



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: September 23, 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson Mok (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Perla Gamboa (Vice-Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaelupemaua Anitema | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Gamboa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hieu Nguyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Diana Parra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saiyare Refaei | <input type="checkbox"/> Alma Vargas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clara Zamalloa | |

V. Consent on Agendas – Vice-Chair Gamboa

- a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Yay/Nay Votes)
- b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Yay/Nay Votes)

VI. Commission Updates – Chair & Vice Chair

- a. Chris López-Moreno and Luis Garcia - VT Radio Universal
- b. Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health - Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- c. Commissioner Updates

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

- a. Commission
 - i. Commissioner Anitema’s CIRA Membership
 - ii. Community Events Calendar
 - iii. Commission Work Plan Update – Assembled Draft
 - iv. Committee Objectives – Policy and Engagement
- b. Committee Reports: Updates, Work Plans, and Suggestions for Action
 - i. Community Engagement
 - ii. Community Safety
 - i. Governance
 - ii. Language Access
 - iii. Northwest Detention Center
- b. Upcoming Events - Discussion
 - iv. Items for October Monthly Meeting
 - November Meeting Date (Thanksgiving)
 - Topics?
 - Potential Guests?
 - v. Other events
 - Next Community Vitality and Safety meetings are Oct. 10 and 24, 2019

VIII. City Staff Updates

IX. Public Comment

X. Items for Next Meeting

XI. Adjourn

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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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