill 4

**Special Council meeting to discuss and vote on Bill 4 - An ordinance of the Council of the City of Allentown Pennsylvania requiring the city to obtain and maintain a welcoming city rating and work towards a score of no less than three stars from welcoming America; codifying the city's practices related to the provision of city services without regard to refugee or immigration status and requiring city council to advocate for the adoption of similar practices and policies by other municipalities; providing for the repeal of inconsistent ordinances; providing for the severability of the ordinance; and providing that the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with Pennsylvania law.:**

#### Roll Call

##### Bill 4

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**Sponsors:** Gerlach and Santos

**Attachments:** [Bill 4 New Immigrants and Refugees](#)  
[R17 Welcomingdraft](#)

##### R17 Draft

Allentown City Council recognizes the primary mission of the Allentown Police Force is to keep our citizens safe, we support the dignity and worth of every human being, that we are and will further become a WELCOMING CITY, focusing on ensuring that all residents, including immigrants, can fully participate in civic life, the economy, access to education and local services, participate in community institutions, give feedback to government officials, and develop trusting relationships with local safety services such as law enforcement and emergency response and that everyone needs to get away from extremism and remember this Country has a fundamental uniqueness, we are all basically immigrants, and we migrated here because we wanted opportunity and to call ourselves Americans, and this is something we should all be celebrating together.

**Sponsors:** Mota, Hendricks, Affa and Administration

**Attachments:** [R17 Welcoming.doc](#)

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