



**City of Bloomington
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

**Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 @ 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

The Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (CHLA) works to identify and research the issues which impact the Hispanic and Latino populations in Bloomington, especially in the areas of health, education, public safety and cultural competency. CHLA responsibilities include: developing action committees, promote positive remedies for issues confronting Latinos, network with like-minded organizations, and celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington Community.

- I. Call to order at: 5:44 PM (quorum)
- II. Approval of December 2024 meeting minutes.
 - A. approved
- III. **Liaison Report**
 - A. **Open seats:** 1 Common Council voting seat
 - B. **Appointments expiring January 31st, 2025:** Marlo, Javier, Raquel, Alysa
 - **Have you all received your reappointment letters?**
 - C. **February Meeting:** February 26th
 - D. **812 Podcast Invitation**
 - 1-2 CHLA Commissioners
 - Contact Info: Kelly 414-241-9930
 - Marlo – good to listen to podcast to decide; one week; information to be sent to the group
- IV. **Current business**
 - A. **Education:** Raquel, Dinorah, Alysa, Mariella
 - Address counselor BHSS
 - Organize informational sessions with high school students and parents regarding college
 - B. **Health Services:** Marlo, Jimena
 - Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health
 - Access to Medical Interpretation - survey
 - C. **Public Relations:** Javier / Mariella / Jimena
 - Foro Latino de Agencias – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
 - Information / welcome sessions (2x a year) to cover several topics such as transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential sites: MCPL, CCL, churches, Adult E.C.
 - Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational
 - Community Plan re: immigration realities and plans of new administration
 1. Informational forum with agencies that serve the community, as well as commissions (provider forum)
 2. Marlo will work on this; each one reach out to these agencies; each commissioner will reach out to two-three to see how they are working with the community; any protocols?

D. Fundraising: Marlo, Raquel, Alysa

E. Updates from prior meetings:

V. Additional Items

A. Current climate/situation re: immigrants

- Within city hall, what can we do as a commission?
 1. Know the resources for individuals
 2. List of resources Raquel will have these for the commission
 3. Talk to the director of our department as to what we can and cannot do
 4. Check with legal (Marissa will do first steps to talk to dept and city government)
 5. Javier – mayor said she would talk with police chief
 6. Know your rights card
 7. Javier – go to the churches; check with the city as to available resources
 8. Recommendation- Shatoya Moss (director) and representative of mayor for our next meeting or an extraordinary meeting.
- General aspects (work and communication)
 1. Support CCL any way we can (spaces, for example)
 2. Support immigration group
 3. Provide info to the community

To do:

- 1- share resources
- 2- I will send Marissa the “what to do cards” for copying and laminating
- 3- handouts with concrete information
- 4- roadmap a to what to do
- 5- Mariella will draft email requesting protocol for schools if ICE comes to the schools; will send it around to the commission before to sending to superintendent
- 6- Marlo will contact Mexican consulate to see if they can come down for a mobile clinic, and potential dates
- 7- List of legal resources
- 8- potential talk re: mental health of kids

VI. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

VI. Adjournment at: 7:05 PM