



Agenda

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Immigration Committee
December 2, 2014
500 Market Station, Suite 200
Round House Conference Room
4:30pm to 6:00pm

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5. Community Comments
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 - b. Dates and times for 2015 Meeting Calendar – Alejandra Seluja
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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2014
Market Street Offices, Santa Fe, NM
4:30 pm – 6:15 pm**

MINUTES

1. Maria Cristina Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the absence of the Chair. A quorum exists and reflected in roll call.
2. Roll call constitutes a quorum.

Present:

Maria Cristina Lopez
Elizabeth Hemmer
Javier Rios
Cara Esquibel
Cecilia Tadfor
Marcela Diaz
Amparo Guerrero

Not Present

Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, Excused
Alejandra Seluja. Excused

Others Present

Jeff Green
Terry Rodríguez, Director
Dale Lettenberger, Santa Fe City Police Department and Staff Liaison
Julia Valdez, Santa Fe County Representative for Commissioner Stefanics
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Hemmer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2014

Ms. Diaz moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014, second by Ms. Hemmer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. Announcement

December 10, 2014 – Ms. Diaz invited the members to attend the City Council meeting for support of the Ordinance and Resolution on Wage Theft.

A copy of the Letter, Ordinance and Resolution will be sent to the committee members prior to December 10th. It was explained that anyone wanting to make comments at the City Council meeting would need to attend the evening session under public comments.

The committee members were invited to the Annual Fundraiser for SOMOS at El Campanario at 5:30 pm; date to be sent to staff and an e-mail will be sent to all members.

Ms. Diaz suggested that a member from the Immigration Committee be a part of the work group related to the Resolution on Wage Theft as introduced by Councilor Maestas.

SOMOS is joining Adelante to conduct an educational forum regarding DAPA. The forum will be January 6, 2015.

Mr. Rios said that he would send information from the Bernalillo County Initiative to the committee members as a resource via e-mail.

Mr. Rios, through DOH will be focusing on how immigrant communities will be served after the first of the year as the uninsured population.

SOLACE has a book sale the week of December 1st through Friday, December 5th.

On December 5th, from 3-7 pm they will have an Arts and Crafts Fair at Warehouse 21.

6. Community Comments

Jeff Green, Social Justice Activist reviewed the agenda and will participate through the meeting on items of interest. Thank you for attending.

7. New Business

a. President Obama's announcement

Ms. Hemmer reported – Catholic Charities is looking for bi-lingual people to help complete forms. It was noted that it is not only Spanish Speaking they are looking for individuals who can also speak with the non-English population. It was suggested that Catholic Charities services be utilized, as there is no charge; legal services are expensive. It was noted that the NM Immigrant Law Center is using SOMOS once a week. It was estimated that the fee to the government is \$485 for DACA. Ms. Hemmer said that she would like to see more outreach done to the northern region of the North. Exhibit A – Administrative Relief through Catholic Charities.

Ms. Hemmer recommended that Cathy Freeze be contacted at Catholic Charities in Albuquerque.

Ms. Diaz made reference to the 3-year work documents; travel stipulations were discussed. SOMOS will be providing legal services to DAPA eligible individuals. There are approximately 5,000 people eligible in Santa Fe and SOMOS is deliberating on how they can help. 90% of the undocumented males in New Mexico are in the workforce.

It was stressed that only legal advice be received for this sensitive topic. Ms. Diaz said that after January SOMOS would have legal attorneys to help answer any questions during clinics. The proposed dates for this session will be March and April 2015.

The Acting Chair would like to have a meeting with the Mayor. Ms. Diaz said that the Mayor did make a public statement to the press after Obama's announcement. There were councilor's who participated in a tele-conference to lend their support from the city after the President's announcement. Ms. Diaz said that she believes the city should be providing legal services to assist our immigrants. Ms. Diaz said that there are 2 immigration Attorney's in Santa Fe and they charge \$2000 to complete a DAPA, which makes it hard for the immigrant population to get their applications completed. Ms. Diaz said she is hopeful to have a matching grant to pull for private and public funding. Ms. Diaz referred to Ms. Rodriguez, Staff Liaison for her advice on how to approach the city for this funding. Ms. Diaz said that they will be collaborating and meeting with many of the local public and private entities to explain that this could be an economic development loss. Ms. Rodriguez said that the Economic Development Division would need to be contacted prior to the next fiscal year to discuss what financial support is available.

The Immigration Committee next step is to organize meetings in order to identify the partners, discuss who would be the agent on record for added funding to help the individuals who seek help with the DAPA applications. Follow up would be meetings with the Mayor and City Councilor's and with the Economic Development Division.

Ms. Diaz recommends and requested that the Immigration Committee be a co-sponsor for the Educational Forum for DAPA in January 2015 and asked if staff could present to the Mayor and City Manager for consideration.

Ms. Diaz clarified that in some cases Attorney's are needed and for others say DAPA for example; they can be completed without a dedicated attorney; it could be volunteers or law students, etc.

Many state leaders are speaking out to support the Citizens United for Immigration Workforce. Positive reaffirmation to get others involved is important.

Mr. Rios will speak with the office of the Mexican Consulate to address this important action and seek their support.

b. Dates and Times for 2015 Meeting Calendar

Schedule was presented verbally to the committee and informed that the 1st Tuesday of the month is being proposed. It was recommended that July 2015 not be a meeting date for the Immigration Committee. Committee concurred and approved that Ms. Rodriguez move forward with the City Clerk's office.

8. Old Business

a. Action about potential issues with Driver's Licenses during Legislative Session

The sub-committee did not meet prior to this meeting. Ms. Diaz will let us know when the Immigration Day of Action will be held. Ms. Diaz will meet with Chief Lettenberger to discuss the data collected from the Santa Fe Police Department. A future meeting date was set for December 9th at 12:00 noon.

9. Communication from Staff

None

10. Communications from Committee

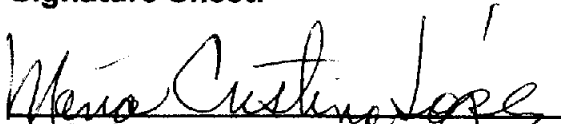
None

11. Next Meeting and Adjourn

January 6, 2015 – Next Meeting Date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Signature Sheet:



Maria Cristina Lopez, Acting Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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	Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) Program	Expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program (continued)
		NOTE: To apply for DACA, you still must be at least 15 years old, and you must have entered the U.S. before your 16 th birthday. Visit the USCIS website to learn more about the other requirements: www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals .

When can I apply?	The government is not accepting applications now. They expect to begin accepting applications in approximately 180 days (i.e., May 20, 2015).	If you meet the old criteria for DACA, you can apply now. However, if you qualify for DACA under the new criteria, you will have to wait to apply. USCIS will begin accepting applications under the new criteria in approximately 90 days (i.e., February 18, 2015).
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What steps can I take now? Gather documents to see if you qualify for the program.

Note: It is best to collect documents that have the following information: your name, the date, and show that you were in the United States.

DAPA	DACA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proof that you were in the U.S. on November 20, 2014.</i> If you haven't already, get proof that you were in the U.S. on this day. For example, a bank statement, records from a doctor's office, or other proof. • <i>Proof of Relationship to U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident children:</i> Birth Certificate of son or daughter, or other proof. • <i>Proof that your son or daughter is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident:</i> Passport, Birth Certificate, Naturalization Certificate, Lawful Permanent Resident card ("green card"), or other proof. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proof of education or military service:</i> School transcripts, high school diploma, GED, certificate from high school or other qualifying education program. <p>To meet the military service requirement, you must show that you are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or U.S. Armed Forces.</p>
<i>Proof of Identity:</i> Passport, Birth Certificate, National Identity Document, and other documents.	
<i>Proof of having lived in the U.S. since January 1, 2010:</i> Rent Receipts or Mortgage Payment Records, Medical Records, Employment Records, Bank Statements, Tax Records, Church Records, School Records, and other documents.	
<i>Criminal and juvenile history records:</i> See "How to Get Your Criminal Records Guide" at http://www.adminrelief.org/resources/attachment.259796	

WARNING! Beware of scams. Get help from a licensed attorney or Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited representative. Find legal help at www.adminrelief.org/legalhelp or at www.ccasfnm.org

Exhibit A

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President Obama's Immigration Announcement

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced executive actions to address problems in our immigration system including an expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the creation of the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) program.

What is deferred action?

Under deferred action, the government will not place people who meet certain requirements into deportation proceedings. It is sort of like the government saying: "We know you are in the country without permission or lawful immigration status, and we could deport you, but we will postpone any action on deporting you." It does not mean that a person with an approved deferred action request has legal immigration status, a visa or a green card. And it is not a path to citizenship. However, a person with deferred action is protected from deportation temporarily, and is eligible for a work permit.

What are these programs?

DACA and DAPA are immigration programs that allow those who qualify to stay in the United States and get permission to work for three years

	Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) Program	Expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program
Who qualifies?	<p>To qualify for DAPA, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the parent of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident ("green card holder") son or daughter born on or before November 20, 2014; • Have lived in the U.S. since January 1, 2010; • Be here in the U.S. on November 20, 2014 <i>and</i> on the date you apply for deferred action; • Have no lawful immigration status in the U.S. on November 20, 2014; and • Submit to, and pass, security and criminal background checks. 	<p>Most of the requirements to DACA have not changed, but there are some changes that may allow more people to qualify.</p> <p>Here are the changes to DACA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no longer an age cap. If you were told before that you were too old to qualify for DACA this may mean that you now qualify as long as you meet the other criteria. • The President changed how long you must have lived in the United States to qualify for DACA. Before, you were required to show that you lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007. <i>Now</i>, DACA will cover people who have lived in the U.S. since January 1, 2010. • DACA and a work permit will be for three-year periods. Starting November 24, 2014, people who apply for DACA for the first-time or to renew, will receive deferred action and permission to work for three years. If you have already been approved for DACA renewal, it is still valid for two years, but check for updates because the government is looking into ways of extending it to three years. • If you have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime, or associated with gangs, or if you are unsure about your criminal history, you should get a copy of your criminal history and talk to an attorney to learn if you are eligible for DACA.

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