

Commission on Immigrant Affairs Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 6:30 PM Austin City Hall, Room 2016 301 West Second Street Austin, Texas

# AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** February 10, 2010 meeting (5 Minutes)

### 4. PRESENTATIONS: Community Based Agencies (30 Minutes)

- a. American Gateways, James Canup, Director of Development
- **b.** Immigration Counseling and Outreach Services, Terri English, Executive Director
- c. Catholic Charities of Central Texas, Carmen Cortes-Harms, Director of Immigration Legal Services

### 5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Emergency Contact Card for Residency and Visitors with limited English proficiency: Phan. The Commission will finalize the Card and discuss plans for a press conference. (5 Minutes)
- **b.** Immigrant Services Network of Austin: Esparza. Members will be briefed about the Immigrant Services Network of Austin meeting, and discuss items related to the commission activities/recommendations. (5 Minutes)

### 6. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- **a.** Notario Publico Awareness: Esparza. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to address the confusion about the distinction between "notario publico" and "notary public." (10 Minutes)
  - 1. Recommend to the City Council that the City of Austin publicly display the Secretary of States bilingual notary warning poster.

- **b.** Legal Assistance to Immigrants: Hernandez. Discussion and possible action regarding funding recommendations for services to provide legal assistance to immigrants. (10 minutes)
- **c.** Census Awareness: Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations about ways to increase awareness of and participation in the census. (5 minutes)

#### 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

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