



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Monthly Conference Call
Friday, February 12, 2021
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	YES
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lina Alvarez	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Rodrigo Renteria	Commissioner	CHA	YES
STAFF			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	YES
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	YES
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	YES
GUESTS			
Alejandro Sanchez, Governor's Office			

Purpose of Meeting:

- Legislative Priorities
- Homeownership Disparities Proviso Letter
- Bill Watch List
- Commissioner Application Review Team Update
- Vaccination Plans

Agenda Approval

Chair Baca asked for any changes to the agenda. With no further discussion, the agenda was approved.

Legislative Priorities Update

- Commissioners discussed the restoration of Miller Park in Yakima and making it a legislative priority of CHA.

- Commissioner Nuñez moved to accept Miller Park restoration as a legislative priority. Commissioner Renteria seconded. With no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion: Homeownership Disparities Proviso Letter of Support

- The commission discussed the creation of a state group to study the disparities of homeownership in Washington. This proviso was not included in the Governor's budget. Executive Director Sigüenza explained that the commissioners would have to create the letter of support but that they can work directly with Executive Director Sigüenza for assistance.
- Commissioner Renteria shared it is an important step and work to do for the commission and recommended Chair Baca take the lead.
- Commissioner Renteria motioned for support of the letter to be sent out by commissioners and not staff. Seconded by Vice Chair Moreno. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Watch List

- Executive Director Sigüenza asked the commission if they want to take a vote on the adoption of a bill watch list or instead have CHA's internal committees proceed as fit with Chair Baca's guide.
- Chair Baca further explained the purpose of a watch list and recommended CHA post it on the website with a link to bill sign-in.
- Executive Director Sigüenza informed commissioners if they wanted to support a bill as a commission, they need to email Chair Baca and Executive Director Sigüenza.

Update: Commissioner Application Review Team

- Executive Director Sigüenza shared that the applications are still in review, four (4) names were forwarded by the commission out of six (6) interviews. All applications were submitted to the Governor's Office. Executive Director Sigüenza will touch base with the Boards and Commission Director as they are currently prioritizing boards and commissions that are not meeting quorum.

Guest: Alexandro Sanchez – briefly spoke about the counties moving forward to phase 2 and provided brief explanation why some counties haven't moved forward.

Agenda Change

- Commissioners requested a change in the agenda to add an update of the vaccination plans. With no further discussion, the agenda was amended.

Vaccinations plans

CHA will continue to support conversation to ensure safe distribution sites.

- Community has been working closely to get the vaccine into the hands of our community with DOH
- About 1 in 20 vaccinations are going to the Latino community – community is frustrated. Indicated that conversations have changed to demands to make vaccines more accessible

for Latinx community. Mobile testing, online platforms are difficult to navigate for elders.

- Community to start a letter writing campaign and specifically to layout what needs to happen. API & Black community are also suffering, Ethnic commission directors to meet with Dr. Shaw to be a source for help in vaccine BIPOC navigation
- Southwest WA: there is a lack of information or understanding of testing and vaccine costs, locations, etc. There isn't a large agriculture community in southwest but there is a large workforce.
- DOH gets 100k each week from federal government and they have 2 days to decided how the vaccines are going to be distributed by county phases.
- Commissioner Garza provided an update on her experience with Dr. Shaw doing community outreach in Central Washington. DOH is aware of the challenges and weaknesses that exist in the outreach and distribution of the vaccine distribution. Daily efforts are being made to improve efforts.

Adjourn 10:49

Vice Chair Alvarez motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Nuñez. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.