



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
10, 8, 2022**

**The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular called meeting on 10, August, 2022, at Austin City Hall Room 1101, 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Juan called the Commission on Immigrant Affairs Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Juan Vences-Benitez, Chair*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Krystal Gomez, Vice-Chair*

*Adrian De La Rosa*

*Nicole Merritt*

*Karen Crawford*

*Aditi Joshi*

*Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez*

*Rennison Lalgee*

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**None**

**Move by Nicole to suspend Robert's Rules, second by Krystal, all in favor**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion on enhanced library card budget recommendation to Council and possible vote on the recommendation.
  - a. Reviewed 'Draft "Enhanced Library Card" Resolution to Council' for possible changes and vote. No changes were made.
  - b. Aditi made a motion to pass the resolution, Karen seconded, all in favor. Recommendation passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion on enhanced library card budget amendment and suggestions on edits.

- a. Reviewed draft language from Councilmember Fuentes' office. Draft initially describes the background for the resolution. The next section titled "Be It Resolved" is where the Commission may want to recommend edits as it is the policy directive.
  - b. There is a concern that the final document will directly identify immigrants in the initial section. In the past, tying resolutions directly to a vulnerable population made them more of a target. Juan will clarify with Sophia as to whether this section will be included in the final document.
  - c. City Manager's Office is working with Travis County to make sure this program is available. They are also specifically stating that the program will start in 120 days.
  - d. The policy directive does not address equipment or the necessary funds and infrastructure. Juan will ask Sophia if this language needs to be included. It is written as if these are a given. Edited a line to include this language.
  - e. City departments must recognize it as a formal ID, and then the community at large also has to recognize it as a formal ID. It needs to be promoted heavily for its broad use and acceptance. Councilman Fuentes's Office is working internally to get the departments on board. To ensure external acceptance, we can add a line to include proper promotion and marketing.
  - f. For the line about privacy and security, added "safeguards that prevent fraud, misuse of information, and informational theft." The library has already said that they will not keep any information on file.
3. This is a great program that will help a lot of people, and it not only limits the program by naming direct populations in the document, but it also potentially makes them a target. The card should be a benefit to everyone so that it will be accepted by all. We would prefer to take this line out or change the line.
  4. Juan will email the direct language to Sophia, and copy Adrian and Krystal, about the Commissions edits. Juan will also ask about having another conversation with Sophia about the resolution.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Juan adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved at the 09/06/2022 meeting on Nicole' motion, Karen second on a 7-0 vote.**