



# Agenda

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## Immigration Committee

January 3, 2012 – 5:45 p.m.  
Santa Fe Community Convention Center  
Lamy Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
201 West Marcy Street

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 6, 2011
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Southside update / voter registration
  - b. Drivers' licenses for all update
  - c. Subcommittees, legislative, business, health, law enforcement, education
- VII. New Business
  - a. Need for bilingual information for small business owners (Fabian Trujillo)
  - b. Bilingual education
- VIII. Communications from Staff
- IX. Communications from Committee
- X. Adjourn

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**SANTA FE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE  
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| Roll Call  | A quorum was declared, 1 absence.  | 2              |
| Approval of Agenda<br>Item VII-A to be moved up<br>when Mr. Trujillo arrives.  | Motion and second to approve agenda as amended,<br>motion carried by unanimous voice vote  | 2              |
| Approval of Minutes<br>Spelling corrections:<br>Quinciañera<br>Comunitaria   | Motion and second to approve minutes of<br>December 6, 2011 as amended, motion carried by<br>unanimous voice vote.   | 2              |
| Announcements  | Informational  | 3              |
| Community Comments   | None   | 3              |
| Old Business<br>a. Southside<br>Update/voter<br>registration<br>b. Drivers' License<br>Update<br>c. Subcommittees,<br>legislative,<br>business, health,<br>law enforcement,<br>education | Informational – Staff directed to research if<br>immigrants can vote in the city election and to find<br>out dates of the League of Women Voters Candidate<br>Forums<br><br>A subcommittee was created to work on draft<br>questions for the forum.<br><br>b-c – Informational<br>Subcommittees to be enhanced as topics of concern<br>are identified. | 3-4            |
| New Business<br>a. Need for bilingual<br>information for<br>small business<br>owners (Fabian<br>Trujillo, City<br>Economic<br>Development Div.)<br>b. Bilingual Education                | Informational – Collaboration on the south side and<br>Mr. Acosta is very involved.<br><br>Bilingual Education - Update  | 4-5            |
| Communications from Staff  | None   | 5              |
| Communications from<br>Committee   | Staff Follow Up: Check with City Clerk on possibility<br>of changing the time committee meets. Ms. Lopez<br>will send out new times of meetings if approved.<br><br>Rev. Topple: Next Meeting with Faith Leadership<br>Alliance  | 5              |
| Adjourn  | The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:15 pm.   | 6              |
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**SANTA FE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**January 3, 2012  
5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair at the Lamy Room of the Santa Fe Convention Center. Roll Call was as follows:

**I. Roll Call**

In Attendance

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair  
Marcela Diaz  
Betty Shinas  
Elizabeth Hemmer  
Amparo Guerrero  
Miguel Acosta  
Rev. Chester Topple  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

Absent

Alejandra Seluja

Others Present

Carla Lopez, Staff Liaison  
Captain Aric Wheeler, City of Santa Fe Police Department  
Fabian Trujillo, Economic Development Department, City of Santa Fe  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Fabian Trujillo is attending another meeting, when he arrives we will ask him to present, under VII-A.

***Ms. Hemmer moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Acosta, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. December 6, 2011 Minutes  
Corrections: Quinciañera and Comunitaria(correct spelling)

It is understood that the meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month except for March 6 to March 13<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Ms. Shinas moved to approve the minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup> as amended, second by Mr. Acosta, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

#### **IV. Announcements**

Ms. Hemmer announced that Mr. Michael Buchetti has been named Director of the Center for Legal Assistance and Citizenship for Catholic Charities. He has a background in the State Department. Ms. Hemmer has invited him to our next meeting to meet and greet the committee.

Mr. Acosta said that Dona Clara opened a new business in Santa Fe Village.

Mr. Acosta talked about an account that has been set up for the recent NY Eve death of the three year old child. Donations are being accepted by Guadalupe Credit Union. Captain Wheeler asked for the information in order to provide to the media.

The chair stated that January 24<sup>th</sup> is the Immigration Day of Action at the NM Legislature and asked for everyone to attend at 10:00 am. The event will be a short rally at 10 AM and more information will follow. Ms. Hemmer is more than willing to speak and will ask for permission from her Supervisor.

The legislature starts on January 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Chair asked for the committee members to be available to testify regarding why immigrants should have licenses in relation to their committee representation for their places of employment. The Chair explained that committee members would have to be on call as there is not a lot of advance notice for the committees.

#### **V. Community Comments**

None

#### **VI. Old Business**

a. Southside update / voter registration

Mr. Acosta distributed information on the Phase I – Southside Planning Initiative (Councilor Dominguez' initiative) – they are in the process of hosting house meetings. Looking for people in the area to have a meeting and invite their neighbors and explain the planning process. Mr. Acosta's phone number is on the flyer distributed. What do you love about your community; what would you change? [Exhibit 1] Third round of meeting will be with Councilor Dominguez to get some decisions and action items acted on. Mr. Acosta is facilitating all meetings which take about 1 ½ hour.

The Chair shared information where the Mayor of New Haven, CT. is researching how to allow immigrants to vote in City Elections. Discussion amongst the committee is that this would be something that should be looked in to. The Chair asked that Jim Harrington, Attorney for Civil Rights be asked to do research on this topic.

Q: How do we get the message to all of the candidates on what the position is of the Immigration Committee?

Send questions to the League of Women Voters and ask that they be sourced out to the candidates.

Ms. Diaz, Mr. Acosta, Rev. Topple and the Chair will work on drafting the questions to present to the candidates. Ms. Lopez, Staff Liaison will ask the City Clerk if there is a listing of dates for forums.

b. Drivers' License Update

Ms. Diaz reconfirmed the time and date for Immigration Day at the State Capitol.

(Santa Fe County) DWI Planning Council is on board and will speak on behalf of the drivers' licenses for immigrants. Ms. Diaz said they are trying to get a written statement from the DWI Planning Council.

Help is needed from the committee and other in participating in these events and in lobbying.

c. Subcommittees, legislative, business, health, law enforcement, education

Subcommittee created to work on questions for the city council candidates- Ms. Diaz, Mr. Acosta, Rev. Topple and the Chair.

Miguel Acosta: Business Reporting for the South Side

Marcela Diaz: Drivers' Licenses for Immigrants

## VII. New Business

a. Need for bilingual information for small business owners (Fabian Trujillo)

Fabian Trujillo from the Economic Development Division – he provides bilingual information to Spanish speaking business owners.

Mr. Trujillo is working with the South Side Merchants Association that is in the start-up stage which includes Spanish speaking businesses. There is a steering committee and meetings are held in Spanish and English. The next meeting is January 16th at Doña Clara's at 6:00 pm. They are working to get some of the brochures translated in to Spanish but the need is the printing cost. There is a business resource guide also available. There are members of the team that also help with translations. They help businesses get information on business deals. In response to a question asked, it was stated that they are working on their goals and vision to promote and expand local business in the south side. The City's role is to support and provide technical information.

Mr. Trujillo said that they work with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and they help them with business advocacy, business resources to network.

The Chair asked if there is an intention to get all of the city forms for public services translated into Spanish and placed on the website so they can print from there.

Ms. Diaz asked if there is a Spanish speaking person available for those individuals who want to open businesses. Mr. Trujillo said that he is the Spanish Speaking Ombudsman and he can speak to them in Spanish. Mr. Trujillo's phone number is 505-955-6912 for any referral needs. Eventually Mr. Trujillo will go out and start visiting businesses. Mr. Trujillo said that their outreach plan is to utilize press releases.

Ms. Diaz said that they will help the city through SOMOS to get the word out on the city services that are being offered in Spanish.

It was noted that 63% of the new business licenses are from the south side. How do we make this part of the discussion at the candidate forums?

Ms. Guerrero asked if women who do Arts & Crafts need a business license. The answer is yes. Ms. Guerrero also asked if there is a space available for these artisans to sell their goods. Mr. Trujillo said that the Farmer's Market and Flea Market on Airport Rd. Mr. Acosta said that possibly Zona Del Sol may also be a good resource for this type of support to the Artisans.

Thank you to Mr. Trujillo for the information provided.

b. Bilingual Education

The Chair attended the LESC and it is apparent that this administration is trying to get rid of bilingual education. They left Indian Ed., English as a second language (ESL) and Bilingual Ed. out of discussion regarding No Children Left Behind. The story did get picked up nationally.

**VIII. Communication from Staff**

None

**IX. Communications from Committee**

Time of Meetings: Betty Shinas asked if the committee would entertain a change of the time of the meeting and not meeting at such a late hour as in bad weather, after 5 pm the weather worsens. It was discussed if the time of 4-6 pm was agreeable and Ms. Lopez will ask the City Clerk if this is possible and it would start in March, 2012.

Rev. Topple wanted to invite the Inter Faith Leadership Alliance to a meeting and arranged to meet at First Pres at 5:45 pm or at a non-denominational Latino Church. It was the consensus to have the first meeting with the Inter Faith Leadership Alliance and do the non-denominational Latino church group at a later date. Ms. Lopez will provide the committee members with the times that are approved.

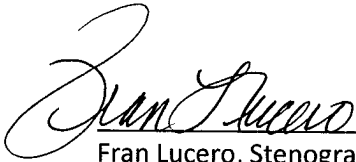
**X. Adjourn**

The chair called for adjournment at 7: 15 pm

**Signature Page:**

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Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fran Lucero", written over a horizontal line.

Fran Lucero, Stenographer