

Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Commission on Immigrant Affairs

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

(A) advise the city council on issues of common concern to immigrants, particularly in the areas of health and human services, education, and the demographic makeup of the Austin immigrant community; (B) monitor requirements of federal, state, and local immigration, welfare and other laws that affect immigrants, and recommend to the city council actions to maximize the benefits to local immigrants under existing laws and to minimize the adverse impacts to local immigrants under the laws; (C) promote recognition of the contributions of the foreign-born to the economic and cultural vitality of Austin; and (D) promote the availability of, and promote accessibility to, local educational, economic, legal, and social resources for immigrants.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

Here are the major actions during the 2022-2023 year:

- 1. Made Budget Recommendation Recommendation 20220810-002: Enhanced Library Card
- 2. Presentation by Co-Executive Director, Rebecca Lightsey of American Gateways to update the Commission on their work.
- 3. Annual Office Elections: Miriam Dorantes elected Chair and Melissa Ortega as Vice-Chair
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2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

Our actions complied with the mission statement

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

Boards goals and objectives have been limited due to the lack of meeting time with the entire commission. With the current vacancies still in play, we cannot ethically list the goals and objectives for the new calendar year without having set them out collectively.