

Minutes

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: Aug 10, 2019

Time: 9:00-1 pm

Location: Fleet Conference Center, located at 3639 Pine St, Tacoma, WA 98409

I. Call Meeting to Order: Chair Mok

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 am

II. Land Acknowledgement: Chair Mok

Chair Mok shared the Land Acknowledgement statement

III. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences: Chair Mok

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Present: Jefferson Mok (Chair), Diana Parra (Vice-Chair), Clara Zamalloa, Saiyare Refaei, Hieu Nguyen, Jason Gamboa, Perla Gamboa, and Alma Vargas

Absent: Vaelupemaua Anitema, Sllong Chhun

IV. Discussion of CIRA Survey and Responses: Jefferson led a discussion on survey responses

V. Language Access Supports: Diana led a discussion about language access supports for commissioners

VI. Motion - Filling Vacant Positions: The Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs moves to appoint permanent commissions at the next quarterly cycle. If it is not possible to appoint permanent commissioners before the next cycle, the commission requests appoint temporary commissioners now.

Introduced: Perla Gamboa **Passes:** 8/0

Recommendation: "It is the desire that the commission represent community not currently represented in the appointments."

VII. Motion - Adding Members: The commission moves to expand members to 13 members and 1 alternate

Introduced: Jason Gamboa **Passes:** 8/0

VIII. Discussion and Questions:

- a. How to affirm CIRA's values as part of our objectives and expectations of commissioners such as: Proclamation/Resolutions that articulates values of diversity, equity, inclusion
- b. What is the Budget information about the legal defense funds?
- c. What is the Budget for the CIRA?
- d. How much money does COT receive from GEO?
- e. How much does it cost the city to provide public services to GEO?
- f. How to include values in the commission application process?
- g. Is there a format to share a report to CVS (CIRA will send draft to OEHR)
- h. CIRA wants to be part of the language access plan for the City of Tacoma (covers website to training) and has to go hand in hand with a city-wide language access policy.

IX. CIRA Confirmed Top Priorities:

- a. Northwest Detention Center
- b. Community Safety
- c. Language Access
- d. Community Engagement
- e. Other topics as needed to address community needs
 - i. US Census
 - ii. Public Charge
 - iii. Welcoming Cities
- f. CIRA create and vote on the goals for each of these items in addition to a workplan.

X. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:05