



**Immigration Committee
April 2, 2013
Councilors' Conference Room
City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue
4:15pm to 6:00pm**

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**Immigration Committee
MINUTES**

April 2, 2013 – 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 pm

1. Roll Call

Alejandra Seluja, Chair for the Immigration Committee called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm, City Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a quorum was non-existent until 4:30 pm.

Present:

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

Not Present

Marcela Diaz, Excused
Elizabeth Hemmer
Amparo Guerrero

Others Present

Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Julia Valdez, Santa Fe County
Allegra Love, Immigration Attorney
Cece Tadfor, Guest from the African Community
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition: Old Business – Update on case reported to Captain Wheeler.

Rev. Topple moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Announcements

Flyers were provided by the Chair: Free Retirement Fair – Guadalupe Credit Union, Santa Fe, Taos and Espanola. There will be 3 sessions, 1 hour each. It will be held at the

BF Young building on Sierra Vista on April 22nd. Ms. Rodriguez will also send the flyer to city employees. A financial planner will be present to provide consultation.

Annual meeting for the Guadalupe Credit Union will be held on April 21st at the Santa Maria de la Paz facility. Everyone is invited.

The Chair announced that she will have a career change; she will be leaving the Guadalupe Credit Union and will be joining Homewise.

5. Community Comments

Allegra Love, Immigration Attorney working with the Adelante Program attended tonight's meeting both as an interested individual to serve on the committee and to provide information on Deferred Action. Adelante has asked Ms. Love to work with the kids in our schools on Deferred Action. A Deferred Action fair will be held at BF Young on April 27th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. There will be 4 more attorney's in addition to Ms. Love to assist those needing the service in completing and understanding the application. Ms. Love said once she is able to make contact with the parents it becomes an easier process.

Ms. Esquibel asked what will happen when the law changes. Ms. Love said no one knows what is really in the fine print. Ms. Love said that she can process their paperwork for a minimal fee; they do not need to pay thousands of dollars. Ms. Love will work with the committee members to get a flyer and more information out to the immigrant population.

Ms. Love said that for the last 10 months she has been trying to create awareness in the community. She is asking for more support and involvement to help our kids who could very well be eligible for deferred action. There is a lack of understanding in the schools even with the teachers. The deferred action application is not a hard process; it is important to help the kids before immigration reform comes. New Mexico Dreamers in Action are handling media to inform and educate the public. Ms. Love said that more leaders in the community need to have a better understanding.

Rev. Topple introduce Ms. Tadfor. Cecilia Tadfor, has lived in Santa Fe for over 20 years. She use to have food service at the Folk Art Festival for years and now teaches African Cuisine at Santa Fe Community College. It was noted that there are approximately 2,000 African immigrants here in Santa Fe. Rev. Topple invited Ms. Tadfor to the meeting in hopes of her participation on the committee. Maria Cristina extended a welcome on behalf of the committee. This committee advocates for the rights of all immigrants in the city of Santa Fe.

Opening the Doors to Hope Caravan (Exhibit A) – Rev. Topple said that Cipriana had shared this information with him and asked that it be brought to the Immigration Committee. They are expected to come through Santa Fe on May 7th and Rev. Topple asked if this is something the committee would like to support. The Chair said that she

would like to support this and more so knowing what Cipriana has been through. Once we have the date, as a committee we could ask the Mayor to issue a proclamation. The committee members said that through their agencies they could promote and support and as a city committee staff could facilitate the proclamation request. Ms. Valdez, representing County Commissioner Stefanic's said that she would also take this information back to the Commission. Rev. Topples has sent an e-mail to Cipriana to find out if there are any specific requests locally as far as organization, logistics, etc. for those participating in the caravan to Washington.

6. Old Business

- a. Immigration Reform Status Update - Marcela Diaz, (Andrew Black, if present)
(Presenters not in attendance)

Ms. Lopez stated that there were two big obstacles, Labor and the Chamber of Commerce who just agreed on an amazing workers visa. It will be important to know what amendments go back and forth between the House and the Senate. The second big obstacle is when they say; to pass immigration reform they have to have secured the borders. The Chair said we want to stay informed and to please bring back any information that we can share and pass on to Senator Heinrich.

Ms. Love said that we need to make sure that people don't give money to anyone to get them in to the US as there is such a fear of notario fraud. We need to educate our community not to pay money for information that is free, i.e., forms, etc.

Cara Esquibel said this is information that should be widely publicized. She will make an attempt to contact Univision. It was noted that we might wait until immigration reform passes and then hit the media heavily to educate and inform.

Ms. Valdez said that this might be a project for a non-profit to take on to educate people. Education is needed, it will take a while and we need to be sure people know not to pay anyone until they know all the specifics.

The Chair said we can actively educate once the law passes. The comment was made that we should be pro-active and educate before the law passes.

- b. Wrap-up legislative information – Marcela Diaz (not present)

Ms. Lopez said that there were three bills, the Repeal Bill (HB606), the Pacheco Bill and the Compromise Bill (SB521) that were blasted. Blasting means that when it is tabled you want it to die and it was brought back up for discussion. At one point they brought back Secretary Padilla to ask her what was the impact of having a second license.

Ms. Lopez talked about the bill that passed to expedite workers center and said it has not been signed by the Governor. The committee members asked how they could help to get the Governor to sign. It was noted that they could call the Governor's office in support of the bill.

c. Discussion about State Police Chief Shilling presentation – Alejandra Seluja

The Chair wanted to keep this conversation alive and asked for feedback.

- I have a hard time believing they don't have reports of who has been reported to ICE and the Chief said he would look in to it.
- It was reiterated that the Chief of Police stated that they do not call ICE and provide the policy of the agency.

The Chief seemed very open to dialogue and it was very professional of him to provide his business card in the event we needed him.

The Chair asked the committee members if a thank you letter should be sent to the Chief. In that letter we would ask him for a response to the follow up items discussed at the last meeting. The committee was in agreement. Ms. Rodriguez, Staff Liaison agreed to assist with this letter and will help to expedite this request. Ms. Esquibel will develop from the last minutes a list of the topics to be noted in the letter and send to Ms. Rodriguez. A draft will be created, Ms. Rodriguez and the Chair will share the content of the letter with the committee members for concurrence.

d. Potential Committee Member Update – Alejandra Seluja

Ms. Rodriguez shared a copy of the Resolution pertaining to the Immigration Task Force established by resolution to Immigration Committee and establishing the committee rules and procedure. This was distributed to the committee for clarity on the membership and the rules that the Committee operates under. (Exhibit B) Presently, the Immigration Committee reports to the Mayor and City Council once and sometimes two times a year.

e. DACA Applications in NM and Communication with Patty Reynolds, USCIS Albuquerque Director – Alejandra Seluja

The Chair would like to follow up with Ms. Reynolds on the DACA statistics and to find out if there were difficulties with students from Santa Fe Schools completing the application. The composition of this letter will be composed and coordinated with the Chair and the staff liaison, Ms. Rodriguez.

7. New Business

a. Taxation and Revenue Department Letter to ITIN holders (Exhibit C) – Alejandra Seluja

Constituent Concern: The Chair explained a concern from a constituent who makes \$15,000 and has two children who when filing her state return she was

shorted approximately \$40 which may not seem like a lot but to a single parent that amount could make a difference. When the ITIN and the W-2 don't match the 1040 it becomes a problem. What they want is something from the employer that matches. Ms. Rodriguez said that this issue could be shared with Holly Beaumont who works on wage theft and inquire if she would be interested in reviewing this matter.

- b. April 16th Immigration Town Hall – Marcela Diaz
The correct date is April 18th – 6:00 pm at the Convention Center – Town Hall being sponsored by the City, AFL-CIO, SOMOS. Ms. Lopez would like to encourage attendance. It was asked for co-conveners; a commitment to get the word out. This will be an Immigration Reform town hall set up for immigrants to speak to our community leaders. It is a connection between the elected officials and families. Ms. Rodriguez said that a “Save the Date” notice will be sent out and a letter from the Mayor will also be sent. The format will include a facilitator; elected officials will not have to respond, more so listen.
- c. City Charter Recommendations – Maria Cristina Lopez
The City is conducting a meeting to review the City Charter Recommendations. The Immigration Committee would like to add an amendment to the Charter that says that the city of Santa Fe welcomes all people of the world regardless of their immigration status.

Ms. Esquibel moved to endorse adding a paragraph to the City Charter with the wording that the city of Santa Fe respects the rights of all people in the city of Santa Fe regardless of their immigration status, second by Rev. Topple, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion: Ms. Rodriguez, in talking with the city attorney learned that if this committee votes on something to send to the Charter Review Committee that we should; 1) create a letter explaining what our proposed request entails, 2) have the Chair go to the next meeting and under Public Comment ask the committee to consider the wording for the amendment. The Chair will work with the staff liaison to assure that the wording is accurate and reflects the concurrence of the Immigration Committee.

The next meeting would be April 9, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Santa Fe Public Schools Board Room.

Reference was made to Resolution 1999-6, Ms. Rodriguez will research the wording in this document.

8. Communications from Staff

Ms. Rodriguez said that the city is requesting input for their Long Range Plan. It is on survey monkey and the committee members are asked to go on line to City Plan Questionnaire and submit their comments.

Ms. Rodriguez encouraged the committee to continue a search for committee members representing different walks of life in the community.

9. Communications from the Committee

Ms. Lopez said it would be very helpful to have a presentation from Ms. Tadfor. She invited Ms. Tadfor to consider submitting her name to the Mayor to be a part of this committee.

We would also like to thank Ms. Love for attending the meeting and to encourage her in becoming a member of this committee.

Rev. Topple announced that he and his family will be moving to Georgia so his wife can continue her educational path. Next meeting will be his last meeting. Thank you so much. Congratulations on behalf of the committee and best wishes on this new endeavor. Rev. Topple will ask at the Interfaith community meeting if there is anyone interested in being a part of this committee.


Ms. Cabeza de Vaca expressed her thanks to Ms. Tadfor for attending the meeting and hopes she will seriously consider being a part of the Immigration committee. Ms. Rodriguez explained the process to becoming part of the committee.

10. Next Meeting - May 7, 2013 – 4:15 pm


11. Adjourn

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

Signature Page:



Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Pro-migrant International Humanitarian Coalition

"Opening the Doors to Hope Caravan"

The "Opening the Doors to Hope Caravan" is a partnership of faith-based and other allied organizations in the United States and Mexico headed by father Alejandro Solalinde, director of the shelter "Brotherhood on the Road" that offers aid and spiritual support to Central and South American migrants crossing through Mexico's "La Ruta" (the route), one of the most dangerous migrant paths in the world. The caravan is joined by a group of victims of the violence and human right violations and will start in San Diego, CA on April 29th, 2013 and will end in Washington on May 31st, 2013.

The "Opening the Doors to Hope Caravan" seeks to offer the Hispanic and African American communities the opportunity to take a more unified stance to stop the violence and in the struggle for human rights of immigrant families beyond the U.S. borders.

On this caravan we urge President Barack Obama to put an immediate end to deportations and pass comprehensive immigration reform that must recognize that the problem of immigration, and the humanitarian crisis it has created, spans beyond the confines of the U.S.

borders. A record of 1.5 million migrants were deported. It has created a humanitarian crisis of proportion which Mexico has never seen before, not even during the Mexican Revolution.

The caravan also recognizes the urgency of asking President Obama to put a more strict control on assault weapons. More than 20 million illegal guns entered Mexico from the United States, 80% of which were military-style weapons that fell into the hands of Mexico's drug trafficking organizations. As a result, 22,000 kidnapped and an additional 70,000 migrants have disappeared. There have been more than 50,000 violent deaths due to the war on drugs.

We kindly ask you to join us to support Father Alejandro Solalinde and many other priests and pastors, as well as the mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers of Latin American who have been kidnapped, sexually assaulted, mutilated or even murdered to stop the violence. Our hope lies and appeals to our humanity to open their doors to hope and walk together to make the difference.

- **Urge U.S. President Barack Obama to stop the raids and deportations while discussing and approving the new immigration reform.**
- **Provide a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently in US.**
- **Keep Families United**
- **Contemplate the endemic causes of migration.**
- **Set responsible border policy.**

- **Consider the human cost created by mass migration.**
- **Recognize the US role in creating the humanitarian disaster unfolding in Mexico each day.**
- **Stop the flow of all arms to Mexico**
- **End the criminalization of migrants in Mexico - simply an extension of US immigration policy.**

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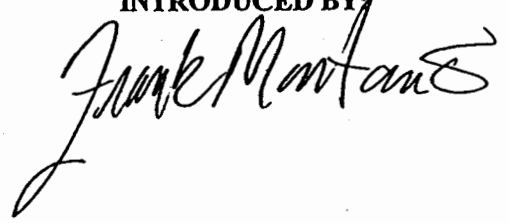
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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-3

INTRODUCED BY



A RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. 1999-6 TO IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE'S RULES AND PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, on January 13th, 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; and

WHEREAS, the governing body continues to support the policy of non-discrimination in the community established by Resolution No. 1999-6; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to make the immigration task force an official city committee to continue to address the human rights status of non-citizens in the city of Santa Fe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Immigration Task Force established by Resolution No. ~~1999-6~~ is hereby renamed the "Immigration Committee" and the following rules and procedures for the committee are hereby adopted.

1 Section 1. ~~NAME:~~ The committee shall be called the Immigration
2 Committee.

3 Section 2. ~~PURPOSE:~~ The committee shall monitor the human rights status of
4 non-citizens residing in the city of Santa Fe and report its findings and recommendations to the
5 governing body.

6 Section 3. ~~DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:~~ The committee shall meet as
7 necessary to accomplish its purpose and shall follow adopted city policy and procedures.

8 Section 4. ~~MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS:~~ The committee membership
9 shall consist of fifteen representatives residing in the county of Santa Fe and selected from the
10 following areas: human rights, social services, business community, health care, labor
11 organizations, religious community, youth services providers, women's advocacy groups,
12 educators and legal services. The members shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of
13 the governing body. The chairperson shall be appointed by the mayor and the vice-chairperson
14 shall be designated by the committee.

15 Section 5. ~~TERMS:~~ The members shall serve for a period of two years. The
16 committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and may be removed at any time,
17 with or without cause.

18 Section 6. ~~STAFF LIAISON:~~ The city manager shall designate the
19 intercultural affairs planner or other city staff as staff liaison to the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall follow *Robert's Rules of*
21 *Order* as the procedural rules in carrying out its duties.

22 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2002.

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24 Sec. 4 Amended to
25 a members
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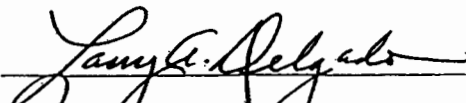

LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

Exhibit C



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Taxation and Revenue Department
Revenue Processing Division
ARSB



Susana Martinez
Governor

Demesia Padilla, CPA
Secretary

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SANTA FE, NM 87507-3211

March 15, 2013
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RETURN ADJUSTMENT NOTICE
No Action Required

We have reviewed and adjusted your December 31, 2012 personal income tax return. The changes are outlined on page 2 of this correspondence. The following summarizes the status of your account with regards to this period, after the changes were made:

Tax	Penalty	Interest	Credits	Balance
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Since your account does not have a balance for this tax period, no action is required from you. This notice is simply to inform you that changes were made to your return.

For income tax programs only, if the Department is reducing your refund, you may file a formal protest of the Department's refund denial. Please follow the instructions in the enclosed publication "Your Rights Under the Tax Laws".

Any refunds associated with these adjustments have been issued.

For questions regarding this notice please call (505) 827-0827.



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Exhibit C

Adjusted Amounts on Your Return

Return Line		Amount as Adjusted
9	Federal adjusted gross income	\$15,025.00
10	If Itemized, state and local tax deducted from FED	\$0.00
	Itemized local deduction adjustment	\$0.00
11	Additional Federal Income	\$0.00
12	Federal deduction amount	\$8,700.00
13	Federal exemption amount	\$15,200.00
14	Low and middle income tax exemption	\$10,000.00
15	Deductions from Federal income	\$0.00
16	Medical care expenses	\$0.00
16a	Unreimbursed and uncompensated medical care	\$0.00
17	New Mexico taxable income	\$0.00
18	Tax on amount from line 17	\$0.00
19	Additional amount for tax on lump-sum distrib	\$0.00
20	Taxes paid to another state	\$0.00
21	Subtract total non-refundable credits	\$0.00
22	New Mexico income tax	\$0.00
24	Total claimed on rebate and credit schedule	\$85.00
25	Working families tax credit	\$0.00
26	New Mexico income tax withheld	\$0.00
27	New Mexico income tax withheld from oil and gas proceeds	\$0.00
28	New Mexico income tax withheld from pass-through entity	\$0.00
29	Estimated income tax payments	\$0.00
30	Other payments	\$0.00
31	Total payments and credits	\$85.00
32	Tax due	\$0.00
34	Penalty on estimated payment	
38	Overpayment	\$85.00
39	Refund donations from PIT-D	\$0.00
40	Amount from line 38 you want applied to 2012	\$0.00
41	Amount to be refunded	\$85.00



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Specific Reasons for Adjustment

X

PIT-1 line 26. SSN on W2's does not match SSN/ITIN on return filed.