



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: August 26, 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. **Statement of Purpose** – Chair Mok

We convene this meeting to advance the City of Tacoma’s mission to “reducing barriers to access and participation in Tacoma’s economic, cultural, and civic life for immigrants and refugees.” This Commission aspires to help “make the City more vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming for all.”
- III. **Land Acknowledgment** – Chair Mok

The Commission acknowledges that the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands of the Puyallup People, who 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.
- IV. **Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences** – Chair Mok

___ Jefferson Mok (Chair)	___ Diana Parra (Vice- Chair)
___ Vaelupemaua Anitema	___ Silong Chhun
___ Perla Gamboa	___ Jason Gamboa
___ Hieu Nguyen	___ Saiyare Refaei
___ Alma Vargas	___ Clara Zamalloa
- V. **Consent on Agendas** – Vice-Chair Parra
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Yay/Nay Votes)
 - b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Yay/Nay Votes)
- VI. **Commission Updates – Chair & Vice Chair**
 - a. Presentation of the City Clerk’s Office – Doris Sorum, City Clerk
 - b. Update on Immigrant Defense Fund – Tim Warden-Hertz, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
 - i. Review of Welcoming Week Proclamation
 - c. Welcoming Week update – Latasha Ware, City of Tacoma Management Fellow
 - d. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners

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VII. General Business – Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs

- a. Commission
 - i. Bylaws Update
 - Items introduced at August 10 Retreat
 - Additional items to consider
 - ii. Recognition Moment
 - iii. Nomination and Presentations of CIRA Officer Candidates
 - iv. Vote for CIRA Officers
 - v. Commission Work Plan Update
- b. Committee Reports: Updates, Work Plans, and Suggestions for Action
 - i. Community Engagement
 - ii. Community Safety
 - ii. Governance
 - iii. Language Access
 - iv. Northwest Detention Center
- b. Upcoming Events - Discussion
 - v. Items for September Monthly Meeting
 - Topics?
 - Potential Guests?
 - vi. Other events
 - Next Community Vitality and Safety meeting is Sept. 12, 2019

VIII. City Staff Updates

IX. Public Comment

X. Items for Next Meeting

XI. Adjourn

