



# Orientation Agenda

## Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

**Date:** April 30, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Room 243, Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)

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- I. Land Acknowledgment
  - a. The meeting is held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.
- II. Welcome & Introductions – 5 Minutes
  - a. Diane Powers, Director of the Office of Equity and Human Rights
- III. Media and Communications – 15 Minutes
  - a. Megan Snow
- IV. Open Government Presentation – 30 Minutes
  - a. Martha Lantz
- V. Break & Make Dinner Plates – 15 Minutes
- VI. Team Building – 30 minutes
  - a. Andreta Armstrong
- VII. Overview of the City and Operations – 15 Minutes
  - a. David Nash-Mendez
- VIII. Thank you

### Meeting Notes and Reminders

- a. Regular Meetings Frequency:
  - i. Fourth Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm
- b. Retreat:
  - i. May 19, 2018 at 11:00 am at Urban Waters Center

### Why do we recognize the land?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.

–<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>



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