



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE ON LATINO AFFAIRS**

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser | Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA)
Commission on Latino Community Development Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2018 - 630pm-8:00 pm
Frank D. Reeves Center-2000-14th St N.W. | Washington, DC 20009

6:36 P.M. – Chairman Johnny Garcia opens the meeting. Present are the following Commissioners: Jonny S. Garcia, Jonas Minino, Jill Byrd, Dr. Angelo Gómez, Angelique Sina, Gustavo Viteri, Jessie Hernandez and incoming Commissioners Eduardo Guity, Margarita Varela, David Aguayo and Anthony Musa. On behalf of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) present are the Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevara; Public Relations Officer, Victor Jiménez, and; Language Access Coordinator Ronal Avila. Special Guest includes Monica Rizo from Office of the State Superintendent of Education.

6:42 P.M. Deputy Director Guity-Guevara shares with the Commissioners the calendar of the upcoming meetings at the request of Chairman Garcia. Commissioners receive a hard copy and email of the upcoming monthly meetings and events. The events include, but are not limited to the D.C. Fresh Start 5K, the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in January 2019, Budget Engagement Forums, 1, 2, and 3 and the State of the District Address (SODA), to be held in March 2019.

6:47 P.M. – The Commissioners discuss the Hispanic Heritage Month activities which include five main events, the kickoff which will take place at the Columbia Heights Plaza on September 13. Further, there will be Latino Feet D.C. which will take place on Saturday, September 29, a breakfast with senior citizens on October 4. There will also an Exhibition and Panel Discussion on Identities of Latin American and the Caribbean at a Museum of the Americas on October 12, and a Gala or Noche Cultural and Closing Ceremony on October 17. Mr. Jiménez, will provide more details and coordinate the events with the Commissioners. Chairman Garcia requests for contingency operations for the first event, the kickoff, to ensure that there is a plan in place for potential rains or extreme heat.

6:55 P.M. – Mr. Guity-Guvera provides an overview of the outcomes Mayor's Bowser recent trip to San Salvador. Press coverage of the Mayor's trip to San Salvador is highlighted. Mr. Jiménez indicated that they Mayor did issue three press releases in relation to the trip and newspaper coverage by Telemudo, Tiempo Latino, Washington Hispanic.

7:00 P.M. – Eduardo Guity addresses his experience participating in the Back to School event that he attended. He noticed this was a well attended the event. He indicates that there were long lines to receive backpacks and that in the future Commissioners can help expedite the process and reduce the wait time.

7:00 P.M. – Chairman Garcia moves the discussion to the Schools Chancellor Search Community Engagement Forum. There are two meetings for the solicitation of the new Chancellor, Tuesday, August 28th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Savoy Elementary School, and Tuesday, September 11th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Brookland Middle School. A request is made to have Mayor Bowser attend more events related to Hispanic Heritage Month. There is a request for further discussion related to honoring Mayor Bowser at the October 17th event. Commissioner Dr. Gomez will be leading this task. Dr. Gomez will follow up on this discussion in our meeting in September.

7:35 P.M. – Chairman Garcia brings the discussion to the Immigration Justice Legal Services (IJLS) Grant. Mr. Guity-Guevara shares the successes of Mayor Bowser's signature program of which 500k were allocated during FY17, FY18 and FY19. He mentioned that this year an additional \$400k is being allocated. Since FY17, \$1,900,000 has been invested. There were 67 "Know Your Rights" Sessions, over 2,700 immigrants have been touched, there are 572 ongoing cases, and 92 asylum cases opened, also 333 attorneys have been trained.

7:42 P.M. – The Commission will be monitoring the situation about potential help that DC immigrant families may need. During the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 10, 2018, the Commissioners will address the pending review of its mission statement that was discussed during the retreat and the proposed FY19 events calendar.

7:49 P.M. – Chairman Garcia adjourns the meeting.