



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Council Chambers  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917  
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**April 27, 2023**  
**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker, Kiara Daniels,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, John Hines (alternate)

## Call To Order

Council Member Rumbaugh called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

Council Members Daniels and Hines participated virtually.

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**MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to appoint  
Council Member Rumbaugh as Chair of the Community  
Vitality and Safety Committee for the meeting of  
April 27, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared  
adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [23-0430](#) Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023, meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

## Briefing Items

2. [23-0410](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:37 p.m., Susan Haigh, Acting City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing six applicants for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; that there are eight positions available, including six member positions, one young adult position, and one alternate position, however, the Council Members may only recommend up to six applicants as no applications were received for the young adult position; and that Maricres Valdez Castro, Negar "Natalie" Ghayoumi, Alma Villegas, and Lydia Zepeda are seeking reappointment.

The Committee interviewed Lydia Zepeda, Alma Villegas, Maricres Valdez Castro, Alicia Sands, Negar "Natalie" Ghayoumi, and Jesse Becerra.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of applicants and positions available, the applicants' qualifications, and recruitment for the young adult position.

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Negar "Natalie" Ghayoumi to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Maricres Valdez Castro to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Alma Villegas to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Lydia Zepeda to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Jesse Becerra to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Alicia Sands to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2024, followed by a three-year term, to expire March 31, 2027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Daniels, Hines and Rumbaugh

**Absent:** 2 - Blocker and Ushka

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-0408](#) May 11, 2023 - Human Services Commission Interviews; Community Safety Plan Update  
May 25, 2023 - Minimum Building and Structures Code Review; Rental Housing Code Update  
June 8, 2023 - Anti-Displacement Strategy Update; Chronic Nuisance Law Update

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on May 11, 2023, and will include interviews for the Human Services Commission and an update on the community safety plan; the May 25, 2023, meeting will include updates on the Minimum Building and Structures Code and the Rental Housing Code; and the June 8, 2023, meeting will include updates on the anti-displacement strategy and the chronic nuisance law.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Catherine Ushka, Chair

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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office