## WKDM-AM 1380 QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMMING REPORT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023 October 1 – December 31, 2023

Date: 10/05/23
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Program Name: City Forum
Host: Cicely Li
Topic: Under political pressure, the Biden administration announced building of additional walls between U.S. and Mexico border.

The U.S. government announced that it would build an additional border wall between the U.S. and Mexico in southern Texas and began deporting Venezuelans who crossed the border. The New York Times and CNN reported that the number of immigrants pouring in from the border has continued to rise in recent weeks, and illegal border crossing cases have also increased. Local and federal resources have been stretched, putting the Biden administration under political pressure. During the 2020 presidential election, Biden publicly criticized Trump's policy of building a border wall. Biden claimed that "this is not a serious solution" but now announced the construction of additional walls, which is contrary to the position he held back then. An announcement from the Department of Homeland Security in the Federal Register on the 5th stated: "The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that, on a legal basis, it is necessary to exempt certain provisions of the law and some legal requirements to ensure that construction along the Texas border Obstacles and roads." The site where the additional fence will be built is located 20 kilometers west of McAllen, Texas. The area has approximately 66,000 residents and is also the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge. Therefore, building more walls means that the Biden administration must waive laws such as the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act and more than 20 other federal laws.

Date: 10/12/23 Time: 12:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Program Name: Listener's Mailbox Host: May Mok Topic: Q&A from Listeners/Audiences

Hostess takes audiences' questions on the following subjects:

- 1) Korea traveling VISA requirements for U.S. residential card (green card) holders.
- 2) Rules, guidelines and requirements for apply re-entry permit for U.S. residents.
- 3) What is form ssa-561-u2; documentation requirements for inquiry at SS Bureau.
- 4) Tax filing guidelines for people holding jobs in multiple states.
- 5) Time limitation for U.S. citizens staying abroad.

Date: 10/20/23 Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: May Mok Guest: Ms. Margaret Wong (Lawyer) Topic: Q&A on immigration issues

Ms. Margaret Wong, who's an attorney on immigration matters, is being invited to the program answer audiences' questions for their immigration concerns and seek some common knowledge on the subject.

Date: 10/25/23 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: Xingxue Zhang Guest: Mr. David Sung Topic: How to handle traffic incident

Mr. Sung shared professional information on different types of car insurances one should have that can act as an assurance in case traffic incidents occur. Guest also did Q&As with listeners on the topic.

Date: 10/26/23 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Program Name: City Forum Host: Cicely Li Topic: Israeli tanks and infantry attacked and destroyed militant strongholds in Gaza

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) announced on Thursday (26th) that in preparation for the next phase of operations, the IDF will conduct ground operations in the northern Gaza Strip from late night on Wednesday (25th) to early Thursday morning. Israeli tanks and infantry attacked multiple terrorist strongholds, infrastructure and anti-tank missile launch points, and the soldiers then left Gaza and returned to Israeli territory. The footage released by the Israeli army shows that after soldiers opened a gap in the Gaza border fence, tank troops drove into Gaza and bombed multiple targets. Recently, there were reports that during the Israeli-Palestinian war, six warships of the Chinese Navy rarely appeared in the Middle East at the same time.

Date: 11/02/23 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Program Name: City Forum Host: Cicely Li Topic: China is about to usher in a new round of real estate reform

Recently, it has been conveyed to the people's governments of various cities and agencies directly under ministries and commissions. This means that a new round of housing reform in

China is coming. The document also clarified two main goals: First, to increase the construction and supply of affordable housing so that working-income groups can gradually realize home ownership. The second is to promote the establishment of a new model of transformation and development of the real estate industry, return commercial housing to commodity attributes, meet the demand for improved housing, promote stable prices, stabilize housing prices, stabilize expectations, and promote the transformation and high-quality development of the real estate industry. This means that the single-track system focusing on commercial housing will become a thing of the past, and will be replaced by a new round of housing reform focusing on affordable housing and supplemented by commercial housing.

Date: 11/08/23 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: Xing Zhang Guest: Mr. David Sung Topic: How to handle traffic incident

Mr. Sung shared professional information on different types of car insurances one should have that can act as an assurance in case traffic incidents occur. Guest also did Q&As with listeners on the topic.

Date: 11/16/23 Time: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Program Name: Listener's Mailbox Host: May Mok Topic: Q&A from Listeners/Audiences

Hostess takes audiences' questions on the following subjects:

- Difference between basic STAR, enhanced STAR and Senior Citizen Homeowners Exemptions tax programs. And the benefits of having these STAR tax programs vs. building maintenance costs.
- 2) Information and procedures on applying for High School, including age limitation for entry.
- 3) Requirement guidelines and procedure information for survivor benefit from Social Security.
- 4) Information on obtaining spouse's pension benefit.

Date: 11/21/23 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Program Name: City Forum Host: Ruixiang Fu Topic: Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - Close to reaching ceasefire agreement with Israel, as per High-Level Hamas leader

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has not subsided, and many countries continue to mediate with Hamas to release hostages in exchange for a suspension of the war. Foreign reports quoted Hamas leader Haniyeh as saying that he was close to reaching a ceasefire agreement with Israel, but did not provide details. White House National Security Council spokesman Kirby said earlier that hostage negotiations were nearing completion, but declined to disclose details of the agreement. When President Joe Biden hosted a Thanksgiving turkey pardoning ceremony at the White House, he was asked about the progress of hostage negotiations. He expressed confidence that a deal was imminent and made a crossed-finger gesture for good luck. Hamas raided Israel early last month and took about 240 people hostage. The Washington Post recently reported, citing news, that hostage negotiations are close to reaching an agreement, and the first batch of 50 hostages will be released in exchange for a five-day suspension of fighting.

Date: 11/24/23 Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: May Mok Guest: Ms. Margaret Wong (Lawyer) Topic: Q&A on immigration issues

Ms. Margaret Wong, who's an attorney on immigration matters, is being invited to the program answer audiences' questions for their immigration concerns and seek some common knowledge on the subject.

Date: 12/06/23 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Program Name: City Forum Host: Wei Lin Man Topic: Aid funds for Ukraine run out by year's end, White House urges Congress to allocate funds

On Monday, Shalanda Young, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, wrote to House Speaker Johnson and the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties in Congress, stating that there is little money and time left to assist Ukraine in fighting Russia and urging Congress to approve it. Additional funding provides more aid to Ukraine. Shalanda Young said that if Congress does not take action, Washington will exhaust its resources to purchase more weapons and equipment for Ukraine by the end of this year, which is equivalent to containing Ukraine on the battlefield and even increasing the possibility of Russia's victory. Johnson said last week he was confident funding for Ukraine and Israel would be approved but stressed the two matters should be dealt with separately.

Date: 12/18/23 Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: May Mok Guest: Ms. Margaret Wong (Lawyer) Topic: Q&A on immigration issues Ms. Margaret Wong, who's an attorney on immigration matters, is being invited to the program answer audiences' questions for their immigration concerns and seek some common knowledge on the subject.

Date: 12/19/23 Time: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Program Name: Listener's Mailbox Host: May Mok Topic: Q&A from Listeners/Audiences

Hostess takes audiences' questions on the following subjects:

- 1) U.S. passport renewal processing time and procedures.
- 2) Legal guidelines and procedures on after-life affairs (including funeral and financial arrangements, etc.) for appointed persons.
- 3) Tax filing guidelines for people holding jobs in multiple states.
- 4) Tax filing information on medical, healthcare insurances.
- 5) Information on SSA (part B) income limits and restrictions.

Date: 12/20/23 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Program Name: Hot Line Host: Xing Zhang Guest: Mr. David Sung Topic: How to handle traffic incident

Mr. Sung shared professional information on different types of car insurances one should have that can act as an assurance in case traffic incidents occur. Guest also did Q&As with listeners on the topic.

Date: 12/28/23 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Program Name: City Forum Host: Cicely Li Topic: U.S. will pass the National Defense Authorization Act

U.S. House of Representatives passed the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act which worth a total of US\$886 billion. The bill listed mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau as "Foreign Adversary", putting their status as equivalents to North Korea, Russia, Iran, Cuba and Venezuela. The bill will also add new funding to investigate whether Hong Kong officials and businessmen have committed international criminal crimes against humanity, genocide, war, etc. The House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act by a vote of 310 to 118, with strong support from Republicans and Democrats. More than two-thirds of the House of Representatives voted in favor. Since Senate also passed this bill by a vote of 87 to 13, the bill will be sent to White House to be signed into law.