



# City of Tacoma

## Community Vitality and Safety

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402, Conference Room 248  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 859 6160 4917  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/85961604917](http://www.zoom.us/j/85961604917) Passcode: 614650

**April 21, 2022**

**4:30 PM**

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

#### SPECIAL MEETING

### Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the special meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Vice Chair Blocker arrived at 4:43 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

### Briefing Items

1. [22-0481](#) Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing five additional applicants for the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (CIRA) in addition to the ten applicants interviewed on April 14, 2022, and that Jessica Salvador was not listed in the advanced materials but was added to the schedule at the request of staff. She further stated that there are nine current vacancies on CIRA, including seven member positions, one youth or young adult position; and one alternate position; and that the Committee may only recommend eight positions as the applicant for the youth or young adult position did not accept the invitation to interview.

The Committee interviewed Dara Isabella Bardelas.

Vice Chair Blocker arrived here, at 4:43 p.m.

The Committee further interviewed Maricres Valdez Castro, Leena Vo, and Jessica Salvador.

Discussion ensued regarding choosing the applicants, time restrictions, and possibly deferring the motions to another meeting.

The Community Vitality and Safety (CVS) Committee recessed at 5:29 p.m.

The CVS Committee reconvened at 5:31 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the Committee's upcoming agenda, applicants' qualifications, and demographics of CIRA.

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Maricres Valdez Castro to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Natalie Ghayoumi to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Stacy Kowalski to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka**

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Samantha Le to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Daniels.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka**

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Maurice Lekea to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka**

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Hugo Nicolas to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka**

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Thierry Ruboneka to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

**MOTION: Chair Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Leena Vo to the "Alternate" position on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2025.**

**SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Blocker.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Ushka

2. [22-0482](#) House Bill 1590 Spending Plan  
[Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 5:49 p.m., Felicia Medlen, Housing Division Manager, Community and Economic Development, presented the Washington House Bill 1590 spending plan, including background, noting eligible activities and target populations; issues, noting pipeline examples, allocation examples, and administration; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding bonding, funding for ownership opportunities, defining at-risk populations, projects providing housing at 30 percent of the Annual Median Income, permanent supportive housing services, WorkForce housing, and funding sources.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [22-0483](#) April 28, 2022 - Human Rights Commission Interviews; Encampment Removal Process  
May 12, 2022 - Human Services Commission Interviews

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on April 28, 2022, and will include interviews for the Human Rights

Commission and an update on the encampment removal process; and that the May 12, 2022, meeting will include interviews for the Human Services Commission.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



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Catherine Ushka, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office