



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: April 22, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Room 248, Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Mok
- II. **Land Acknowledgment** – Chair Mok

The Commission acknowledges that the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands of the Puyallup People, who and cared for their ancestral lands before the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854 removed native peoples to clear way for colonial settlement. It is important to this Commission as settlers here, aspiring to care for immigrants and refugees in this place and to call it home, that we acknowledge and send gratitude to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians who continue to be leaders for justice in our community today.
- III. **Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences** – Chair Mok

_____ Jefferson Mok (Chair)	_____ Diana Parra (Vice- Chair)
_____ Vaelupemaua Anitema	_____ Silong Chhun
_____ Perla Gamboa	_____ Eunice Kalembo
_____ Jason Gamboa	_____ Hieu Nguyen
_____ Saiyare Refaei	_____ Alma Vargas
_____ Maria Ramos	_____ Clara Zamalloa
- IV. **Consent on Agendas** – Vice-Chair Parra
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Yay/Nay Votes)
 - b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Yay/Nay Votes)
- V. **Commission Updates – Chair & Vice Chair**
 - a. Amy McBride – Tacoma CREATES
 - b. Agenda revision
 - i. Change May meeting from May 29 to May 22, 2019
 - c. Commissioner Updates
 - i. Discussion on update process – Chair Mok
 1. CIRA goal for each meeting
 - ii. Community news and challenges
 - iii. Input about actions that can address community needs
- VI. **General Business** – Chair and Vice Chair, with full Commission
 - a. Committee Reports: Updates, Work Plans, and Suggestions for Action
 - i. Community Engagement
 - I. Community reception to meet CIRA: Dates & requests needed to organize?
 - ii. Governance
 - iii. Language Access

Commissioners:

Jefferson Mok (Chair)
Vaelupemaua Anitema
George Conzuelo
Jason Gamboa
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- iv. Northwest Detention Center
- v. Community Safety

VII. City Staff Updates

- a. May 4 Convening
 - i. Updates and details
- b. ICE Meeting – Date TBD. Info about attendees and topics
- c. CIRA Work Plan – Info about templates or guidelines?
- d. Upcoming Issues or agenda items to include for May 2019?

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Items for Next Meeting

X. Adjourn

Meeting Notes and Reminders

- Regular Meetings Frequency: **Fourth** Monday of every Month at 5:30 pm

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.

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