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Immigration Committee  
February 5, 2013  
Councilor Conference Room  
City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue  
4:15pm to 6:00pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 8, 2013
4. Announcements
5. Community Comments
6. Old Business
  - a. ITIN new procedures update- Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson
  - b. Status Update on formal complaint to State Police- Aric Wheeler, SFPD
  - c. Letter to Superintendent- Cara Esquibel, Committee Member
  - d. Drivers Licenses for immigrants update- Marcela Diaz, Committee Member
  - e. Formally establish meeting at 4:15pm on the first Thursday of the month
  - f. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting update- Rev. Chester Topple, Committee Member
7. New Business
  - a. Day of Immigrant Rally recap- Marcela Diaz, Committee Member
  - b. Immigration Reform- Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson
  - c. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) application feedback- Marcela Diaz and Alejandra Seluja
8. Communications from Staff
9. Communications from Committee
10. Next Meeting and Adjourn

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| <b>Cover Page</b>   |   | 1              |
| Call to Order   | Call to Order by Chair, Alejandra Seljuk at 4:15 pm, City Councilor's Conference Room.                                  | 2              |
| Roll Call   | A quorum was declared by roll call, 2 absences.   | 2              |
| Review and Approval of Agenda<br>Add under New Business: Mr. Andrew Black from Senator Martin Heinrich's Office   | <i>Rev. Topple moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> | 2              |
| Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2013<br>Corrections: Page 4 – Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director for Santa Fe County – not Public Works Director                    | <i>Ms. Hemmer moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> | 2              |
| Announcements   | None  | 2              |
| Community Comments  | None  | 2              |
| <b>Old Business</b>   |   | 3              |
| a. ITIN New Procedures Update<br>b. Status Update on Formal Complaint to State Police<br>c. Letter to Superintendent Boyd   | Informational   |                |
| <b>Other Business</b><br>7. Drivers Licenses for Immigrants Update<br>8. Formally establish meeting date and time<br>9. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Update | <i>Informational</i>  | 3-4            |
| <b>New Business</b><br>Day of Immigrant Rally Recap<br>Immigration Reform<br>DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)<br>Mr. Black, Senator Martin Heinrich Office | Informational   | 4-6            |
| Communications from Staff and Committee   | Informational   | 6              |
| Next Meeting  | March 5, 2013, 4:15 pm  | 6              |
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| Adjournment and Signature Page | There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. |  |
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**Immigration Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
February 5, 2013 – 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 pm  
City Councilor's Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair  
María Cristina López  
Rev. Chester Topple  
Cara Esquibel  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca  
Elizabeth Hemmer

Not Present

Amparo Guerrero, Excused  
Marcela Diaz

Others Present

Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison  
Mr. Andrew Black from Senator Martin Heinrich office  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Add under New Business: Mr. Andrew Black from Senator Martin Heinrich's Office

***Rev. Topple moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

3. Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2013

Corrections: Page 4 – Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director for Santa Fe County – not Public Works Director

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4. Announcements

None

5. Community Comments

None

6. Old Business

a. ITIN New Procedures Update - Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson

The application will continue to require the original information. Notarized (copied) documents will no longer be accepted; they have to be certified or original documents. This information is important for Notary Public officials; they should not notarize copies of passports. The ITIN's that are in circulation right now will not expire in 5 years. The 5 year expiration date is for the new ITIN's. There are certified agents here in Santa Fe who can accept copies and submit the information for these individual. Peter Doniger is a certified agent and can be contacted at AARP and he is also at the Santa Fe Community College.

b. Status Update on Formal Complaint to State Police - Aric Wheeler, SFPD

Captain Wheeler informed the committee that there are no details available to provide the State Police in order to do their investigation. We do not have that information available to date from Ms. Diaz. The committee would like to have an invitation extended to the State Police for them to attend a meeting to ask general questions. Captain Wheeler will invite the State Police to the next meeting. This item has been on the agenda for at least 6 months and the specifics related to the complaint have not been brought forward.

c. Letter to Superintendent Boyd - Cara Esquibel, Committee Member

Ms. Esquibel said that they are very close to having the letter ready. A list of the family and their questions will be included in the letter with a request to meet with the immigrant community of Santa Fe Public Schools. Ms. Esquibel also informed the committee that there is now a Multi-Cultural Director at SFPS. The one component which is mentioned frequently is the Dual Language Academy. Ms. Esquibel will update the letter and send to Ms. Rodriguez, Staff Liaison to process and acquire the Chairs signature to send out in the next few days.

Update from Ms. Rodriguez, Staff Liaison: Literacy volunteers from the Santa Fe Community Foundation met today and there was conversation regarding the needs of families who presented at the prior Immigration Committee meeting.

Discussion was related to dual language and the literacy volunteers would like to be supportive in any programs that will help these students.

7. Drivers Licenses for Immigrants Update - Marcela Diaz, Committee Member (Presented by Chair Seluja and Maria Cristina Lopez)

The Chair informed the committee that there was a legislative hearing last Tuesday and the bill was presented in the House. Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez testified for the committee. Other people that testified on this bill were from different businesses and organizations in this community. There were many individual from the present state administration that testified and were not in support. Ms. Lopez had a letter which detailed how this would help our community. (Ms. Lopez will send a copy of this letter to the members.) There were questions presented to the Secretary of Tax and Rev, Ms.

Demesia Padilla but she was unable to respond to questions with any detail. There was discussion related to the massive address change that took place in the south side of Santa Fe and there were no exceptions made for the mail that could have been returned back to the department in error. Both bills have been tabled at this time. A very positive opportunity arose and Ms. Marcela Diaz, committee member, was able to present in a more realistic manner to the members of the House. The members of the House did not want to hear anyone else on the negative side, they wanted to have one spokesperson that could provide the positive side of this request and this was Marcela.

8. Formally Establish Meeting Date and Time - 4:15pm on the first Thursday of the month

The Chair advised that there are members who could not attend on Tuesdays because of other program commitments, elections are on Tuesday and School Board meetings are on Tuesdays. There seemed to be a majority of members who could attend on Tuesday vs. Thursday. The committee members will be sent an e-mail asking for their input on the date that will work best for meetings and a decision can be made at the next meeting.

9. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Update - Rev. Chester Topple, Committee Member

Rev. Topple attended the meeting at the NM School for the Arts. Captain Wheeler was also in attendance. There was great inter-action with the youth on how they would like to communicate and bridge the immigrant community and they suggested working on a mural together. They would like to design and have different participants from different schools. Captain Wheeler provided history and asked that they get out of their comfort zone. They talked about diversity and creativity that could be demonstrated by joining together.

10. New Business

Day of Immigrant Rally Recap – (Marcela Diaz, Committee Member)

The Chair and Ms. Lopez stated that the rally was very well organized yet it was not as well attended as in the past. The State Representatives came out to speak as well as the Speaker of the House. Ms. Cara Esquibel brought about 75 students. The beauty of this forum is the training that comes with it for the student attendees. Students were shown how to lobby, they were able to speak with their own representatives and actively be involved with the legislative process on this date.

a. Immigration Reform - Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson  
(Exhibit A & B)

UCIS Implementing New Immigrant Fee Today (Exhibit A)  
Starting today, February 1, 2013, foreign nationals seeking permanent resident in the United States will need to pay a new \$165 USCIS Immigrant Fee. This new fee is in addition to fees charged by the US Department of State (DOS) will provide specific information on how to submit payment.

Reform Immigration for America – Obama’s immigration principles: “This is not about policy – it’s about people.” (Exhibit B)

President Obama’s immigration principles:

1. Continuing to strengthen border security
2. Cracking Down on Employers Hiring Undocumented Workers
3. Earned Citizenship
4. Streamlining Legal Immigration

- b. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) application feedback- Marcela Diaz and Alejandra Seluja

It has been noted that there are big concerns and problems on school attendance in Santa Fe Public Schools. More information to follow at next month’s meeting.

- c. Mr. Black was born and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is an Attorney and Pastor for the Presbyterian Church and worked for Senator Jeff Bingaman. He stated that there are three Immigration Representatives from Senator Heinrich’s office; Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Cruces. There is also a dedicated representative in the Washington, DC office. Senator Bingaman supported the Dream Act and Senator Heinrich when in the House also supported the Dream Act. There is information being worked on by a group called the Gang of 8. Once the document is ready it will go to the Senate Judiciary. It is hopeful to have the language drafted by March, 2013 integrating the 8 principles. Mr. Black will send a copy of the 8 principles. There is discussion of the creation of a Border Commission, keeping in mind there is no legislation at this time. The mission would be to have this Commission say that the Border is safe. Therefore, there has to be continued discussion on the concerns that could arise on “who” would serve on that commission and what authority would they have. There are many questions related to language. Again, even though they don’t refer to the Dream Act the principles are included in the principles.

The Gang of 8 – 8 Senators who came up with the framework of principles. The new bipartisan gang in town known as the Gang of 8: Eight Senators who will unveil immigration overhaul. The Republicans: Senator Marco Rubio-R-Florida, Senator Jeff Flake-F-Arizona, Senator John McCain-R-Arizona, Senator Lindsey Graham-R-SC, The Democrats: Senator Dick Durbin-D-Illinois, Senator Robert Mendez, D-NJ, Senator Chuck Schumer-D-NY and Senator Michael Bennett-D-Colorado.

There are 4 pillars which outline the language. (Additional information will be sent to the committee from Mr. Black as it is received).

Mr. Black said that it is a pleasure to work with the Immigration Committee and to receive input from the committee and other community organizations. There will also be an exchange of information between the Senators office and the committee.

The Chair expressed her thank you to the Senator Heinrich's office for allowing Mr. Black to attend the meeting and for his interest in Immigration Reform.

Mr. Black also expressed the support from Senator Heinrich's office related to immigration matters as he is the contact.

#### 11. Communications from Staff

The Chair asked Ms. Rodriguez to follow up with Julie Valdez from Santa Fe County on her attendance.

Ms. Rodriguez reiterated for committee members to reach out to prospective members, invite them to come to our meetings and let them get first hand information and participation in the committees work.

The committee talked about other cultural/ethnic representation on the committee and extending an invitation to them to attend a meeting. It was recommended we send a letter to those who we know personally and to invite them to the Immigration Committee meetings. Ms. Hemmer will work on this topic of discussion. Ms. Rodriguez cautioned the members to stay within the realm of the mission of the committee.

#### 12. Communications from Committee

Ms. Lopez reiterated that we should focus on getting a potential member, invite them to a meeting, this person should represent an organization or a group and should express their interest in a letter accompanied by a resume to present to the Mayor.

The Chair received a call from USCIS who reviewed our agenda and would like to come to the meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It would be a field officer from the Albuquerque Office and their Regional Director. They want to create partnerships. Ms. Seluja will call back and invite them to the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.


#### 13. Next Meeting - March 5, 2013 – 4:15 pm USCIS Representative will be able to attend on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 14. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, Rev. Topple moved to adjourn at 6:00 pm, second by Ms. Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.



Signature Page:

  
Alejandra Seluja, Chair


  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Exhibit A (from USCIS website)

## **USCIS Implementing New Immigrant Fee Today**

**Starting today, Feb. 1, 2013**, foreign nationals seeking permanent residence in the United States will need to pay a new \$165 USCIS Immigrant Fee. This new fee is in addition to fees charged by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) associated with an individual's immigrant visa application.

Applicants will pay the new fee online at [www.uscis.gov/immigrantfee](http://www.uscis.gov/immigrantfee) after they receive their visa package from DOS and before they depart for the United States. When applicants attend their consular interview, DOS will provide specific information on how to submit payment.

Children who enter the United States under the Orphan or Hague adoption programs, Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants, returning residents (SB-1s), and those issued K visas are the only immigrant visa cases exempt from paying the new fee.

The new fee allows USCIS to recover the cost of processing that is performed in the United States after immigrant visa holders receive their packages from DOS. More details about its implementation are available in the *Federal Register*.

Exhibit B 1/2

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**Obama's immigration principles: "This is not about policy—it's about people."**



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## future reform bill can be based.

### **"This is not about policy—it's about people."**

President Obama announced his principles for a comprehensive immigration reform today in Las Vegas, Nevada, before a packed audience. The much anticipated speech was light on details and specifics, but like the principles published by the Senate's **"Gang of Eight"** the day before, it provided a framework upon which a comprehensive immigration reform bill can be based.

After celebrating our country's legacy of being the premier destination for the world's best and brightest, and highlighting the important contributions that immigrants have made to American culture, development, and economics, both past and present, the president then underscored the primary reason for reforming our immigration system comprehensively.

This issue is about eleven million undocumented people—"eleven million who live their lives in the shadows." These people go about their daily lives trying to get by in the United States, all the while being out-of-status. "It's about men and women, and young people who want nothing more than a chance to earn their way into the American story."

Before outlining his own principles for reform, President Obama applauded the framework published by the "Gang of Eight," pointing out the similarity it shares with his own plan, and said that if Congress did not move quickly enough in drafting a reform bill, that he would submit his own CIR bill to Congress and ask for a vote.

**President Obama's plan** is based on three basic principles:

#### 1. **Continued Enforcement**

Obama called for continued focus on enforcing border security along the southern border. This means maintaining high-levels of Border Patrol. Additionally, he wants to apply the E-Verify system nationwide, making the program mandatory for all employers to check the immigration status of new hires, and penalizing employers who hire undocumented workers.

#### 2. **Earned Citizenship**

Undocumented immigrants must be able to change their status to seek permanent residency and eventually citizenship. President Obama was emphatic that for reform to work, an attainable, functional roadmap to citizenship must exist. Undocumented immigrants must earn their way to citizenship by submitting to background checks, paying back-taxes, paying a fine, and going "to the back of the line."

#### 3. **Updating legal immigration**

Finally, the President wants to overhaul the immigration system to facilitate legal migration to the US. Families should not have to wait years to be reunited with family members awaiting entry visas. Students attending American universities for master's degrees and PhDs should be granted permanent residency in an expedited process to keep talented individuals here.

We are excited that, like the Senate's plan, the President's principles are centered on a fair and humane roadmap to citizenship for 11 million undocumented Americans. The challenge will now be to hold our leaders in Congress and the White House true to their promise to finally pass a comprehensive immigration reform. **You can do your part by adding your name today to demand a reform bill that creates a roadmap to citizenship!**

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