



**REGULAR MEETING of the
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 23rd, 2024 at 6:00pm
CITY HALL, BOARDS & COMMISISONS RM #1101
301 W. 2ND STREET, AUSTIN, TX 78701
MEETING AGENDA**

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (January 22nd by 12pm-Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Community Services Program Coordinator, Alejandra Mireles, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, January 22nd, 2024. Please telephone call & leave a voicemail at (512) 974-8045 or email alejandra.mireles@austintexas.gov. The information required is the speaker's name, the item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

BOARD MEMBERS:

District	Commissioner	District	Commissioner
1	Daniela Silva	7	Sharon Vigil
2	Amanda Afifi (Chair)	8	Jesus Perales
3	Vanessa Maldonado	9	Leonor Vargas
4	Ivanna Neri (Vice-Chair)	10	Dulce Castañeda
5	Kevin M Jackson Jr.	Mayor	Eliza May
6	VACANT		

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING on DECEMBER 19th, 2023.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Marion Sanchez, Manager Communication and Public Information Office. Update on CPIO's progress from City Auditor's Language Access Audit.
3. Housing Department Presentation & Discussion on Community Needs and Priorities for Federal Funding to Inform FY 24-29 Consolidated Plan (Housing Staff: Chris Duran, Senior Research Analyst; Julie Smith Community Engagement Specialist; Jamey May, Housing & Community Development Officer; Austin Public Health Staff: Akeshia Johnson-Smothers, Program Manager III)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Jon Yates and Leigh Wyatt, Scout Executive/CEO of Capital Area Council Boy Scouts. City of Austin's Boy Scouts participation updates and request for collaboration for future Commission action.
5. Luis Acosta from College Access Program (CAP). Update and request for possible recommendation from Commission.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion and possible action to write a recommendation to support a ceasefire in Gaza.
7. Discussion and possible action to write a recommendation that would support funding and programing for Spanish speaking artists and performers.
8. Review and discuss the scope of all current working groups, including adding/removing members to the workgroups.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Budget & Policy Priorities Workgroup – updates from the last workgroup meeting on issues related to the FY23-24 and policy matters pertaining to their assignment (Budget & Policy Priorities Workgroup Members: *Commissioners Amanda Afifi, Sharon Vigil, Jesus Perales, Dulce Castañeda, and Leonor Vargas*).
10. Language Access Workgroup – Updates on the newly formed workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment (Language Access Workgroup Members: *Amanda Afifi, Dulce Castaneda, Vanessa Maldonado, Daniela Silva, and Hector Ordaz*)
11. Public Safety & Immigrant Affairs Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment (Public Safety & Immigrant Affairs Workgroup Members: *Dulce Castaneda, Leonor Vargas, and Sharon Vigil*)
12. Arts and Culture Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues impacting Spanish speaking artists and performers. (Arts and Culture Workgroup Members: *Ivanna Neri, Leonor Vargas, Ana Laura de Santiago, Norma del Torro, Priscilla Cortez, and Luis Ordaz*)
13. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) – General update and discussion on the coalition building work of the Committee. (*JIC Primary & Alternate Representatives: Amanda Afifi and Ivanna Neri*)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the **Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission**, please contact Alejandra Mireles at (512) 974-8045 or (preferably) via email at alejandra.mireles@austintexas.gov.