



Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

TIME: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

PRESENT: Gilberto Reyes (*1st District*), Christina Granados (*4th District*), Diana Alfaro (*City of Santa Cruz*), Rebecca Hernandez (*City of Santa Cruz*), Rebecca Garcia (*City of Watsonville*), Patricia Guevara (*City of Watsonville*)

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*County EEO Officer*), Rita Sanchez (*County CAO Analyst*)

GUESTS: Julie Burr (*United Way Community Organizer*), Rueben Garcia (*United Way Community Impact Coordinator*) and one community member

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM. The Commission welcomed new Commissioner, Christina Granados.

2. Agenda Review

3. Approve October 3, 2018 Minutes

Motion/Second: Garcia/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. Youth Violence Prevention Network and Project Thrive

Rueben Garcia reported on *Project Thrive*, a two-year project establishing a trauma-informed, culturally relevant system for the well-being of young men of color and their families. Burr reported on *Youth Violence Prevention Network* workshops with community stakeholders to address structural racism. Commissioner Garcia participated in a discussion group. Long-term, stable funding is essential.

6. 2020 Census

Commissioner Granados, a *US Census Bureau Specialist*, gave an overview of outreach efforts for the 2020 Census, emphasizing confidentiality, and the importance of an accurate count. Alfaro will join the Complete Count Committee (CCC) Unhoused Subcommittee.

Motion to authorize a letter in support of 2020 Census participation efforts.

Motion/Second: Garcia/Granados

Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business/Action Items

7.1. Election of Officers

Motion to Elect Alfaro as Chair and Reyes as Vice Chair

Motion/Second: Garcia/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Commission Subcommittees

Commission discussed establishing subcommittees authorized to convene as needed to conduct Commission business within their subject matter jurisdiction.

Motion to establish the Advocacy Subcommittee, Community Outreach Subcommittee, Cultural Competence Subcommittee, and Affordable Housing Subcommittee.

Motion/Second: Garcia/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Alfaro appointed Commissioners to subcommittees as follows:

- Advocacy Subcommittee: Garcia, Granados, Alfaro
- Community Outreach Subcommittee: Garcia, Granados
- Cultural Competence Subcommittee: Guevara, Hernandez, Reyes
- Affordable Housing Subcommittee: Alfaro, Garcia

7.3. Approve 2018-2019 Biennial Report

Commission reviewed and amended the 2018-2019 Biennial Report to include updates from the December meeting.

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Biennial Report as amended.

Motion/Second: Hernandez/Guevara

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Strategic Action Plan Updates: No Report

9. Commissioner Reports

9.1. District 1 Report (Reyes)

Reyes reported on the “*Live Oak Cradle to Career*” career fair.

9.2. District 4 Report (Granados)

Granados reported on census outreach meetings with UCSC, County Office of Education, City of Watsonville and County partners.

9.3. Santa Cruz City Report (Hernandez)

Hernandez reported on a DACA student occupation and the administration’s continuing dialogue with students on immigration policy and the scarcity of housing concerns. Opponents continue to block proposed on-campus housing development.

9.4. Santa Cruz City Report (Alfaro)

Alfaro reported on a newly-approved 57-unit affordable housing development, new health center and *Dientes* office in District One. State and Federal funding for affordable housing continues to be constrained. The public library relocation/remodel may have considerable impact on the Latinx community. Alfaro will draft an FAQ to support Commissioner advocacy on the issue.

9.5. Watsonville City Report (Garcia)

Garcia reported on a new 50-unit housing development for treatment center graduates and an 80-unit affordable housing development that is being sold. Commissioner Garcia has been appointed Mayor of Watsonville City. Watsonville City Council passed the *Safe and Affordable Housing for Renters* resolution and an emergency ordinance placing a moratorium on evictions.

9.6. Watsonville City Report (Guevara)

Guevara reported on the “*Mi Casa es Tu Casa*” exhibit at the Pajaro Arts Council.

10. Staff Report

Staff reported on a traveling Spanish-only library exhibit currently at the MAH and introduced Rita Sanchez, CAO Analyst and liaison to the Commission.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*