

Commission on Latino Community Development
Washington D.C, Thursday, June 21, 2018
6:30pm-8:00 pm

The Chair of the Commission Johnny Garcia who is appearing telephonically requests Commissioner Jessie Hernandez to chair the meeting. Commissioner Hernandez opened the meeting at 6:40pm and provided welcoming remarks to the commissioners that attended the meeting. Participants included, Johnny Garcia (telephonic), Margarita Dilone, Incoming Commissioner Anthony Musa (note taker), Incoming Commissioner Eduardo Guilty, Incoming Commissioner David Aguayo, Gustavo Viteri (telephonic), Jessie Hernández, Ana Reyes, Jill Bird (telephonic) and Incoming Commissioner Margarita Varela. On behalf of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA), participants included Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevra and Director Reyes.

Director Reyes overviewed developments regarding the Mayor's Office, including the situation on the Southern Border. Director Reyes indicated her offices commitment towards identifying the number of children who will be coming to Washington, D.C. from the Southern Border. Director Reyes also informed the Commission that she will be traveling to the border herself to overview the situation on the ground. She will be attending with the El Salvadorian Embassy.

Incoming Commissioner Margarita Varela asked the Director about the resources available to the children. Director Reyes informed the Commission that Attorney General Racine wants to overview the situation in order to make an informed decision about how to assist the children who will be coming to D.C.

Commissioner Johnny Garcia asked for a weekly or by-weekly update on what the D.C. government will be doing about the situation regarding the children.

Incoming Commissioner Varela informed the Commission that the University of the District of Columbia School of Law has an Immigration Law Clinic that would be interested in supporting the children.

At 6:54 p.m., Director Reyes informed that there will be a partnership with the Hispanic Chamber and the District government from August 11th through August 14th. What will happen during the mission trip is that Mayor Bowser will be signing a Sister City agreement with El Salvador City. This will be the first Spanish speaking country to be a sister city of D.C.

At 6:56 p.m., the Chairman requested that the Commissioners introduce themselves across the table considering that there are a large number of new commissioners. Commissioner Margarita Dilonte introduced herself, she leads Crystal Insurance. Commissioner Margarita Valera introduced herself as well, she works with the Department of Defense. Incoming Commissioner David Aguayo introduced himself and his background in politics. Incoming Commissioner Eduardo Guilty introduced himself he works for the Census Bureau. Incoming Commissioner Anthony Musa introduced himself, he works for the Department of the Treasury. Commissioner Johnny Garcia introduced himself, he works

at AARP. Commissioner Gustavo Viteri introduced himself he is the CTO of Carlos Rosario.

At 7:00 p.m., Incoming Commissioner Margarita Dilone requested more information about the Department of Human Services, regarding Medicaid, indicating that there is poor communication coming from the staff of the Department. Including, but not limited to, failures of the staff to reply promptly or appropriately to the community. Director Reyes indicated that she will work with Commissioner Dilone on this issue.

At 7:15 p.m., Chairman requests that we table the review of the Commission Retreat conclusions, recommendation and a review of the mission statements to the July meeting.

Subsequently, Director Reyes requests that we begin to prepare for the promotional video overviewing the work the Commission does. At a date TBD, the commissioners will be interviewed.

At 7:20 p.m., Director Reyes overviewed that there have been two workshops related to the upcoming grant funding session for FY 2019 related to Latino Community Grants. The solicitation is open to any community-based organization under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or evidence of fiscal agent relationship with a 501 (c)(3) organization. The request for funding announcement opened on Monday, June 4, 2018.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.