

Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: June 24, 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.	Pride Month Acknowledgement -	Vice-Chair Parra
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Jefferson Mok (Chair)	Diana Parra (Vice- Chair)
Vaelupemaua Anitema	Silong Chhun
Perla Gamboa	Jason Gamboa

____ Hieu Nguyen ____ Saiyare Refaei
Alma Vargas Clara Zamalloa

- VI. Consent on Agendas Vice-Chair Parra
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Yay/Nay Votes)

Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences – Chair Mok

- b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Yay/Nay Votes)
- VII. Commission Updates Chair & Vice Chair
 - a. Census 2020 Task Force update Chair Mok
 - b. Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor
 - Latasha Ware, Junior Management Fellow, City of Tacoma Welcoming Week
 - d. Commissioner Updates

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VIII. 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. July Reception for CIRA One-Year Recognition (Meet & Greet, voluntary)
 - vi. CIRA Annual Workplan Retreat Confirm date for August (tentatively August 10)
 - vii. Other events
- IX. City Staff Updates
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Items for Next Meeting
- XII. 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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