



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Capitola 95010

Present: Antonia Franco (District 3), Yolanda Perez Logan (District 5), Gilberto Reyes (District 1), Gloria Nieto (Santa Cruz), Martin Vargas Vega (District 2), Patricia Guevara (Watsonville), Rebecca Garcia (Watsonville), Rebecca Hernandez Rosser (Santa Cruz)

Excused: Briana del Franco (District 4), Gloria Nieto (Santa Cruz),

Staff Present: Aimee Mangan

Guests: Richard Lewis, Tatanka Bricca, Cynthia Druley and Cita Rahul

I. Roll Call of Commissioners

II. Approval of Minutes

Approved Minutes of the meeting December 13, 2016. Motion/Second: Vega/ Guevara. Passed unanimously by Commissioners present at December meeting.

III. Agenda Review (Additions and Corrections to the Agenda)

No revisions suggested.

IV. Oral Communications by Commissioners or Members of the Public (on items not on the agenda)

- a.) Commissioner Guevara reported out on Hospice meeting that she attended with Commissioner Garcia on how to outreach to Latino community effectively.
- b.) Commissioner Vega informed group on upcoming event – How to Respond to ICE/ Possibility of Deportation Training that will be held on Saturday, February 14th at Branciforte Middle School.
- c.) Tatanka Bricca shared information about Tatanka's Living Room a Resource for Nonviolence Center musical event. Provided update on the successful Dolores Huerta documentary screening. Invitation to attend February 7th event with a Standing Rock presenter.
- d.) Commissioner Garcia shared that the Romero Law Project is asking for donations.
- e.) Commissioner Hernandez Rosser informed group that there will be an event on March 3rd from 3-6 pm at the American Resource Center at the University of California Santa Cruz.
- f.) Lewis encouraged Commission to serve as a hub for Latino Affairs events throughout the county and region. Lewis shared that a homeless foster youth grant recently came in, and proposed that the Commission work with Drew Glover to honor Cesar Chavez.
- g.) Commissioner Garcia stated that Paul Johnson wants to work with the Commission in the future. Discussion to outreach to him.

V. Welcome New Commissioners

- Dr. Rebecca Hernandez Rosser: City of Santa Cruz
- Martin Vargas Vega: District 2
- Gilberto Reyes: District 1

Commission seats are all filled currently.

VI. CASA Presentation

Overview of the agency provided including a video presentation. Currently recruiting efforts are focusing on getting volunteers that reflect their client population more closely including Spanish speaking Latinos. The next CASA training starts May 1st in Aptos, information will be provided to the Commissions Coordinator. Video will be provided to the Commissions Coordinator so that it can be passed on to the Commissioners and placed on the Commission facebook page.

VII. Retreat

- a.) Select date: Commission Co-Chair Franco will send doodle poll out for a March Retreat that will occur for a half day on a weekend.
- b.) Subcommittee: History of the Commission.

VIII. Commissioner Reports

- a.) District 1: Supervisor Leopold concerned about the Dreamers, wants to know more about them. Live Oak Resource Center is working with parents who have concerns about where youth can participate in recreational activities within Live Oak and Soquel.
- b.) District 2: No report.
- c.) District 3: No report.
- d.) District 4: No report.
- e.) District 5: No report.
- f.) City of Santa Cruz: Commissioner Hernandez Rosser has access to DACA presenters and will invite Martha Ortega to the next Commission meeting,
- g.) City of Watsonville: Commissioner Garcia encouraged by the forums that are being offered to provide information and resources to address community concerns.

IX. Minority Health Month – April

X. Adjournment: 7:35 pm

Next Latino Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2017 at 6pm at the United Way of Santa Cruz County (4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola CA).

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Commissioners

District 1

Vacancy

District 2

Martin Vargas Vega

District 3

Antonia O. Franco

District 4

Brianna Del Franco

District 5

Yolanda Perez-Logan

City of Santa Cruz - Gloria Nieto and Vacancy City of Watsonville– Rebecca Garcia and Patricia Guevara