

UTCC VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED TAXIDRIVERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WARNING! SHUTTING DOWN O'HARE IS NEAR!

BY FAYEZ KHOZINDAR, CHAIRMAN, UTCC

TAXI DRIVERS IN THE CITY OF Chicago are mad as Hell because of the city's refusal to grant us an overdue fare increase to offset the lease increases which the city handed to the cab companies last July.

July 2nd, is the first anniversary of the UTCC's successful strike, when Ald. Anthony Beale announced he would allow a hearing for a fare increase on July 31st. That day, the UTCC along with 24 civic and social justice leaders testified to the urgent need for the city of Chicago to adjust the meter rates so the taxi drivers would be able to afford all these cost increases and go back home with enough money to put food on the table.

Rosemary Krimble, BACP commissioner, said that she needed six months to make sure that the new rules and regulations which she introduced last July would work. Six months have passed and the drivers have been given nothing as usual. This kind of delay has been going



This is what a strike looks like

on for the last eight years. While gas prices quadrupled, cost of living increased by 21%, leases increased by 20-30%, the city of Chicago is number 27th among major cities in the USA in the cost of a cab ride.

The UTCC is proposing a 22% increase which will put Chicago among the top ten cities in America.

Last year, the drivers were forced to take action, and they struck the city for five hours, and it was very successful strike (80% compliance). This time it will be harder and more painful and dramatic. We will shut down O'Hare Airport for twelve hours, from 6:00AM to 6:00 PM some time in August.

We hope this can be avoided, and that the city will fulfill its promises and grant its ambassadors their right to live in dignity by granting them a livable wage. Just to remind our mayor; Mr. Emanuel, you can not make Chicago an immigrant friendly city by denying these immigrants their right to live in dignity. ■

DRIVER CHARGED \$19,000 IN "UNPAID PARKING TICKETS"!

BY PETER ALI ENGER

ALEXANDER AKO, A CHICAGO CABDRIVER for twenty years from Nigeria, was told two years ago when he went to renew his Chauffeurs License that he owed NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in unpaid parking tickets!!

The UTCC has been hearing about these cases for three to four years now and has been waiting for a perfect case to come in our doors, so we can find a solution to this complete miscarriage of justice by City authorities. We do not have to wait any longer. Mr. Ako has the perfect case.

We have all heard similar stories in the last several years in the taxi industry here in Chicago. The situation goes like this: A cabdriver goes to renew her or his Chauffeurs' License, as we have to do every year. They are told that the City has "discovered" unpaid parking tickets in the driver's name for \$2000, or \$3000, or even 5 or \$6000, from several to many, many years ago. The driver has no

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Muslim Cabdriver Community in Chicago;

ON WED., MAY 29TH, 2013, WE RECEIVED A call from a long-time cabdriver, organizer and leader in the Muslim cabdriver community, who mainly works at O'Hare Airport here in Chicago, Brother Salim Bawany. He related to us an incident of serious concern to the Muslim cabdriver community. It seems that the night shift workers at O'Hare Airport had thrown out all of the prayer rugs and carpets used by the Muslims in their daily prayers, normally stored in the shelters located in the Taxi Staging Area for use by the cabdrivers. This is not the first time this has occurred. According to reports from cabdrivers who regularly work at the Airport, this has been a regular occurrence over the years. We hope to enlist your support this time to assist us in a campaign and negotiations to make sure it will be the last time Airport workers show such disrespect for the devout Muslims who require these prayer rugs for the expression of their faith.

The UTCC and other cabdriver-leaders in the Chicago Muslim community have long struggled to achieve a respectful relationship with the airport authorities, with open communication about issues, and a policy of seeking negotiations concerning any perceived needs by either party. We

feel that the casual disregard for the sensibilities of those who follow Islam, and the cultural and religious insensitivity shown by the action taken, is highly insulting, inappropriate and unacceptable.

We are requesting that you will join our call for

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Robberies at Montrose and Pulaski

ON MAY 19 SOMALI CABDRIVER ABDIRISAK Ibrahim was robbed in the morning at knifepoint. Some other drivers were witnesses and allegedly got pictures of the perpetrators which they reported to the police in District 17. This led to four (4) suspects being arrested, and are currently scheduled to go on trial in the next month or so.

The UTCC heard about this on May 27, when we got a call from some Somali cabdrivers to come to court at the Grand and Central courthouse the next morning, May 28th. Thirty Somali cabdrivers showed up in support of Abdirisak Ibrahim, and several other cabdrivers came forward to claim they too had been robbed in the same neighborhood, near the MCC, recently.

The police and State's Attorney we spoke with at the courthouse that morning told us that there have been eighteen (18) robberies in the same neighborhood in the last two years, possibly by the same suspects.

At this court appearance, four suspects were identified in the robbery of Mr. Ibrahim. The police told us they are interested in having more robbery victims come forward to be interviewed by the police to try to identify the suspects to see if they are the same ones that were caught. We have been to several more court dates to support this case. Eighteen drivers came to court on June 12th at 26th and California, and 12 drivers came out on June 27th. We had a community meet-



The three drivers who were robbed in the 17th ward.

ing with UTCC at the MCC on June 14th, where we formed a Drivers Safety Committee for the neighborhood of Montrose and Pulaski. If any drivers have any information about robberies in this neighborhood, or any other places, please contact UTCC at 773 342 8822, or Mohammed Warsame, Vice President of the East African Community Center at 773 510 8531.

—PETER ENGER



Driver Safety Meeting with the Somali Community.

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UNITED TAXIDRIVERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OUR VISION

To organize and unify all licensed chauffeurs in the Chicago area, so we can collectively overcome oppression and achieve economic and social justice.

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SUCCESS! VICTORY COMES TO FIVE MORE DRIVERS!

BY PETER ENGER



Driver showing \$5,000 in restitution from Dispatch.

Lease Overcharge Campaign Update:

Since our last issue, the UTCC' Lease Overcharge campaign has achieved several new victories at 400 W. Superior. Ridovan Bani, Nur S. Rage and Finn Ebelechukwu have received settlement judgments for their cases against Dispatch Taxi Affiliation, Carriage Cab Affiliation, and one judgment against Khaled Mahmoud. Two more drivers have also won settlements, for amounts of \$5000 and \$3440, but prefer to remain anonymous. We are including their settlement papers in this copy of the Voice.

The cases are currently in the hands of the City of Chicago's Dept. of Revenue, who has been very slow at requiring payment of these settlement judgments for the drivers. The Business Affairs and Consumer Protection personnel have assured us that the payments will eventually be paid, as the Medallion owners will not be able to renew their medallions in January if they have outstanding debt with the City. So far, the drivers who were defrauded out of their money for thousands of dollars have not received one penny from their settlements.

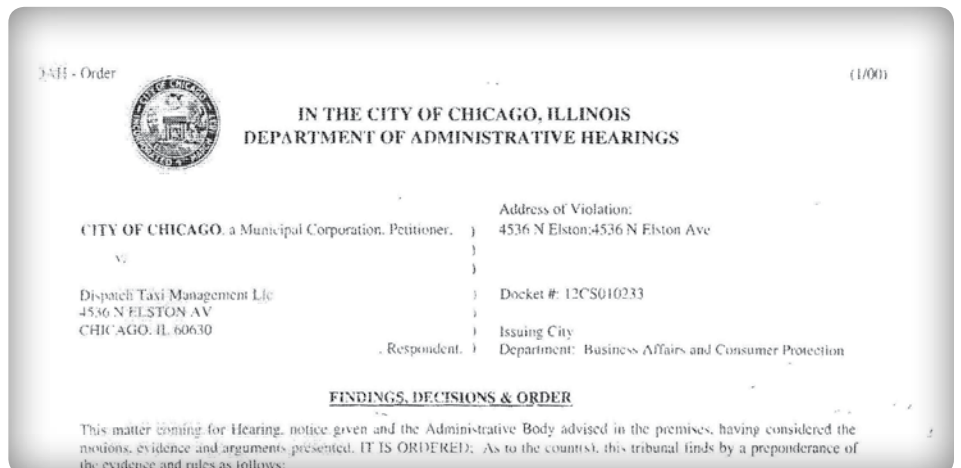
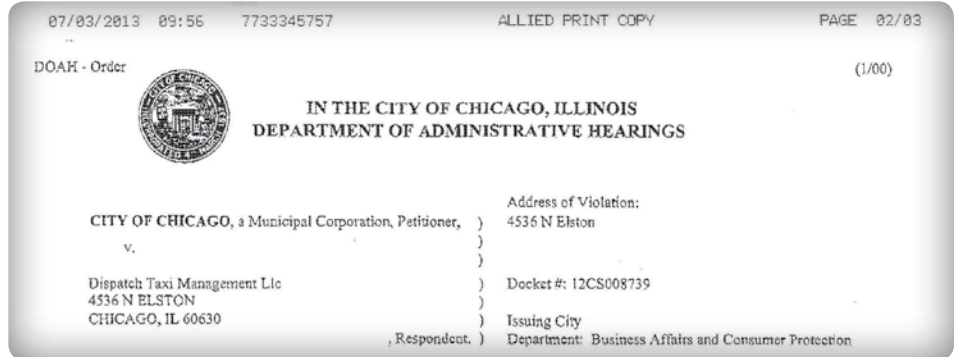
Recent victories encourage more drivers to step forward

Meanwhile, more drivers are coming forward. Two more drivers for Dispatch have brought leases that show that Dispatch is still cheating drivers. The new lease rates and promises of enforcement by the Commissioner Krimbel of the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection seem to be doing no good at all where Dispatch Taxi Affiliation is concerned. The fines of \$500 or \$1000 that the City has imposed for lease fraud are not enough to stop them from cheating drivers, when they can collect tens of thousands of dollars every month from drivers who don't know they are being cheated.

This is how they do it: they will tell drivers they don't have 24 hour weekly leases, but they will lease a hybrid cab for two twelve hour weekly lease rates of about \$450 each. The drivers will then pay more than \$900 for a 24 hour weekly rate for leasing a taxi! If this is happening to you, bring your leases to UTCC and we will help you file a complaint with the City. Eventually we will be going to the Civil Court system for a class action suit against the cab companies. It is becoming clear that the Consumer Protection department has not interest in protecting cabdrivers' rights as consumers. They are unable or unwilling to properly investigate, or properly prosecute, or properly fine companies that are cheating cabdrivers every day for thousands of dollars.

Medallion owners feeling the sting of guilty verdicts

Two of the companies have now decided *not* to make plea deals with the City, and are scheduling Hearings about their lease overcharge cases.



Two lease overcharge cases settled in favor of drivers.

Khaled Mahmoud has decided to go to court at 400 W. Superior in the case of Courtney Creater, and Dispatch is going to court in the new case of Domingo Carino, who was charged over \$900 every week for almost nine months last year. This is an important case, because it shows that Dispatch at first paid absolutely no attention to the City's new lease forms or structures, and continued to require Mr. Carino to sign fourteen leases per week for his 24 hour weekly lease cab. Later they did adopt the Standard Lease Form, but still required him to sign two leases of \$450 per week. Mr. Carino was not satisfied with a settlement of only \$5000, and has filed a second complaint against them. The court date for the first complaint, where we will get to hear the City's arguments in support of Mr. Carino's case, and the Dispatch Taxi Affiliation's legal defense of their fraud practices, will take place on August 2 at 400 W. Superior.

We encourage all cabdrivers who are interested in these cases to come to court on Aug. 2, 2013 at 400 W. Superior. ■

DePaul's Bi-annual Student Volunteers Survey Cab Drivers Downtown

BY LIZ NERAT

For the second time now, UTCC has worked with DePaul and their students on a volunteer day this past May. We had two dozen students visit our downtown office, where we briefly trained them and gave them surveys for drivers to fill out.

At this point three of our organizers headed out with teams of students to high traffic areas and spoke to a few hundred cab drivers asking their opinions of several different matters surrounding the cab industry as well as what UTCC should focus our energy on tackling as a larger issue.

The majority of what the drivers who were surveyed wanted us to focus on surrounded 400 W. Superior and Lease Overcharges. This is what our survey looked like.

For Questions 1 & 2 the times each question was ranked "most important was tallied." The results are as follows:

1. WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- FARE INCREASE..... 74 TIMES
- LEASE OVERCHARGES 76 TIMES
- 400 W. SUPERIOR 80 TIMES

2. WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT IF THE CITY DENIES US A FARE INCREASE?

- CITY WIDE STRIKE..... 58 TIMES
- PROTEST 400 W. SUPERIOR..... 52 TIMES
- SHUT DOWN O'HARE 44 TIMES

What do YOU think? Please call us at 773-342-8822, email us at utccchicago@gmail.com or stop by our office at 2040 N. Milwaukee and let us know what you think!



DePaul Student volunteers talking to drivers at downtown cab stand.



DePaul students volunteering with UTCC to survey drivers.

BARAARUJIN

QEYRKIIS LOO XIIRAYOW ADNA SOO QOOYSO

HADAAN NAHAY JAALIYADDA SOMALIYEED EE ku nool Chicago waxaan u badanahay inaan ka shaqeyno Taxi Drivers oo leh khataro badan. Sidaas darteed waa inaan isku wargalinaa dhacdooyinka na soo mara oo qof walboo naga mid ah ku dhici karta haddaanun ka foajignaan. Haddaba akhri dhacdada walaalkeen Abdirisak Ibrahim soo martay oo ilaah ka badbaadiyey. Waa wiil Somali ah oo degan nawaaxiga MCC. Montrose & Pulaski.

Habeen asagoo shaqada ka soo baxay oo taxiga dhigay ayaa tuugo jidka u galeen mindi ayey ku qabteen kana dhaceen wuxuu soo shaqeystay. Dagaal badan ka dib waa loo soo gurmaday, ilaahayna wuu ka badbaadiyey dhibkii tuugadaas. Arinta Abdirisak ku dhacday rag badan oo Somali ah ayey soo martay hortiis isla xaafadaas. Taasi waxay abuurtay in la wada kaco (waa dariska abdirisak) oo policeka lagu cadaadiyo in tuugadaas la soo xiro. Dadaal badan ka dib afar tuugo ah ayaa la soo xiray oo hadda jeelka ku jira – maxkamad sugayaal ah - Oraah ayaa oranaeysa wadankan aan joogno “ if you do not speak no body speaks for you” walaalayaal waa inaan isku kaalmaynaa wixii dantayada guud ay ku jirto.

Ha yaraato ama ha weynaato policeka report sii haddii ay ku qabsato dhacdadaan oo kale iyo wixii la mid ah. Dabadeedna la xariir UTCC oo ah organization Chicago cab drivers u dooda, wax badan ayuu kaa caawinayaa oo ha yaraysan ama lasoo xariir Somali community center hadba tii kuu sahlan. U hiili walaalka oo ka qayb gal cod iyo muuqaalba si uu ugu guuleysto maxkamadda ka dibna Ilaah nagu badbaadiyo shaqadeyna

XASUUS: Gacmo wadajir bay wax kuwada gooyaan.

—MOHAMED WARSAME

CHICAGO TAXI DRIVERS:

1. WHAT ISSUE IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

	NOT IMPORTANT (1)				VERY IMPORTANT (5)
A) FARE INCREASE	1	2	3	4	5
B) LEASE OVERCHARGES	1	2	3	4	5
C) 400 W. SUPERIOR	1	2	3	4	5
D) OTHER _____					

2. WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT IF THE CITY DENIES US A FARE INCREASE?

A) SHUT DOWN O'HARE	1	2	3	4	5
B) CITY-WIDE STRIKE	1	2	3	4	5
C) PROTEST 400 W. SUPERIOR	1	2	3	4	5
D) OTHER _____					

1. WHERE DO YOU WORK? _____

2. HOW MUCH IS YOUR WEEKLY LEASE? \$ _____ 12 HOUR / 24 HOUR

3. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF UTCC? _____ **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?** _____

4. YOUR NAME _____

5. PHONE #: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CAB DRIVERS! WHEN YOU HAVE ISSUES, COME TO US AT UTCC!

CREDIT CARD CASHING PROCESSES AT DIALIE-LLC: PROBLEMS? LEGAL OR NOT?

BY PETER ENGER

LAURENT HOUNMETIN, A WEST AFRICAN cabdriver for King Affiliation, came to the UTCC with a problem about cashing credit cards. He felt he was not getting the full amount. The King Affiliation uses a credit card cashing system run by a company called Dialle LLC, with the cashier facilities run out of the Gleicke meter garage on Throop St. When UTCC organizers inspected the documentation the driver brought, it looked like his claims were correct—he was owed more than \$400 over what he had been paid for many months. Mr. Hounmetin claims at first the managers at Dialle LLC told him they “don’t owe you nothing!”, then offered him \$12, and finally offered him a check for \$320. Mr. Hounmetin refused to cash the check as it was not the full amount he was owed. When UTCC organizers took his complaint to the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, we were told he needed to rewrite the complaint to be against the Medallion owner, and not Dialle LLC.

Mr. Hounmetin informs us that he was finally able to get his full amount from the Medallion owner, when he showed them the complaint the

UTCC helped him to write, which he never had to file. The owner paid up.

What we in the UTCC are troubled about is the method that Dialle LLC uses to cash drivers’ credit cards. They claim to deposit the credit card charges into a personalized bank account for each driver, and issue the driver an ATM debit card to withdraw the money. The problem is that this method is ripe for confusion, mistakes and mismanagement. In addition, each time the driver checks the balance to see if his credit card charges are available, he is charged a “transaction fee”. He is also charged a fee when he or she withdraws his or her money. This is in addition to the 5% credit card fee the company keeps. These fees can add up to a lot of money over many months, and we are unsure whether this practice is even legal according to the City rules concerning credit card charges. We hope some driver will step forward to file a complaint about these practices so we can discover what the City’s position is concerning this matter. There does not seem to be any rule that covers this method of driver reimbursement in the City’s rules that we can discover. ■

CABDRIVER ATTACKED!

Another cabdriver was attacked in May 2013. Moroccan cabdriver “R” (he wishes to remain anonymous) was viciously attacked and beaten in the face. His jaw was broken. He called UTCC to find out what to do about insurance for his medical bills. UTCC organizers were able to tell him about Workman’s Compensation Insurance, and how to go about making a claim for medical bills, and for lost time on the job due to injuries. “R” informs us the police have still not identified his attacker, but they are looking at the video from the safety camera in his cab, and hope to be able to identify a suspect soon. We also told “R” that he will have to surrender his Chauffeur’s License at the Ogden facility in order to validate his claim of not being able to work during his recovery. When drivers are attacked, the UTCC wants to know. We will be there to support you.

—PETER ENGER

Unpaid Parking Tickets

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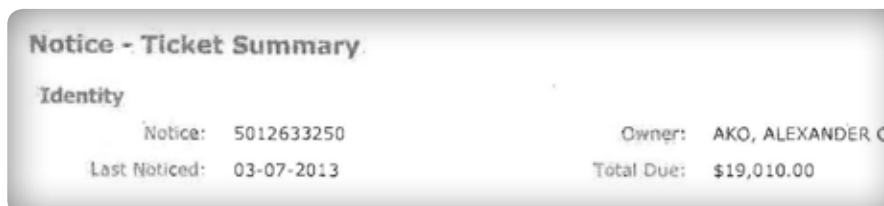
way of proving her or his innocence, and needs to keep her or his license and job, so they are forced to sign a “payment arrangement” with the Chicago Dept. of Revenue in order to keep working. In every case we have seen before, the driver has already signed the payment arrangement, thus admitting responsibility for the tickets, even though they claimed that many tickets belonged to cabs they never drove, or for companies they didn’t drive for on the dates in question. The UTCC did not have the evidence to make a legal case out of it. But this time we believe we do.

Mr. Ako was a driver for twenty years when he went to renew his Chauffeur License in 2011 and was told he owed \$19,000 in “unpaid parking tickets”. He refused to sign the payment agreement with the Dept. of Revenue, as he felt he was not responsible for the tickets. For over two years he has been pursuing justice in this matter, and he just came into the UTCC office June 24th to ask for our support.

The situation is this, and many more drivers have probably been faced the same situation. Every year, Chicago cabdrivers are required to renew their Chauffeur License in order to keep working. Every year we are required to swear un-

der oath that we do not owe the City any money. Every year we check our records with the Dept. of Revenue to make sure we don’t owe any money on tickets, so we can swear this oath truthfully. And every year, the City will check our record also, to make sure we are telling the truth.

For TWENTY YEARS Mr. Ako checked his records, and signed this document affirming he didn’t owe the City any money when renewing his Chauffeur License. So what went wrong?



Summary of Tickets assigned to Mr. Ako

Here’s what we have discovered so far: Mr. Ako was given a printout of all his tickets “assigned” to him by a variety of cab companies and garages. He had 203 tickets dating back to 1993. *Seventy-two* of them are for Medallion numbers currently owned or managed by Adrian Tudor, formerly of Edgewater Beach Auto garage, and currently managing Taxi Town, at 6500 N. Western. Mr. Ako claims he only worked for Mr. Tudor for a total of three or four months in one year, 2004. *Forty-nine* of the tickets belong to Medallion numbers belonging

to American United cabs owned or managed by either Tony or Bobby Bottala. Mr. Ako states he *did* drive cabs belonging to the Bottala brothers at various times. What remains to be seen is whether Mr. Ako ever drove the *taxis* in question on the *dates* in question. According to our preliminary research, City of Chicago authorities are required to provide *proof* of drivers’ responsibility in the form of leases signed by them for the dates in question in order for tickets to be legally “assigned” to the drivers. The UTCC is working with Mr. Ako to write the proper complaint against the owners of the medallions in question in order to get this proof. We are also looking into filing a lawsuit in Civil Court for damages to Mr. Ako’s health, income and psychological and emotional state in the loss of his job and career for fraudulent “assignment” of blame and responsibility for these tickets.

The UTCC is looking for any cabdrivers who are or who have been in the same circumstance as Mr. Ako to come forward with your stories. It is about time that this practice is stopped, so no more cabdrivers are forced to pay for tickets they did not actually get. We believe it is either the companies who are illegally assigning tickets to drivers, or the Dept. of Revenue illegally accepting such assignments without proof, or a combination of the two, and it has to stop NOW! ■

City Of Chicago Recruits New Drivers At City Colleges; UTCC Intercepts

BY LIZ NERAT

The City of Chicago has been holding Taxidriver Recruitment Days at local community colleges in the past six months. The first one was held at the far Southeast side's Olive Harvey College on Feb. 7, the second at Truman College on April 25th. At these events, the colleges, the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (DBACP) and several Taxi Affiliations set up tables to promote cab driving as a career option. The information that these organizations give to the students and attendees do not mention the downsides or warn them of the dangers of becoming a cab driver in Chicago.

With so many older, veteran cab drivers in Chicago leaving the industry, by being driven out, or forced out, or lured out by selling their medallions for high prices, there are not enough drivers to fill the cabs for the companies anymore. So the companies and the City have been partnering to look for new drivers and new driver demographics during these recruitment days. A new driver recruit will not know what is legal in the way of leases, or treatment by the companies, or what to do in case of abuse and injustice they may face that have been going on for years.

UTCC has decided to take a stand and have a presence at these events in the future. Our presence began on the last recruitment day at Truman College. Three UTCC organizers showed up with banners and flyers stating some truths about Chicago's cab industry that new drivers will need to know. We were able to discuss these facts with the prospective drivers who were asking about the job of driving a taxi. As of next time, we will have a table at these events, where people will be able to discuss the internal workings of the industry, as well as become members of UTCC if they want to.

Look out for us at the next Recruitment Day!



Faye Khozindar speaks with driver outside of Truman College.



Hail-O is one of the companies at the taxi driver recruitment days.

Muslim Cabdrivers

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a meeting with the Airport authorities who manage the workforce, and our demands for a just resolution to this unfortunate situation. The Muslim cabdrivers purchase these prayer rugs at their own expense, maintain their cleanliness, remove them as they get old or tattered, and store them out of the elements with their own labor.

We are asking for:

1. Replacement of the prayer rugs and carpets at the City's expense
2. Opportunities for cultural sensitivity training for Airport personnel, including Standard Parking employees whose behavior, actions, or speech show a need for such improvement
3. A signed agreement that Muslim practices and materials will be respected at the Airport Staging area by all Airport personnel, including Standard Parking employees

—FAYEZ KHOZINDAR,
CHAIRMAN, UTCC



Muslims at Prayer with Prayer Rugs.

**DRIVER STARTS
PETITION IN 40TH
WARD TO REMOVE
“PARKING WHILE
SLEEPING” TICKETING**

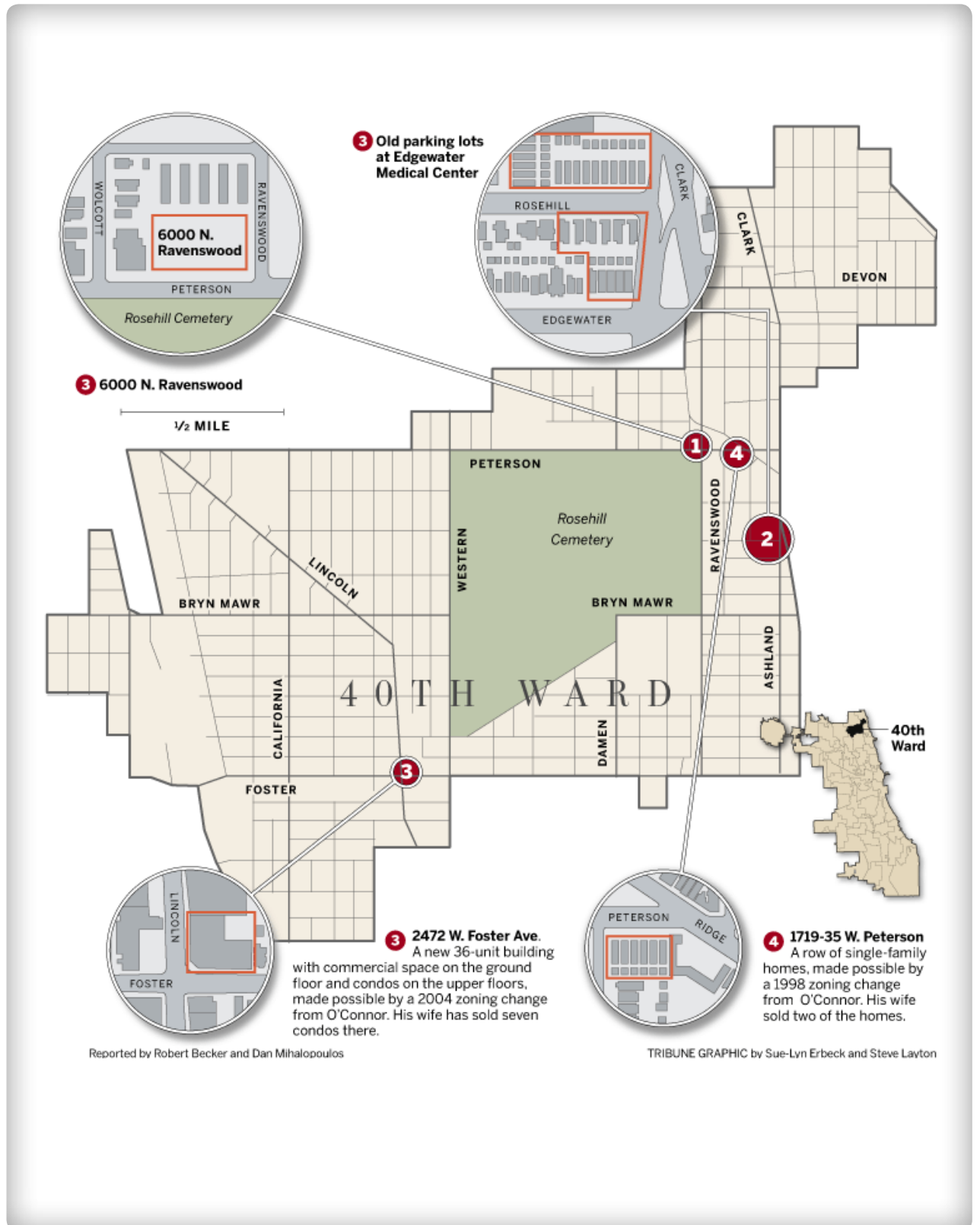
“40TH WARD MAP.”

Moroccan-born (and currently a US citizen) cabdriver Mounir Essat came to UTCC several months ago to inform us that the ticketing for cabs parked overnight in the 40th Ward had begun again. The 40th Ward is the Ward centered on California and Lincoln.

The UTCC first took up this campaign four years ago, when ticketing was happening all over the City, on Devon, Ridge, Pratt, Western, Montrose, Elston, Pulaski and Broadway. We were successful at convincing several of the Aldermen to pass amendments to the Parking Enforcement rules at City Council to make exceptions for hardworking cabdrivers in their Wards so they could sleep at night without being taxed. The parking rule specifically prohibits taxis from parking more than two hours between the hours of 2 AM to 7 AM! When are drivers supposed to sleep?

Our current research shows that the 40th Ward tried a temporary exception to this ban on taxis for 6 months starting sometime in 2012. We are working with Mr. Essat on his petition to request Ald. O'Connor of the 40th Ward to introduce an amendment to the rules at City Council to make the exception in his ward a permanent law. There are many drivers who live and vote in the 40th Ward, and they need to be able to park and sleep without getting a “tax” on their sleep. We are looking for drivers who live in the 40th Ward to join this campaign, sign the petition, and promise to come to a meeting with the Alderman in his office when we get enough signatures. Please call Mounir at 630-202-9668 or UTCC at 773-342-8822 to join.

—PETER ENGER



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“PETITION FOR 40TH WARD.”

Petition to End Overnight Taxi Parking Ban

We the undersigned residents of the 40th ward respectfully petition our Alderman to amend the current Municipal Code of Chicago to exclude taxicabs from business zone overnight parking restrictions in the 40th ward. We propose the following amendment to Ordinance 9-64-170 (b) [Parking restrictions--Special types of vehicles]:

(b) It shall be unlawful to park any truck, self-contained motor home, or bus on any business street in the city for a longer period than is necessary for the reasonably expeditious loading or unloading of such vehicle, except that a driver of a bus may park the bus in a designated bus stand as authorized elsewhere in the traffic code. It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any business street in the city for a period longer than two hours between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M.; provided that this prohibition shall not apply to taxicabs [parked on business streets in the 40th ward. A violator of this subsection shall be subject to the fine set forth in Section 9-100-020.

We the undersigned residents of the 40th ward feel that taxi drivers deserve to rest and to spend time with their families after working 2 hour shifts. Disallowing them to park overnight severely restricts their ability to have the rest that they need, and is bad for public safety. Having to walk long distances to their homes late at night makes cab drivers an easy target for criminals and attracts crime to our neighborhood. I urge you to follow the example of the 46th ward and lift the overnight taxi parking ban in our ward.

Name: <small>(Please Print Neatly!)</small>	Address: <small>(Please Print Neatly!)</small>	Signature:	Date:
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**UTCC IN
THE MEDIA**

UTCC organizers were recently interviewed by Dr Mojahed of Sound Vision.

For the full broadcast visit:
[soundcloud.com/radioislam-1/
radio-islam-june-22nd-2013](http://soundcloud.com/radioislam-1/radio-islam-june-22nd-2013)

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Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Male Female Lease Driver: Yes No Chauffeur No.: _____
 Driver's License No.: _____

Current Address: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
 City: _____ Home/Other Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Statistical Information (optional)

U.S. Citizen: Yes No Date of Birth: _____ Native Language: _____
 Registered to Vote: Yes No Birthplace: _____
 Are you a medallion owner? Yes No If yes, what is the medallion number? _____
 How long have you driven a cab? _____ Years
 Do you have experience in any activities for human rights, or any activist history such as mentioned in our mission statement? If yes, please give a brief description of your experience: _____

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact (relative or friend): _____ Phone Number: _____

Summary of Mission Statement and code of conduct

UTCC is a not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to increase the prestige of the taxi driving profession through community service, education, and awareness, and to work towards the economic progress and improved social welfare of taxi drivers, their families, and their communities by providing assistance in enforcing their rights, including civil, political, social, economic, legal, and human rights.

- UTCC members will reflect the highest possible customer service standards without prejudice.
- UTCC members will stand united behind its mission and promote membership for mutual benefit.
- UTCC members will adhere to all laws of the nation and its democratic principles.

Signature

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand UTCC's Mission and Code of Conduct, and agree to uphold the principles and values of equality, justice, unity and honesty for the UTCC's mission.

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form and I hereby declare the foregoing information to be true. I have received a copy of this application: Yes No

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

I would like to enclose a tax deductible contribution of \$ _____ **Yearly membership fee: \$120.00**
 to the Taxi Drivers Legal Fund Account

Payment Type: check credit card money order cash

Received by: _____ Amount Received: \$ _____ Verified by: _____ Receipt Number: _____



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