



# Agenda

## IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday October 1, 2019  
Market Station, Caboose Room  
500 Market Station  
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting
4. Community Comments:
  - a. Guests from Catholic Charities (Jenny and Fernanda)
5. New Business/Action Items:
  - a. A "Series on immigration topics to be held across the city" organized by the committee.
  - b. Co-sponsorship of forum with Somos and ACLU of community forum on city, county and state immigration policies.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Subcommittee Updates:
    - i. Welcoming Communities
      1. Update on Language access RFP (Sanctuary resolution item)
      2. Update on ICE in Santa Fe in the past month
      3. Update on Santa Fe County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee
    - ii. Education
      1. Report on the Vigil at the roundhouse. Need to clear up misconceptions
      2. School District Update -Dr. James Lujan -Assistant Superintenden
      3. Education Committee Update -Amparo Guerrero/ Ivan Cornejo
      4. Community meeting August 22 report/ Lights on LibertyVigil July 12-
    - iii. Social Media & Communications
      1. Immigration Committee Website Updates
      2. Facebook Page – City Progress Updates.
    - iv. Police Department
      1. Report out from a representative from SFPD
      2. Will SFPD representative regularly attend for our meetings

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

8. Report from Staff

9. Adjournment

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 1, 2019

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order: The Immigration Committee meeting was called or order by Javier Rios, Chair at 4:30 pm, Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll Call reflects a quorum.

Roll Call:

PRESENT

Javier Rios, Chair  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca  
Maria Cristina Lopez  
Marcela Diaz  
Amparo Guerrero  
Ivan Cornejo

OTHERS PRESENT

Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison  
Brian Rodriguez, SFPD Liaison  
James Lujan, Associate Superintendent  
Stenographer not present, transcription from recording)  
Shelly Collins, Guest

2. Approval of the Agenda

Change was made to Agenda Item 4 under Community Comments

Guests from Catholic Charities were unable to attend this meeting. They will be present at the next meeting.

Change was made to Agenda Item 6 under Education, School District Update should be Dr. James Lujan, Associate Superintendent

Agenda Item 6 under Education numbers 1 and 4 are identical. Item 1 was eliminated from Agenda.

**Ms. Lopez moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Amparo Guerrero, Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

3. Approval of the Minutes - July 9, 2019

No minutes to approve at the present time. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

4. Community Comments – Item was removed from agenda

5. New Business/Action

- a. A “Series on Immigration topics to be held across the city” organized by the committee.

Ms. Diaz stated that they had offered to clarify to the community what was going on with the asylum applicant sanctuary and the whole series around immigrant issues on what the city is doing and can do. A good role for the Committee would be to hold dialogs in the City and even though it would be two separate items the Committee could form their own or co-sponsor with other organizations. One event is coming up on October 17. She said the event at the Unitarian Church would be to release information on the way the cities and counties can engage with their communities and protect the immigrants. She said basically the ACLU did an audit on what policies and procedures each law enforcement from each county and city were following. The focus of this event will be to report immigrant families could work in order to feel safe with the local authorities.

Ms. Diaz said that a lot of the local communities do not have similar policies, training or protocol. It is about learning from each other. One of the Resolution sponsors, Renee Arial will be speaking on this report. There seems to be a lot of sharing with Probation and Parole and ICE. Ms. Diaz said this committee sets the high bar and should be sharing information on how they have worked with the City Government and Law Enforcement.

Ms. Guerrero suggested a forum done by the committee closer to the end of the year. She said they don't have the capacity at this time and should perhaps work with co-sponsoring with SOMOS.

Ms. Lopez said she is thinking about doing another series for next year.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca suggested contacting other organizations or committees so they can have a part and a role. This would create more interest and support for what the committee does. When the community is involved, they are invested.

Ms. Diaz asked if there were any ideas on what forums the committee would want to do? Perhaps they could form a subcommittee to bring back ideas to the main committee on how they can implement the forums. What would the forums be on?

Ms. Lopez said she would like to vote on what to do for the October 17 event and then think about the next year forum.

**Ms. Lopez moved to approve that the Committee co-sponsor the October 17 forum with SOMOS and ACLU, second by Mr. Cornejo, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

- b. Co-sponsorship of forum with SOMOS and ACLU of community forum on city, county and state immigration policies.

Committee decided to wait to form a subcommittee until they get new members.

6. Old Business

- a. Subcommittee Updates:

i. Welcoming Communities

1. Update on Language access RFP (Sanctuary Resolution Team)

Ms. Diaz said she did not have an update on Language Access RFP. It has not moved. The Committee has provided the recommendations, but she doesn't feel they are going to move until they meet with the Mayor and Council and go over all the recommendations in person.

2. Update on ICE in Santa Fe in the past month

SFPD Representative Officer Brian Rodriguez stated that they have very little communication with ICE. He said their objective does not lie in deportation or working with ICE from a criminal perspective. They do not contact ICE when arrests are made, and he doesn't foresee it happening in the future.

Ms. Lopez asked if ICE let the SFPD know when they were coming.

Officer Rodriguez said they have never been informed by ICE and he has never seen them on his shift.

Ms. Diaz said they have seen some I-9 audits and that ICE is working some families and businesses, but she has not seen any major movement in the last month.

3. Update on Santa Fe County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee

Ms. Diaz said the Santa Fe Census Complete Count Committee is made up of city, county, Chamber of Commerce, SOMOS and committee organizations. It is a robust committee that is putting together a plan to ensure all communities are participating in the census. Those meetings are open to the public and she reported that they have had their second meeting and have put together a plan to do a lot of public information work around the census. Ms. Diaz stated that the most important thing is for immigrants to respond to the census. They can respond by sending the form back by mail, on the internet by using the computers at SOMOS or at schools or by phone. They are encouraging self-response, or they might get a knock on their door and it could be ICE.

She said that \$3700 per person per year comes to our communities from federal funding and if a person doesn't participate in the census because they are afraid, it costs our families.

Ms. Diaz said there is community education on the citizenship questions.

Ms. Lopez asked if there was anything that could be put on the web page that would be helpful?

Ms. Diaz said there definitely information that can be included. There is a website for the State site, but they do not translate it. She said they are pushing to get the four main languages translated.

ii. Education

1. Report on the Vigil at the Roundhouse - **Item was removed from the agenda**

2. School District Update – Dr. James Lujan, Associate Superintendent

Dr. Lujan extended an invitation to the Committee to save the date of December 4 to attend the State of the Schools address at 12 noon at the Roundhouse. Also, the Superintendents of the District have been moving to gain awareness to the schools for the October Principals meetings. They will be having presentations on DACA, State Lottery and how to work with specific students that are newcomers to our country. There will be talks on how to empower the parents and how they are connected to the district.

Dr. Lujan said Superintendent Garcia is looking at dates to have other community forums possibly on the Southside at Ortiz School, the Southside Library or Capital High School to hear from the parents, and different immigrant groups. Dr. Lujan said they hope to schedule it before January.

Dr. Lujan brought to the attention that there will be a Community Day on October 18 at Northern New Mexico College if the Committee is interested in attending.

3. Education Committee Update – Amparo Guerrero/Ivan Cornejo

The committees formed by the Superintendent are Planning, Diversity and Equity Council that the Superintendent facilitates. There is currently a sub-committee that they are all members that fall under the Diversity and Equity Council.

Nancy Davis is the Native American Students Services District Coordinator who has a tribal consultation council and she meets with the Tribal Governor's every other month. They now want to do a consultation council for Hispanics.

Ms. Diaz asked if there was a way, they can capture the recommendations that the Committee is making? She is asking because they want the City Councilors and the Mayor to know what they are doing. They have been able to present documents as to where the state of things is and their recommendations of the Committee, but they want to be able this important work.

Ms. Lopez said they need to do a report to City Council, so they are aware of the work that is being done by the Education and the Census Committee.

Chairman Rios said they should plan on presenting the report to City Council in February 2020.

4. Community meeting August 22 report/Lights on Liberty Vigil July 12

Ms. Lopez reported that the immigration community was represented at these events. A few days before the July 12 vigil the Mayor was saying that the City did not want to help immigrants that were coming across the border. It was misrepresented and she attended the Vigil to say what the City was doing and how they cared. The best thing the City could do was supporting what was going on in other cities. The Santa Fe Community Foundation raised \$100,000 and was sending it for buses. People had the wrong information.

Ms. Lopez said the next event was August 22 and Miguel Angel called a meeting of the community because Mr. Angel said they had been having meetings to prepare for the fall festival at the schools. Some of the parents were worried that the same thing that happened in El Paso and in Mississippi might happen here and they had questions on sanctuary. He invited the Mayor, Police Department, Superintendent and some of the City Council.

The questions raised of those in attendance consisted of those questions that are asked at most forums. It was very clear that there isn't a 100 percent sanctuary and the police do not communicate with ICE.

Ms. Diaz mentioned that the Immigration Committee sent a report to the Mayor with all the things that have happened since the Not Welcoming Community Resolution that the City passed in 2017.

iii. Social Media & Communications

1. Immigration Committee Website Updates

Chair Rios said there are a couple of things that need to be updated and it will have to be updated again when they get the two new members. Chair Rios suggested the resource links be more visible. He said if you look at the page the resource link is at the bottom and is very small. If they add any reports or upcoming events it can't be seen.



2. Facebook Page – City Progress Updates

Chair Rios said he feels if they have use of Facebook, they would have more control of turning around something and share it quicker than through a website. He cannot change the website and any changes must be submitted to someone else. To him it is not the ideal platform to share information because they have no control over it. The page has to be created and the City has to give legal permission to the Immigration Committee.

iv. Police Department

1. Report out from a representative from SFPD

Officer Rodriguez said that at one time the SFPD printed flyers to reach out to the Community. They disseminated them in the neighborhoods and schools. The flyer basically said that if they saw something to say something without fear or retaliation.

Officer Rodriguez said that if people saw that there was an Immigration Committee and they had someone in their corner, it would help them not be so afraid to reach out. He would like to convey the message that the SFPD is here to help and they will unbiasedly protect rights or immigrant status.

2. Will SFPD representative regularly attend for our meetings

Ms. Diaz thanked Officer Rodriguez and said that there are several things that happen in the Committee. If there are concerns from citizens, they usually come to the Committee and they work with the SFPD before matters get any worse. It is important that the new recruits have the necessary training. She feels that the Liaison can work with the Committee on dialog and what the new policies look like.

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

Chair Rios had a moment of silence for Elizabeth Hemmer who passed away on August 14 and was one of the original founding members of the Immigration Committee. She not only prepared immigrants for citizenship, she guided the immigration community with documents and was a dedicated advocate with the Archdiocese, Buen Venidos and Somos.

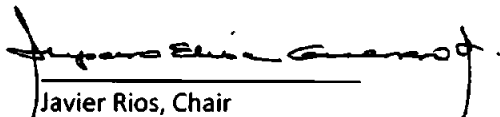
8. Report from Staff

Chair Rios said that he will not be able to attend the next meeting because of the different work he will now be doing. He is giving up his position as the Chair for the Committee The next meeting will be on November 5, 2019.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the Chair called to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

**SIGNATURE PAGE:**

  
Javier Rios, Chair

  
Fran Lucero