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## CITY OF WORCESTER

### Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs *Comisión Asesora sobre Asuntos Latinos*

#### MEETING MINUTES / *Agenda de la Reunión*

**Thursday, October 12, 2023, 5:30 PM / *jueves 12 de octubre, 5:30pm***

Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber 3<sup>rd</sup> flr, 455 Main Street, Worcester, MA  
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Present: German Chiriboga  
Giovanni Ayala  
Laura Martinez

Remote: Eric Diaz  
Hamilton Soriano

Absent: Deborah Gonzalez

Staff: David Quiroa, City Manager's Office  
Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office  
Pam Callahan, Human Resources Department

1. David called the meeting to order at 5:35pm
2. Introductions of all in attendance.
3. David read the ordinance that created the Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs.
4. David spoke about the Committee and the scope of mission is to advise the City Manager on how best to serve the Latino community.

5. David indicated that Pam Callahan would be at the next meeting to work on a more detailed discussion about how to move forward but requested members initial ideas.
  - a. Hamilton mentioned inviting Latino run nonprofits to a meeting so that they can have a voice. He also discussed working with the Worcester Airport to get direct flights to areas that Latinos would visit.
  - b. German discussed his background in Health Equities and would be interested in anything that affects the outcomes.
  - c. Giovanni works with housing for CDC and is interested in helping families that receive assistance to support themselves.
  - d. Eric is a social service coordinator working in Boston to gain resources for immigrants. He wants to review how we are receiving immigrants and what we are doing for them.
  - e. Laura said that Latinos come from many countries. We need to outreach to who is here and understand that not all of them speak Spanish. She said that educational pieces align with health equity.
6. David said that Latinos make up 25 – 30% of Worcester. We should be able to coordinate and come together. We will look to have opportunities for other departments to offer data so that we have a landscape of what effects Latinos in Worcester.
7. David talked about the role of the chairperson and asked members to email him if they wish to be considered for either Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. They would take a vote at the next meeting.
8. The next meeting will take place in November. After discussion, it seemed as though Thursdays worked best for everyone present. David motioned for a vote to have the next meeting held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. After a roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 not in favor of having the meeting Thursday, 11/16/23.
9. German motioned to adjourn the meeting, Eric 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
10. After a roll call vote, 5 in favor, 0 not in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

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