



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: February 28th, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Zoom (Click the following link to join the meeting):

<https://zoom.us/j/91791840410?pwd=d3lyYW44Tm8wT1NrNIU4ekRsWERnQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 9184 0410

Passcode: 264285

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I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Sych

II. Statement of Purpose – Chair Sych

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 – Vice Chair Donaldson

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. Consent Agenda – Chair Sych

- a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Aye/Nay Votes)
- b. Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes (Aye/Nay Votes)

V. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences – Chair Sych

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perla Gamboa | <input type="checkbox"/> Emani Donaldson (Vice-Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hieu Nguyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael Saucedo | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Sych (Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lydia Zepeda | <input type="checkbox"/> Alma Villegas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Position (Vacant) |

VI. Group Get-To-Know-You Activity: Vice-Chair Donaldson

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Emily Calhoun
Lydia Zepeda
Emani Donaldson (Vice Chair)
Alma Villegas

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Hieu Nguyen
Rafael Saucedo

VII. City Staff Updates – Liaison Raeshawna

VIII.

- a. CIRA recruitment update
- b. Discussion on Raeshawna’ s availability for one-on-one consultations.
- c. Budget presentation

IX. Commission Affairs (50 min)

- a. Finalize work plan– Chair Sych, Liaison Raeshawna (10 min)
- b. Request to send Committees’ minutes to Raeshawna and the rest of the Commission (10 min)
- c. Committee Updates (30 min)
 - Community Safety Committee
 - Governance (of CIRA) Committee
 - Language Access Committee

X. Public Comment

XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:

XII. Adjourn

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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