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## IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

**Market Station**

**Conference Room**

**500 Market Station**

**4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: December 15, 2015
4. Community Comments
5. New Business:
  - a. Presentation by Miguel Acosta
  - b. KSVW Radio Station
  - c. Discussion about Immigration Committee Members Term Dates
  - d. City Services Accessible to Immigrants
  - e. Translated Forms and Interpreters
6. Old Business:
  - a. Driver's License Update
  - b. Follow-up on letter to SFPS Police Chief
  - c. Follow-up to the report to City Council about all action items for the year
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
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**Immigration Committee  
500 Market Street, Railyard Offices  
Santa Fe, NM  
January 12, 2016  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. The Immigration Committee was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Chair Alejandra Seluja. A quorum was established by roll call.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Alejandra Seluja, Chair  
Javier Rios  
Maria Cristina Lopez  
Cara Esquibel  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca  
Amparo Guerrero  
MariaJose Ugalde-Alcazar  
Marcela Diaz

**Excused**

Elizabeth Hemmer

**Others Present**

Chris Sanchez, City of Santa Fe  
Linda Vigil, Stenographer  
Israel Muterperl  
Adrienne Barboa, Strong Families NM  
Cecy Velasco, Strong Families NM  
Miguel Acosta, SFPS  
Sgt. Judah Montano, Santa Fe City Police  
Kiana Maldonado  
Mildred (Last name not given), Senior at Monte del Sol in the Mentorship program with Ms. Diaz  
Mayela Estrada, Senior at Monte del Sol in the Mentorship program with Ms. Diaz

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Lopez asked to consolidate the items d.) and e.) as one item.

***Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the agenda as amended with a second by Ms. Lopez which passed by voice vote.***

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 15, 2015**

*Ms. Lopez moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2015 as presented, with a second by Ms. Esquibel which passed by voice vote.*

### **4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

There were no community comments.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Presentation by Miguel Acosta**

Chair Seluja welcomed Mr. Acosta who is the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Santa Fe Public Schools.

Mr. Acosta introduced himself and explained his role at SFPS. He wanted to attend the meeting and meet the committee. He discussed his strategies for translation services and immigrant outreach to students and families.

Mr. Acosta shared his ideas for resources and ways to help find jobs for these students and their families. He would like to see the bilingual Educational Assistants in the schools get paid for their skills, and perhaps start classes for those who aren't bilingual. Also, teach the Spanish speaking parents English. He would also like to partner with other organizations to start a parent academy or a resource center.

Mr. Acosta discussed the current matter with the middle schools. He will be attending the School Board meeting tonight, there still has not been a resolution to this situation. He believes there is not a voice for the hispano/latino youth and he would like assistance from any member of the committee that can help with how to engage them.

Ms. Esquibel discussed the letter that the sub-committee wrote to the SFPS over three years ago that went unanswered. There were many questions about protocol for students that need assistance. It was decided that the subcommittee and Mr. Sanchez will schedule a meeting with Mr. Acosta to discuss. Many of the issues are possible civil rights issues.

Mr. Acosta is open to meeting about those matters. He briefly discussed the graduation rates.

Chair Seluja thanked Mr. Acosta for coming to the meeting and sharing his ideas.

#### **b. KSVW Radio Station**

Chair Seluja reported that Estevan Gonzales from the radio station could not be here tonight but is very open to the needs of the committee and recruitment.

#### **c. Discussion about Immigration Committee Members Term Dates**

Chair Seluja officially welcomed Ms. Ugalde-Alcazar as the newest member to the committee. Mr. Sanchez met with the Mayor, he found that all member's terms have expired. Mr. Sanchez explained now there is one vacancy left to fill and it is a good time to see what is missing on the committee. He distributed the description that lists the membership requirements. (See Exhibit A)

A discussion was held on the different immigrant communities within the City. There are many ways to reach them.

Mr. Muterperl mentioned that he was able to speak with a member of the group Santa Fe Justice for Palestine and they are willing to attend and possibly join the committee.

Chair Seluja discussed the importance of representing each group based on the requirements of the resolution. A brief discussion was held about the demographics of the City, Mr. Sanchez will gather that information.

Ms. Guerrero discussed the importance of letting the community know that the meetings are open to everyone. The committee is here to represent all immigrant communities.

A discussion was held about the different immigrant communities, there was a member on the committee several years ago from a different community but that member did not stay on. Ms. Diaz mentioned if the committee needs to be extended the Mayor would allow it, that way there is more representation of the different immigrant communities.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca discussed the use of the radio station to outreach to the different communities. A brief discussion was held about using social media, perhaps a Facebook page to outreach. Ms. Ugalde-Alcazar knows a graphic designer who can help make flyers to explain what the Committee does.

Chair Seluja asked that all members have their letters of intent submitted by the end of the month.

#### **d. City Services Accessible to Immigrants and Translated Forms and Interpreters**

Chair Seluja discussed the issue brought up by the City Attorney's Office that there is not any resources or funds to translate legal documents.

Ms. Diaz discussed the civil rights violations in this issue when it pertains to wage documents. There is Federal funding and in other departments for this particular service.

Ms. Lopez stated this was an issue since years before. The services are not accessible. Ms. Lopez would like to know what the committee can do collectively to address it with the City. Can the committee survey and ask other committees and departments if they were given funding for the translation service.

A discussion was held about addressing this specific issue with the City Attorney and sending a copy to the City Councilors.

Ms. Maldonado suggested using legal students to provide the service. A brief discussion was held about the translators having to be certified.

***Ms. Lopez moved to send a letter from the committee to the Mayor, City Attorney and City Council advising them of their concern surrounding the civil rights violation of not having materials or interpreters for the Spanish speaking community, with a second from Ms. Esquibel the vote passed by voice vote.***

### **6. Old Business:**

#### **a. Driver's License Update**

Ms. Diaz announced there will be a human chain around the capital while the Governor gives her State of the State address opening day of the Legislative session. Also, Immigrant Day of Action is January 25, 2016 and there is a need for volunteers. There will be training before the event.

Ms. Esquibel would like to get flyers to give to students and parents. She introduced Ms. Maldonado who is here from Oaxaca, Mexico. While here she is working with Earthcare and will be able to assist on that day.

Ms. Diaz reported that there is a Senate bill that is a compromise. There is another House bill from a Representative that will save the state money and remove the burden to get the Real ID. The third bill from the House of Representatives forces immigrants to get their permit every year and requires several steps making it very difficult.

Chair Seluja reminded the members to be mindful of the media and the information going out to the community.

**b. Follow Up on Letter to SFPS Police Chief**

Chair Seluja thanked Sgt. Montano for attending the meeting tonight. She explained the issue brought up with the Chief of Police was regarding the protocol used during the arrest of the individual. There is language in the resolution, in which the department cannot use municipal resources when making an arrested. She is still waiting for a response and will follow up.

Mr. Montano was briefed and told it was moved to the City Attorney's Office for handling. Ms. Diaz asked if it went through the channels by the Internal Affairs Department. Mr. Montano was unclear but only knows where the case is at this time.

**c. Follow Up to the report to City Council about all action items for the year**

Chair Seluja reported that there is no date to present to city council, until it is this item will remain on the agendas.

**7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members**

There was a brief discussion about the national raids going on with immigrants.

Ms. Ugalde-Alcazar announced an even at Earthcare on January 18<sup>th</sup>. 2016. It will be a discussion about social justice and resources to move it forward.

Mr. Rios announced Strong Families NM Day is January 28, 2016. There is transportation available.

**8. Report from Staff**

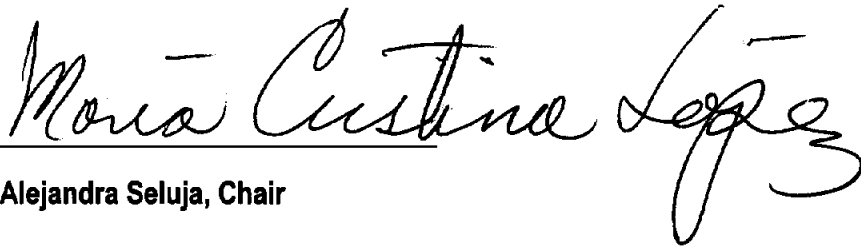
There was no report from staff.

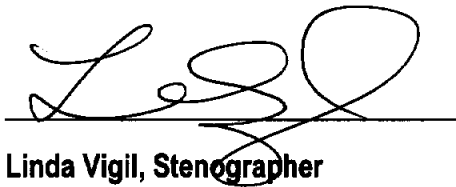
The next meeting will be February 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

***There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.***

**Signatures:**

  
Alejandra Seluja, Chair

  
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

## IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

**CREATING AUTHORITY:** Adopted on January 16, 2002 by Resolution No. 2002-3. Amended by Resolution 2002-58 amending the members.

**MEMBERS:** The committee membership shall consist of nine representatives residing in the county of Santa Fe and selected from the following areas: human rights, social services, business community, health care, labor organizations, religious community, youth services providers, women's advocacy groups, educators and legal services.

**TERMS:** The members shall serve for a period of two years. The committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and may be removed at any time, with or without cause.

**CHAIRPERSON:** The members shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the governing body. The chairperson shall be appointed by the mayor and the vice-chairperson shall be designated by the committee.

**STAFF LIAISON:** The city manager shall designate the intercultural affairs planner or other city staff as staff liaison to the committee.

**MEETING TIMES:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Monthly  
4:00 p.m.

**STAFF LIAISON:** Terrie Rodriguez  
(955-6603)

On January 13, 1999, the governing body adopted Resolution No. 1999-6 declaring a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of a person's national origin and appointing an immigration task force.

The Immigration Task Force established by Resolution No. 1999-6 is hereby renamed the "Immigration Committee".

The committee shall monitor the human rights status of non-citizens residing in the city of Santa Fe and report its findings and recommendations to the governing body.