



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Executive Committee Meeting October 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm PDT

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Note: As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and the Mayor's 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation, this meeting will be held remotely without providing a physical location. Members of the Immigrant Rights Commission will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may observe the meeting and provide public comment online. View [instructions](#) for providing public comment.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Paz called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Present: Chair Kennelly (5:45 p.m.), Vice Chair Paz, Commissioners Khojasteh, Souza.

Not present: Commissioner Ricarte (excused)

OCEIA staff present: Acting Director Whipple, Commission Clerk Shore, Operations and Grants Administrator Chan, Policy and Civic Engagement Officer Noonan

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

This item is to allow the Commission Chair to acknowledge that the Commission is on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

Vice Chair Paz read the land acknowledgment statement.

3. General Public Comment

This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Approval of September 28, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights

Commission's Executive Committee meeting of September 28, 2022. Explanatory Document: [IRC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 9.28.22](#)

Commissioner Souza motioned to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee's September 28, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Khojasteh. Vice Chair Paz called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The minutes were approved by the three Commissioners present.

5. Discussion/Action Items

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Rescheduling/Cancellation of November and December Executive Committee Meetings
Discussion and possible action by Chair Kennelly to decide on whether to reschedule or cancel the Executive Committee meetings scheduled for November 23, 2022 and December 28, 2022 due to the holidays and Commissioners' schedules.

Acting Director Whipple reviewed the dates of the upcoming Executive Committee meetings. Vice Chair Paz recommended that the Executive Committee reschedule its next meeting and cancel its December meeting.

Chair Kennelly facilitated the remainder of the meeting, and agreed to reschedule the Executive Committee's November meeting to November 30, 2022, and cancel its December meeting.

- b. Planning for November and December Full Commission Meetings
Discussion to plan for the IRC Full Commission meetings in November and December 2022.

Chair Kennelly canceled the Full Commission's December meeting, and suggested that the Commission send a holiday greeting to consulates and other partners. The Full Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2022.

- c. Proposed Letter on Resources for Newcomer Students
Discussion and possible action to approve edited version of proposed letter on resources for newcomer students. This is a continuation of an item proposed by Commissioner Souza in response to reports of attacks at Everett Middle School. The Executive Committee voted to move forward with drafting a statement or letter around the provisioning of additional resources for newcomer students promoting the general safety of students within SFUSD. Commissioner Souza shared a draft with the Executive

Committee. Vice Chair Paz made additions and OCEIA staff edited the letter, and Chair Kennelly asked OCEIA staff to bring the edited version to the Executive Committee for their approval.

The letter was drafted by Commissioner Souza, revised by Vice Chair Paz, and edited by OCEIA staff. Vice Chair Paz motioned to finalize and send the edited letter, seconded by Commissioner Khojasteh. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved by the four Commissioners present.

d. Follow-up Actions from IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco

Discussion and possible action to plan follow-up actions on the Commission's September 12, 2022 hearing on immigrant perspectives on housing in San Francisco. Commissioner Souza volunteered to draft recommendations from the hearing. Explanatory Document: [IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco](#)

Commissioner Souza requested that the Executive Committee defer this item to its November 30, 2022 meeting. The item was deferred.

e. Plans for IRC Participation in Parivar Bay Area Conference (Acting Director Whipple)
Information on upcoming Parivar Bay Area conference for the Chair and Vice Chair to attend and report back.

Acting Director Whipple provided information on Parivar's conference on November 18, 2022, and will send the invitation to the Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item.

6. Staff Reports
(Information)

a. Director's Updates

Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the Director to provide brief updates on activities and announcements. If the Commission would like a full report, we can place that matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

Acting Director Whipple provided an update on OCEIA activities, including the upcoming

DreamSF immigration clinic and San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative workshop. The vast majority of City departments have submitted their compliance data for the Language Access Ordinance annual report.

Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item.

7. Old and New Business
(Information)

This item is to allow Commissioners to provide updates on items the Commission has previously discussed, and to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission.

Commissioner Souza asked Vice Chair Paz to provide an update on efforts to secure a Universal Basic Income pilot program for immigrants at the next Commission meeting. Vice Chair Paz noted that efforts have not been successful for this budget cycle. Chair Kennelly asked what the Commission could do, and Vice Chair Paz suggested engaging the Mayor's Office. Acting Director Whipple will invite the UBI point person for the Mayor's Office to speak at the next Full Commission meeting.

8. Adjournment

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

