



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 6:30 PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 2016, Austin, Texas.

**Members in Attendance**

Miguel Ancira  
Thomas Esparza, Chair  
Laura Hernandez, Vice-Chair  
Sunny Ogunro  
Syed Rahman

**Presenters**

None

**Members Absent**

None

**Staff**

Ron Hubbard, HHSD  
Natalie Cuccia, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Esparza called the Commission meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of June 9th, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Rahman's second on a 4-0 vote.
4. **REPORT: Immigrant Services Network:** Commissioner Esparza briefed members on the upcoming Immigrant Services of Austin and USCIS joint Citizenship Outreach Program. A workshop will be held September 18, 2010 and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at the Austin Community College East View Campus to assist immigrants who wish to apply for citizenship.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. The commission discussed the recent article in the La Voz newspaper regarding the "Take Our Jobs" campaign initiated by the United Farm Workers of America.
    - Possible Action: Commissioner Ancira will draft a letter asking the City Council for a proclamation recognizing the campaign.
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Emergency Contact Card for Residency and Visitors with limited English proficiency – Commissioner Hernandez presented a draft copy of the emergency contact card.
- B. Legal Assistance to Immigrants possible funding recommendations to City Council – A draft letter for a recommendation to City Council to include in its Fiscal Year 2011 budget \$150,000 to assist victims of domestic violence and crime for one or more direct social service providers that provide legal assistance services to immigrants was approved on Commissioner Ancira's motion, Commissioner Ogunro second on a 5 – 0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. without objection.