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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Market Station

Conference Room

500 Market Station

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

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2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2016
4. Community Comments
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(Councilors Maestas and Villarreal) (Chris Sanchez)
 - b. Recommend approval to join National Welcoming Committee Program
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 - Welcoming Communities
 - Education
 - Social Media & Communications
 - Refugee Resettlement
 - Police Department
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4:30 pm - 6:02pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Ms. Alejandra Seluja, Chair for the Immigration Committee called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the City of Santa Fe Market Station Conference Room. Roll call reflects a quorum.

PRESENT:

**Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Maria Cristina Lopez
Elizabeth Hemmer
Amparo Guerrero
Marcela Diaz
Susan Hayre
Maria Jose Ugalde-Alcazar
Javier Rios**

NOT PRESENT:

Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, Excused.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

**City Councilor Maestas
City Councilor Rene Villarreal
Lt. Judah Montano**

Audience: Presenters

**Miraj Bukhari-Frayer, Santa Fe Refugee Collaborative
Rev. Tony Aja, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Cathy Garcia, Youth Works
Linda Siegel, Santa Fe Community College
Wynn Lewis, Santa Fe Friends Meeting
Ken Duncan, American Federation of Teachers, Member
Jim Harrington, Retired Lawyer
Sheila Lewis, Director of Santa Fe Safe
Mike Archuleta, Member of the Northern NM Labor Council
Tomas Rivera, Chain Breaker
Mayor David Coss
Mary Ellen Gonzales, Past Member of the YMCA
Fran Lucero, Stenographer**

2. Approval of Agenda
Ms. Lopez moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Hayre, motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
3. Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2016
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4. Community Comments

Miraj Bukhari-Frayer: Representing the Santa Fe Refugee Collaborative; a grassroots organization stated back in October 2016. We have two non-profit organizations, Lutheran Family Services and Catholic Charities who are currently working formally with the refugees through the federal government. We have approximately 7,000 refugees that have come in to the United States. We have an estimated 1,000 mostly coming from Somalia and Syria. To define refugees, most of them have come from moratorium countries. On a community level she has always advocated for peace and justice, she has lives most of her life travelling through the world as a child and I want to advocate for them and their future. Lutheran and Catholic Charities can only offer help for 3-4 months and the transition is a very difficult one as it is up to them to figure out how they proceed. It is necessary for the community to come together and collaborate how we do things in a positive way. Contact information for Miraj will be shared with the committee. It was noted that we do have refugees in Santa Fe that have come from South America. Thank you to Alegra Love who did a presentation on Immigration 101 to assist and provide information.

The Chair noted that we do have a sub-committee, Welcoming Communities that is actively working with the immigrants who are reaching the US.

Ms. Diaz asked about the mention of the ICNM. Miraj stated that this is the acronym for Islamic Center of New Mexico and they are working with Catholic Charities. Ms. Diaz stated that we were aware that there was a plan to bring families from Syria: do you know what happened with that? Miraj stated that currently they are trying to designate those families as panelists; there are 7 families from Syria and Iraq. Each family has volunteered to come there are some who are single with 2-3 children. She also added that they have translators available to assist the families when they arrive in Santa Fe. There are 7 families. Transportation is worked out through the Jewish temple, they are others who help.

What is a panelist? Panelists are comprised of refugees who want to share their stories and communicate to the public where their stories begin. They talk about their goals and what they would like to achieve.

Catholic Charities is providing low-income housing for 3-4 months and are in Albuquerque.

The Chair expressed her thanks and appreciates the information and looks forward to future collaboration.

Rev. Tony Aja, Westminster Presbyterian Church, very involved with the undocumented immigrants. He asked the committee members to support the Resolution related to strengthening the sanctuary city items.

City Councilor Renee Villarreal attended the meeting, expressed her thanks to the Immigration Committee for all their hard work. Councilor Villarreal is a co-sponsor of the Resolution and clarified that there are changes to the resolution and those updates should be reviewed. There is some confusion about language and the Councilor feels strongly that they can be worked out. They are not huge issues, we are on a good path. We had something in place in the 80's and 99 that talked about non-discrimination for the city and also the fact that we are a sanctuary city and we have those values. Councilor Villarreal looks forward to seeing this Resolution go through the review process. Thank you.

Cathy Garcia from Youth Works: Thank you for strengthening the process. Part of the population that they work with are students that are undocumented and sometimes requirements for the DAPA application is that they be working on GED and education and Youth Works can provide for that. The day after the election there was a big population that expressed their concerns. As a caregiver for this population of students it was hard to not be able to tell this group of students what the future would hold for them after the election. She is pleased to see that Santa Fe is pulling together to show that vulnerable population that there are people here to support and protect them. We stand in solidarity with our immigrant population. Santa Fe is a place where families can be safe and we thank the City for their support.

Linda Siegel, Santa Fe Community College Board Member – SFCC was the first community college in New Mexico to pass a resolution declaring SFCC a sanctuary campus. Thank you for support for the Santa Fe Resolution. One thing that SFCC put in their Resolution was that we would want to work with the city, county, public schools and the college as all this unfolds and assure that they want to collaborate and assist to coordinate action. It was reiterated that SFCC would like to be included in the wording of the Resolution.

Ms. Wynn Lewis representing Santa Fe Friends meeting, a faith community of Quakers in Santa Fe. Noted that they are in support of this Resolution and want Santa Fe to be a safe community, not just be considered a sanctuary city and it does not feel safe enough yet. We believe that our neighbors, friends and co-workers need to know they are safe so their children when going to school are safe and protected. One part of the resolution (provided a report on an individual who left municipal court was apprehended, he was taken to the detention center in El Paso where he is still detained). This young man has no contacts nor does he know anyone in Mexico; his family ties are in Santa Fe. The confidentiality policy needs to be strengthened in the Resolution, how did ICE know he was there. (Exhibit A -Provided a list of people supporting the Resolution).

Ken Duncan, American Federation of Teachers and a Trustee for the Northern NM Central Labor Council. Expressed his thanks to Councilors Maestas and Villarreal for sponsoring this resolution. He stated that they are proud to live and work in a city that has had a sanctuary policy for over 10 years. That is a policy that helps them as Labor organizers and representatives of the labor movement to maintain labor standards for labor rights. The Labor Council passed a resolution last month in favor of what we call a Resolution for sanctuary everywhere in Santa Fe and it speaks in favor of the Resolution that has been proposed to the City Council and it asks specifically that the city Administration do six things (outlined in Exhibit B). We are proud and happy to live and work in a city that has had a Sanctuary policy.

Mr. Jim Harrington, Retired Lawyer and taught Constitutional Law, he has also volunteered pro-bono with SOMOS who was involved in putting together this Resolution. He talked about the fear that some people have regarding the loss of federal funding. It is hard to make predictions in that area, the Constitutional Law that governs this has only developed in the last twenty-five years and especially in the last 4 years. The Supreme Court has placed more and more severe restrictions on what the federal government can do to compel cities and states to enforce its laws. Because this law is so new it is hard to have everyone compel, it is a work in progress. Because of that and what we don't know at this point, we don't know what is going to come out of this Congress or administration. It is hard to make predictions but the one thing I can safely say is that this resolution puts us in a more defensible legal position than our current sanctuary policy. This strengthens and puts us in a better position. As stated, it is hard to predict.

Sheila Lewis, Director of Santa Fe Safe, which is the Coordinated Community Response Council for Santa Fe. She noted that her job is to work on behalf of the city of Santa Fe to assure that sexual assault and domestic violence services are coordinated and helpful for everybody in the city. It is very

important to Santa Fe Safe and all service providers that everyone be covered and feel safe and be safe, that is the most important thing. One of the things that U-Visa does is helps people with their Visa status if they have cooperated with the Police Department regarding a crime. There are many ways to get this process going but the very first step is to get a law enforcement agency to certify that you were a victim of a crime and you did cooperate. Ms. Lewis stated that she is very gratified that the Mayor and the Chief of Police have asked her to serve as their Counsel to get those certifications through. Ms. Lewis strongly supports this resolution.

Mike Archuleta, Union Member of the Northern NM Labor Council, which is an affiliation of the New Mexico Federation of Labor, which is affiliated with the AFL/CIO. In 2008 AFL/CIO saw fit to affiliate SOMOS un Pueblo Unido in to their organization. Seeing the importance of the immigrant community, maybe members of the AFL/CIO have generations of immigrants too. I too have ancestors that are immigrants to this community. I don't know anyone who is a true Native to this country other than the Native Americans that live here. Arizona has passed Senate Bill 1070, which authorizes the right to ask your immigration status just because of the color of your skin. Unlike Arizona our laws in In NM prohibit any person asking what your immigration status. In New Mexico our immigrant population is about 98% and we have about 12.6% of businesses that are founded by immigrants. Many immigrants face significant obstacles when settling in the US even when they prove that they can add real economic values. In Santa Fe with our tourism where would we be without our immigrant community. Please pass this resolution and support our Mayor for a productive Sanctuary city. I Quote President of AFL/CIO, "Our broken immigration system exposes immigrant workers to exploitation, poverty wages and inadequate and unsafe working conditions and wage theft. When a segment of our society suffers we all suffer. A rationale and humane immigration system will build a strong society and protect all working people regardless of immigration status from sub-standard wages and bad working conditions. Mr. Archuleta reiterated his support of this Resolution.

Tomas Rivera – Chain Breaker Collective is a membership led economic and environmental justice organization, they are a Civil Rights Organization here in Santa Fe and they have over 600 due paying members. Almost all members live in Santa Fe and many of who are immigrants, children of immigrants or grandchildren of immigrants of mixed families of immigrants. They stand in support of this resolution to strengthen the Santa Fe Sanctuary status. We also do community organizing, we knock on doors and talk to people who use public transit. One of the biggest barriers they run in to is the fear, people are afraid to open their door because they are afraid they are going to be targeted by ICE agents, they are not confident that they are safe. The sanctuary status that we have now helps strengthen that it is the fight

thing to do. It will help make all levels of civic communications much easier, it strengthens support and safety. There are people who will not talk to each other because one of their members may be undocumented. Mr. Rivera shared a personal story; his family goes back 7 generations. He spoke about his grandmother and the fear to speak in Spanish based on immigration status and fear that she could be deported. It is important to communicate that we are a safe community and it is encouraged to pass this Resolution.

Mayor David Coss – Thank you to Councilor Villarreal and Councilor Maestas for moving forward on this resolution. It is a perfect time to tell the world that we are Santa Fe. I know that people worry about them taking our federal funds, but if that is all we are worried about, shame on us. That is not who we are. The suppression that the families are experiencing is not what Santa Fe is all about. We need to be ready to be Santa Fe and take the next step. People will look back, now is when we have to say something.

Mary Ellen Gonzales, served on the YMCA 10 years ago and on the school board. The YMCA had a program to teach English to speak to parents at Pinon School, there were at that time over 14 different languages that were taught. At that time students were happy to speak their language and to bring their parents to also learn English. ICE became very visible and the program disappeared because of the loss of federal funding. Our immigrants are an important part of our community and they are human, all people were created equal. Thank you Councilor Maestas and Councilor Villarreal and we hope for support of the 7 Councilors.

Laura – member of SOMOS un Pueblo Unido. She has provided a complaint for loss of wages for herself and her co-workers. We did not receive minimum wage, we are here to ask that everyone support this Resolution. We know that under the leadership of President Trump there will be fear in the lives of immigrants, the employers are going to continue to threaten them saying that they will call ICE. The fear will continue, the students in schools have heard a lot in school for example they are being told if they are approached by anyone that they should not get close to anyone.

5. New Business / Action Items

- a. A Resolution reaffirming, with pride, the status of the City of Santa Fe as a “Sanctuary” for immigrants and calling for the strengthening of policies that will reinforce this status.

Councilor Maestas, clarified that the Resolution presented today is the most up to date document and has been through legal review. It was introduced on December 14th and the City Attorney had issues with it. After several iterations they came to an agreement on a final version of the Resolution. It does not in anyway dilute the intent of what we are

trying to do. Page 6 shows the signature from the City Attorney; her job is to certify the form and she did a more formal legal analysis of the Resolution. The policy track: from Immigration it will go to the Finance Committee on January 17th and to City Council on January 25th. This legislation is a pro-active change as opposed to a political reaction. We are doubling down on who we are as Mayor Coss said, this is very bold, this is not simply a reaffirmation, and this is a strengthening of these policies. There have been a series of policy changes and are outlined in detail in the Whereas; section. (Exhibit C) We have a lot of people to thank , thank you to Mayor Coss, this is part of his legacy and we are in a position to build on that legacy. AS a sponsor and co-author, he is very proud to bring this forward. SOMOS knows that the City has been a partner for many years, it is a pleasure to be an advocate for immigrants. Mayor Coss and Councilor Maestas received one of the highest awards that can be given to non-Mexican citizens from the country and government of Mexico who have advocate for Mexican citizens outside the county. It is a very significant award and proud to have received this award with Mayor Coss. This will strengthen our status in support of our immigrants. Councilor Maestas discussed some of the changes: Page 4, (1-10).

The Chair said that they are working with the Welcoming Committee and wants to make sure that there is some language to include all immigrants that come to our city. The needs of refugees are different from some immigrants. The Immigration Committee will review if they have any recommendations within 30-days.

Councilor Maestas, thank you for the list of organizations that are supporting this resolution. Councilors Maestas and Villarreal have reached out to the other Councilors and Mayor and hope to have them all sign on.

Ms. Diaz said that this creates a framework for future action and believes that the role of the Immigration Committee is importation and a working committee should be created with other governments. This is so that one government who has taken a stand isn't shouldering that responsibility on their own but working with others in the community to get legal information, to share the information and how we can work together to provide a united front if there are challenges. We talk a lot about language access on this committee, it isn't directing the city to translate all documents; it is creating the framework to identify the future needs. The Immigration Committee's role is to advise the governing body on how we can do better in this community. The genesis of this had a lot of community input from organizations, legal counsel but most important are the families that expressed their concern on how their families could

be protected and be in Santa Fe. It was about 50 immigrant families who sat at SOMOS and talked about what could be done to make them feel safer.

Councilor Maestas said that the governmental process flows through the direction and implementation of the City Manager.

Ms. Guerrero said that this resolution is amazing, #2 –is very important to give better information and to do their work with their clients in sexual and domestic violence.

Mr. Rios expressed his thanks for a great Resolution.

Councilor Maestas can submit amendments at any time. Councilor Maestas reiterated that the Immigration Committee members attend the Finance Committee and the City Council meeting.

Mr. Rios moved to recommend the support from the Immigration Committee on the Resolution reaffirming, with pride, the status of the City of Santa Fe as a "Sanctuary" for immigrants and calling for the strengthening of policies that will reinforce this status, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Recommend approval to join National Welcoming Committee Program. Ms. Hayre talked about this committee dove tailing in to the resolution. It puts us in touch with a larger network.

Ms. Sayre moved to recommend to the Governing Body that we join the Welcoming Committee Program and that it be included in the Therefore be it resolved in the Resolution, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

- Welcoming Communities
Updates presented under Action Items.
- Education
Next meeting is with the multi-cultural and will send information once a date has been set.
- Social Media & Communications
Format was shared with the Immigration Committee and feedback was solicited from the committee members.
Ms. Diaz talked about the policy – intention is to have all resources in one place for use. The website would be a one-stop

shop for information to include for example the Resolution. It is also important that the members know that the website management is through the city; the committee is responsible for the content. It was recommended that the minutes and agenda should also be in this website. This will be a bi-lingual site. It is pertinent to have it active as soon as possible.

- **Refugee Resettlement**

Ms. Hemmer said she wanted to bring to the attention of the Mayor that they met with the inter-faith leadership and Immigration Committee was not notified. A letter was going to be written to the Peace of Social Committee at the Basilica, the Archbishop was going to be invited. Mr. Rios and Ms. Hemmer would like to get more information to the Peace and Justice Committee and the Basilica that they support this Resolution. Ms. Hemmer wants to know when she can get together with the Chair to write the letter to the Archbishop. Ms. Hemmer and Ms. Seluja will meet in the near future to get this done. Ms. Guerrero asked what was the update on inviting the Inter Faith group.

- **Police Department**

There have not been any meetings on the U-Visa since the last meeting. The Police Department receives \$46,000 from the Federal government.

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

Ms. Lopez asked about Cara Esquibel's recognition. The Chair said that it should be included in the January 11, 2017 City Council meeting agenda.

8. Report from Staff


None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. Next meeting: February 7, 2017

Signature


Alejandra Seluja/Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer

City of Santa Fe
Immigration Committee
2017 Meeting Calendar

500 Market Station Offices

4:30pm – 6:00pm

- **January 3rd, 2017**
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- **November 7th, 2017**
- **December 5th, 2017**

Exhibit A

**CLÍNICA LEGAL DE PODERES Y PREPARACIONES LEGALES
Y FIESTA DE NAVIDAD PARA FAMILIAS INMIGRANTES**
¡Ya es hora que las familias inmigrantes se organicen!

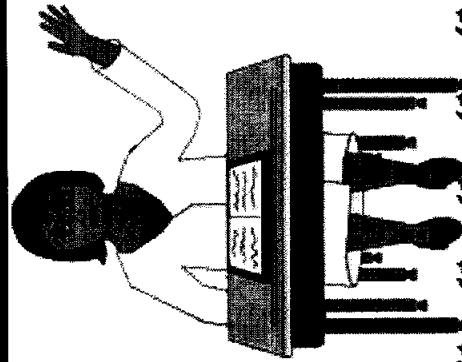
- *Ven a hablar con un abogado voluntario para preparar poderes legales*
- *Ven a festejar las fiestas con eventos de navidad para padres y niños*

DONDE: Genoveva Chávez
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NM 87507

CUANDO: Viernes 16 de diciembre
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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