



Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Meeting held remotely

PRESENT: Gilberto Reyes (*1st District*), Christina Granados (*4th District*), Leo Gomez (*5th District*), Diana Alfaro (*City of Santa Cruz*), Rebecca Hernandez (*City of Santa Cruz*), Rebecca Garcia (*City of Watsonville*), Patricia Guevara (*City of Watsonville*)

EXCUSED: Abbygale Gonzalez (*2nd District*), Ayde Guerrero (*3rd District*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*),

GUESTS: Erica Padilla-Chavez, (*Pajaro Valley Covid-19 Community Outreach Task Force Co-Chair*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM.

2. Motion to Approve February 5, 2020 Minutes as amended

Commission amended minutes to include additional information regarding families served by the Farmworker Center partnership.

Motion/Second: Alfaro/Guevara

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items

4.1. Covid-19 and the Latino Community

Padilla-Chavez reported on the *Pajaro Valley Covid-19 Outreach Task Force* and their efforts to provide culturally appropriate community education to address disease prevention and safety measures to the Latino community during the pandemic. COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on the Latino community because of language, cultural and socioeconomic barriers. Structural inequities such as lack of health insurance, the prevalence of Latinos working in front-line jobs, housing density, and the collateral effects of poverty all contribute to the rate of infection in the Latino community. The Commission discussed opportunities to support Task Force efforts. The Outreach and Advocacy Subcommittees will consider ways that the Commission can support Task Force efforts.

Motion to authorize Chair to submit a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors

Motion/Second: Garcia/Guevara

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to authorize Granados to represent the Commission on the Task Force

Motion/Second: Garcia/Granados

Motion passed unanimously

4.2. Election of Officers

Motion to re-elect Commission Chair Alfaro and Commission Vice Chair Reyes

Motion/Second: Garcia/Reyes

Ayes: Reyes, Garcia, Guevara, Hernandez, Granados, Gomez

Abstain: Alfaro

Motion passed.

5. Commissioner Reports

5.1. District 1 Report (Reyes): No report

5.2. District 2 Report (Gonzalez): No Report

5.3. District 3 Report (Guerrero Rosas): No Report

5.4. District 4 Report (Granados)

Granados reported that the census campaign in Watsonville has been so successful that it will be expanded to other states.

5.5. District 5 Report (Gomez): No Report

5.6. Santa Cruz City Report (Hernandez)

Hernandez updated the Commission on several peaceful protests.

5.7. Santa Cruz City Report (Alfaro)

Alfaro reported on several socially-distanced city events held in May to celebrate Affordable Housing Month.

5.8. Watsonville City Report (Garcia)

Garcia reported that Watsonville's moratorium on evictions expired on May 31st, but an agreement was reached placing a moratorium on rent increases and late fees instead.

5.9. Watsonville City Report (Guevara)

Guevara invited the Commission to view a virtual tour of the Pajaro Valley Art Gallery's exhibit *Campesinos: Workers of the Land* which is available on their website through August 2, 2020.

6. Staff Report

Staff reported on County Public Health Call Center resources.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*