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Commission on Latino Community Development

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6:30pm-7:30pm

The Chair of the Commission Jonny Garcia opened the meeting at 6:34pm and provided welcoming remarks to the commissioners that attended the meeting. Participants included commissioners Johnny Garcia, Dr. Angelo Gomez, Jessie Hernandez, Margarita Dilone, Gustavo Viteri, and Alida Sanchez. On behalf of the Mayors' Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) participant included the Language Access Coordinator, Ronal Avila and the Deputy Director, Julio Guity-Guevara.

Commissioner Alida Sanchez was designated note taker for the meeting. Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevara reported about MOLA's expectation to conduct a Cinco de Mayo celebration event. He also provided information about the recently announced trip of Mayor Muriel Bowser to El Salvador, which has been scheduled for July 21-27, 2018. It is expected that during the mission trip Mayor Bowser will sign a sister's city agreement with San Salvador. He also notified the commissioners that MOLA is already making the arrangements to start the FY19 grant cycle of the Latino Community Development Grants and the Immigration Justice Legal Services Grants. Community based organizations that expect to apply should be also start the preparation process. The FY19 grants cycle will start soon, so that execution of the agreements can take place from October 1, 2019.

During the meeting, the Commissioners engaged in a constructive dialogue focused on the execution of a capacity building training program and retreat. Participants of the meeting included three guests; Sandra P. Buteau, Executive Leadership Development Coach and Howard University's School of Nursing Team, Dr. Nekechi Enwerem, and Ms. Cathy Madison. Ms. Madison explained about the need to identify areas of collaboration with Howard University. She also said that Howard is engaged in a Request for Application (RFP) for an innovative nursing grants program for vulnerable population, therefore, the interest in reaching out to the Latino community to participate in the program.

The proposed program will provide free health screening and digital tools to track health progress and an educational video. The goal is to teach people about how to track health diet plans and distribute bi-lingual material. This program generally awards 4 grants nationwide; each grantee receives an estimate of \$50,000.00. Dr. Enwerem who teaches at Howard University Nursing School along with Dr. Okunji will work together to educate the community. The Letter of Intent is due the end of April and the program will be executed from the fall of 2018 to the fall 2019.



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Commissioner Margarita Dilone explained about the Greater Hispanic Chamber Commerce senior citizen event that will take place on October 4th at the Convention Center, they expect that there will be approximately 600 attendees. Commissioner Jonny Garcia suggested that the Howard University team and other interested stakeholders should apply for MOLA grants if they expect to work with a significant number of Latino residents. Commissioner Gustavo Viteri shared information about the Carlos Rosario Nursing assistant program.

Sandra Bateau, the proposed Facilitator for the Commission's Capacity Building and Retreat training program, introduced herself and was available to gather input from the Commissioners for the retreat. She is an Attorney with over 20 year career coach experience at American University and Georgetown University. She has previously worked with MOLA to provide training to Latino students of the Summer Youth Employment Program. The retreat is expected to take place on Saturday, May 19th 2018.

Commissioners provided input about their expectation during the retreat. They explained that the goal is to have the Commissioners share their interests and have a better understanding of everyone's background, so that the Commission can build from each other strengths. Commissioners also expect to have a better understanding of the policies, programs of the city and the priorities and goals of the Mayor.

Director Jackie Reyes joined the meeting through conference call and excused herself for not being able to attend in person. She thanked Ms. Sandra P. Buteau, Dr. Nekechi Enwerem and Ms. Cathy Madison for joining the meeting. She also confirmed MOLA's commitment to supporting the planning process of the retreat.

Ronald Avila, MOLA's Language Access Coordinator explained about the need to execute initiatives to bring awareness to DC agencies about the language access program. Commissioner Jessie Hernandez informed about an incoming event of Unidos U.S., organization previously known as NCLR. He requested that Commissioners try to coordinate participation with the MOLA staff. This event has been scheduled to take place from July 7, 2018 to July 10, 2018 t, 2018 Gustavo Viteri and Johnny Garcia will be attending.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled to take place on May 17, 2018 at 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.