



# Agenda

## Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: July 22, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

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**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**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Mok (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Diana Parra (Vice- Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaelupemaua Anitema   | <input type="checkbox"/> Silong Chhun              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perla Gamboa          | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Gamboa              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hieu Nguyen           | <input type="checkbox"/> Saiyare Refaei            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alma Vargas           | <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Follow-up to June 2019 language access topic – Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor
- b. Approval of CIRA Letter to the Mayor about shooting at NWDC
- c. NW Detention Center update – La Resistencia
- d. Welcoming Week update – Commissioner Chhun
  - i. Reception for CIRA One-Year Recognition (Meet & Greet, voluntary)
  - ii. Marketplace concept
  - iii. Overall schedule and CIRA’s participation
- e. Commissioner Updates

**Commissioners**

Jefferson Mok (Chair)  
Vaelupemaua Anitema  
Jason Gamboa  
Hieu Nguyen  
Alma Vargas  
Clara Zamalloa

Diana Parra (Vice Chair)  
Silong Chhun  
Perla Gamboa  
Saiyare Refaei

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

- a. Committee Reports: Updates, Work Plans, and Suggestions for Action
  - i. Community Engagement
  - i. Governance
  - ii. Language Access
  - iii. Northwest Detention Center
  - iv. Community Safety
- b. Upcoming Events - Discussion
  - v. August Retreat Items – Chair Mok
    - Vote on date – tentatively August 10 (location confirmed?)
    - Governance Committee survey
    - Suggestions for draft Agenda
    - CIRA principles and values
  - vi. Items for August Monthly Meeting and potential guests
  - vii. Other events

**VIII. City Staff Updates**

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Items for Next Meeting**

**XI. 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.

–<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>



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