

Immigration Workshop Promises a Safe Place

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SKOKIE - A Skokie news release for an immigration workshop contains a line that Skokie village attorney J. Patrick Hanley describes as "code."

The release states: "The workshop will be a safe environment for all immigrants regardless of status."

In other words, Hanley said, "Nobody's going to be arrested. The idea was this will be a friendly environment."

In Skokie, home to 70 ethnic groups, elected officials said they have heard no end to immigration woes from people seeking citizenship, visas, legal residency, family visits from abroad and more.

"Nearly 70 percent of the constituent work we do is immigration-related," said Nadeam Elshami, spokesman to **Rep. Jan Schakowsky** (D-Ill.).

U.S. immigration officials will explain procedures and answer questions at the workshop.

The workshop will be held Thursday (Oct. 23rd) at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie.