



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: January 24th, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm 5:36pm

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

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

Meeting ID: 967 9184 0410

Passcode: 264285

Real-time Spanish translation will be available during the meeting.

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 October and December 2021 Meeting Minutes (Aye/Nay Votes)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emily Calhoun | <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. City Staff Updates – Liaison Raeshawna

Commissioners

Sandra Sych (Chair)

Emily Calhoun

Lydia Zepeda

Emani Donaldson (Vice Chair)

Alma Villegas

Perla Gamboa

Hieu Nguyen

Rafael Saucedo

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

VIII. Commission Affairs (60 min)

- a. Final review and vote on CSC letter in opposition to Ordinance 28880. Update on the ordinance – Chair Sych
- b. Final review and vote on CSC letter in response to hate crimes in Tacoma – Chair Sych
- c. Discussion on CIRA committees and quorum – Chair Sych
- d. Discussion on recruitment process. Recommendations on how we would like to collaborate with CVS during the CIRA recruitment process – Chair Sych
- e. Discussion on CIRA’s vision for this year – Chair Sych
 - i. What are our collective and individual goals related to CIRA?
 - ii. What do we need to focus on to achieve our goals?
 - iii. What are the roadblocks/frustrations? Past year in review
- f. Finalize work plan – Chair Sych
- g. Committee Updates (30 min)
 - Community Safety Committee
 - Governance (of CIRA) Committee
 - Language Access Committee
 - NW Detention Center Committee

IX. Public Comment

X. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:

XI. 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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