



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
Full Commission Meeting
IRC Annual Strategic Planning Retreat
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room
May 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm PDT**

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Overview: Members of the Commission will attend this meeting in person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely using Webex or by calling the phone number and entering the access code above. Everyone attending the meeting in person is encouraged to wear a mask throughout the meeting.

Each member of the public, whether attending remotely or in person, may address the Commission for up to two minutes. Public speakers using consecutive interpretation assistance will be allowed to speak for twice the amount of the time. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. In addition to in-person public comment, the Commission will hear up to 20 minutes of remote public comment on each agenda item. The Commission will hear remote public comment on each item in the order that commenters add themselves to the queue to comment on the item. Because of the 20-minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to disability will not count toward the 20-minute limit.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kennelly called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

Present: Chair Kennelly, Vice Chair Paz, Enssani, Obregon, Ricarte, Ruiz (left at 7:40 p.m.), Senghor, Souza, Wang (left at 6:35 p.m.).

Not present: Commissioner Chaudhary (excused), Gaime (excused), Latt, Rahimi.

OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Deputy Director Whipple, Clerk Shore, Operations and Grants Administrator Chan.

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.

Chair Kennelly 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 general public comment.

4. Staff Reports
(Information)

a. Director's Updates

Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the OCEIA 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.

Director Rivas thanked Clerk Shore for providing Commissioners with a legislative update. He noted that amendments to the Language Access Ordinance are expected to be introduced in June, and will schedule a time for representatives of Supervisor Walton's Office to meet with Commissioners. He thanked Deputy Deputy Director Whipple, Clerk Shore, Operations and Grants Administrator Chan, Commissioner Latt, and Commissioner Ruiz for their work organizing last week's special hearing on LGBTQ immigrants.

b. IRC Annual Report

This item allows the OCEIA Director to present the IRC 2023 Annual Report written and designed by OCEIA on the Commission's work during the 2022 calendar year.

Director Rivas highlighted the IRC's annual report written by Clerk Shore and designed by Senior Communications Specialist Jamie Richardson.

c. Update on June 12, 2023 Immigrant Leadership Awards

This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide updates on the Immigrant Leadership Awards scheduled for June 12, 2023.

Director Rivas provided an update on the Immigrant Leadership Awards, which is scheduled for June 12, 2023 at San Francisco City Hall. Commissioners are asked to arrive early for a group photo. Commissioners also will be asked to invite five guests each and to help invite members of the Consular Corps.

5. Action Item: 2023 Planning Retreat – Approval of IRC Policy and Action Plan (Director Rivas)
(Information/Discussion/Action)

This item allows the Chair and Vice Chair to present the results of the pre-retreat survey on Commissioners' top priorities for the upcoming year, and allows the OCEIA Director to facilitate a discussion among Commissioners to identify specific activities they would like to accomplish under each top priority area, along with the anticipated timeline and lead Commissioners for each activity.

Chair Kennelly welcomed Commissioners to the strategic planning retreat and asked them to share what the experience of an immigrant in San Francisco will look like five years from now. Director Rivas provided an overview of the goals of the retreat, the tools the Commission can use to take action, and examples of actions the Commission has taken to impact local policy. Vice Chair Paz discussed the two key priorities for the year that Commissioners identified in their pre-retreat surveys: supporting and protecting DACA recipients, and supporting newcomers and asylum seekers. For each topic, Director Rivas asked Commissioners to identify a local outcome they would like to see and a specific action the Commission can accomplish. Commissioners discussed the importance of alternative models of employment and income generation, such as workers' cooperatives. They discussed holding a hearing, gathering local data and information, and developing a report or recommendations to provide to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Director Rivas noted that the next steps will be to define the timeline and identify which Commissioners will lead the effort.

Chair Kennelly asked for a vote to approve the Commission's policy and action plan. Vice Chair Paz made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Ricarte. There was no public comment on this agenda item. The motion was approved by the eight Commissioners present.

6. Action Item: Annual Officer Elections (Director Rivas)
(Action)

- a. Election of Commission Chair
- b. Election of Commission Vice Chair

Chair Kennelly deferred the officer elections due to lack of quorum. (Seven Commissioners were present at the time.)

7. Adjournment

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

