



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 AT 5:30 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W 2ND St, AUSTIN, TX 78701**

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely:

Call or email the board liaison at Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov or 512-974-9107. The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on if applicable, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Amanda Afifi, District 2, Chair
Sharon Vigil, District 7, Vice-Chair
Ricardo Garay, District 3
Jesus Perales, District 8
Daniela Silva, District 1
Dulce Castañeda, District 10

Maria C. Solis, District 5
Felicia Peña, Mayor
Sandy Ramirez, District 6
Ivanna Neri, District 4
Vacant – District 9

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Each speaker will have three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. Speakers wishing to address an agenda item will have the chance to do so when the agenda item is called.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission regular meeting held on August 23, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation from JUST, a nonprofit CDFI that has made over 6,000 business loans totally more than \$12 million to Hispanic female entrepreneurs. Discussion and possible action regarding business loans and reimagined access to opportunity and financial stability. Presented by Steve Wanta, cofounder and CEO.
3. Presentation about Austin Community College District general obligation bond and discussion and possible action related to Central Texas workforce training and development. Presented by Nora Comstock.
4. Discussion and possible action related to Tesla Gigafactory Texas response to Commissioners' questions that were posed as follow-up to Tesla presentation given on July 26.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – related to COVID-19, monkeypox, and other critical public health issues, such as environmental health issues.
6. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) -related to latest JIC discussion and activity
7. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – related to issues relevant to older adults in the Hispanic/Latino community
8. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Vigil, & Commissioners Peña, Silva, and Perales) – related to closing out the FY22-23 budget process, re-establishing this workgroup, and new planning for FY23-24.
9. Education and Youth Mental Health Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) – related to the upcoming legislative session and racial disparities within school system.
10. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Peña and Garay) – report of recommendation on Cap Metro's fare capping programs
11. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi) – related to arts and culture initiatives impacting the Latinx community
12. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis) – related to re-establishing this workgroup and planning for FY22-23 quality of life study process

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission please contact Amanda Jasso at Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov