

# Minutes

## Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Minutes Date: January 27, 2020 Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:49 pm.

A quorum was officially present from 5:49 pm to 8:20 pm.

### MEMBERS

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

**City Staff Present:** Nick Bayard, Mia Navarro, Diane Powers, Ann Martin, Tasha Ware, Lisa Woods

**Guests Present:** Julie Anderson, Pierce County, Martha Severini, Pierce County, Adrian Wilson, Tim Warden-Hertz, Directing Attorney, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Vickie Ybarra

### PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made to table the December minutes until the next meeting for approval.

### MAIN MOTIONS

1. A motion was made to sign petition to shut down detention center. Motion seconded. The motion was approved.
2. A motion was made to create task force – Welcoming Week. Motion seconded. The motion was approved.

### OTHER

- Elections and Census Outreach presented by Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor.
- Discussion on how to expand the Defense Fund to \$100,000. City & County collaboration to create larger fund? How to take idea forward. Next steps
- Adrienne Wilson, My Peoples Movement Assembly shared and invited CIRA to event – Backyard Boogie for Justice 253 at Evergreen State College
- Discussion on how to support community events
- Annual report due February 27<sup>th</sup>. Email input to chairs.
- City staff provided updates.
- Public comment was received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

