



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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### LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 6:00 p.m.**

United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola, CA 95010

**Present:** Rebecca Hernandez Rosser (City of Santa Cruz), Gloria Nieto (District 5), Brianna del Franco (District 4), Antonia Franco (District 3), Gilberto Reyes (District 1), Rebecca Garcia (City of Watsonville)

**Excused:** Martin Vargas Vega (District 2), Patricia Guevara (City of Watsonville)

**Staff:** Britt Harmssen, Esq., EEO Officer

**Guests:** Julie Burr, Anissa Banuelos, Jim Weller, Richard Lewis

Meeting was convened at 6:09 pm

#### **I. Roll Call of Commissioners**

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes of the October 2017 meeting.

**Motion/Second: Franco/Hernandez Rosser.**

Ayes: Franco, Hernandez Rosser, Reyes, Nieto, del Franco (5)

Nays: None (0)

Abstain: Garcia (1) **Passed.**

#### **III. Agenda Review**

Nieto reported that she is no longer the City of Santa Cruz representative and has assumed the 5<sup>th</sup> District seat formerly occupied by Yolanda Perez-Logan. Motion to approve agenda with this change.

**Motion/Second: Nieto/Franco. Passed unanimously.**

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

a.) Lewis is interested in developing a youth co-op and encouraged Commissioners to review the Jalisco Federation of Northern California's activities.

#### **V. United Way's Youth Violence Prevention Task Force Presentation**

Julie Burr and Anissa Banuelos of United Way's Project Thrive provided an overview of the program, distributed related literature, shared the Project's long-term objectives, and discussed how the Commission might support and collaborate with the Project in the future.

#### **VI. Sanctuary Santa Cruz Presentation**

Jim Weller shared his initiative to develop an intergovernmental office of immigration affairs in Santa Cruz County, outlined Sanctuary Santa Cruz's goals for this year, and discussed potential avenues for the Commission's participation.

#### **VII. Strategic Plan Update**

a.) del Franco updated the Strategic Plan and distributed a draft for approval. Commissioners previously signed up for various tasks. Advocating for immigrant rights will be addressed under Civic Engagement. Staff to update Spreadsheet with approved changes.

**Motion/Second: Garcia/Nieto. Passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. Community Events: Co-sponsorships**

a.) Cesar Chavez Community Awards

- 1.) Garcia provided an overview of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> event and reported that the Commission has historically sponsored the event with individual contributions from Commissioners. Garcia advised that Commissioners' donations must be received by Monday, March 12th in order for the Commission to be included in the event program's list of sponsors.

## **IX. Commissioner Reports**

a.) District 1: Reyes attended the Vision Santa Cruz County community engagement event in Live Oak.

b.) District 2: No report.

c.) District 3: No report.

d.) District 4: No report.

e.) District 5:

- 1.) Nieto will attend a Felton meeting with other Commissioners representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District hosted by Supervisor McPherson. The Commission discussed inviting the Supervisors to a Commission meeting and presenting the Commission's Strategic Plan to the Board in September. Nieto also discussed inviting Santa Cruz student "Dreamers" to a future Commission meeting.

f.) City of Santa Cruz: No report.

g.) City of Watsonville:

- 1.) Garcia announced that a gun was seized through the gang prevention task force, and she has scheduled an appointment with the task force. Garcia discussed the possibility of inviting Isaac Rodriguez from the Watsonville Police Department to present at a future Commission meeting and stressed the importance of building trust in law enforcement among local youth.
- 2.) Garcia announced that there will be an event on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Town Plaza recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> "birthday" of the incorporation of the City of Watsonville.
- 3.) Chairs del Franco and Franco requested that Commissioners provide potential presenters with three upcoming Commission meeting dates to better plan and balance future agendas.

## **X. Staff Report**

a.) Update on Commissions Coordinator recruitment provided.

b.) Discussed Attorney General's reform of California's bail system, and the California Supreme Court's declining to hear a challenge to the state's mandatory waiting period for gun purchases.

## **XI. Name Badges**

a.) Hernandez Rosser distributed name badges to Commissioners.

b.) Hernandez Rosser shared that she met with archivist Teresa Mora at the UCSC library regarding retaining Latino Affairs Commission historical documents in the library's archives.

c.) Commission to reach out to Teresita Hinojosa regarding securing historical Commission records.

## **XII. Hispanic Heritage Month Review**

a.) del Franco reported that brainstorming for the October Hispanic Heritage exhibit/display will begin in April and June. Local individuals and community agencies serving the Latino community will be recognized.

**XIII. Adjournment: 8:00 pm**

**Submitted: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer**

The next Latino Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the United Way of Santa Cruz County (4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola, CA).

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Commissioners

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>	<u>District 5</u>
Gilberto Reyes	Martin Vargas Vega	Antonia O. Franco	Brianna del Franco	Gloria Nieto

City of Santa Cruz—Diana Alfaro and Rebecca Hernandez Rosser

City of Watsonville—Rebecca Garcia and Patricia Guevara