



Retreat Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: May 19, 2018

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Urban Waters Center, Room 101 (26 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421)

- I. Arrival and Continental Breakfast – 10 Minutes
- II. Land Acknowledgment
 - a. The meeting is held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.
- III. Welcome – 10 Minutes
 - a. Councilmember Catherine Ushka, District Four
 - b. Mr. Marty Campbell
- IV. Introduction of the Graphic Facilitator – 10 Minutes
 - a. Alison Beason
- V. Introductions from Commissioners – 90 Minutes
 - a. Information about yourself
 - b. Why did you want to be on The Commission?
 - c. What will make this commission a positive and productive experience?
- VI. Lunch – 45 Minutes
- VII. Discussion of Common Themes Expressed – 30 Minutes
- VIII. Conclusion
 - a. Thank you
 - b. Questions

Meeting Reminders & Notes:

- Frequency:
 - Fourth Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm
- Next Meeting:
 - June 25, 2018 at 11:00 am at Tacoma Municipal Building

Topics

- Development of By-Laws
- Order of Business
- Selection of Chair

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

Commissioners:

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