



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser | Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA)
Commission on Latino Community Development Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 2018 - 6:30pm-8:00 pm
Frank D. Reeves Center-2000-14th St N.W. | Washington, DC 20009

6:36 P.M. – Commissioner Angelique Sina led and opened the meeting. Present are the following Commissioners: Angelique Sina, Marjhorys Ibarguen Mosquera, Eduardo Guity, Margarita Dilone, Jonas Minino, Jill Byrd, Jessie Hernandez, Angelique Reyes, Margarita Varela (designated note taker), James Devlin-Braswell and the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) Julio Guity-Guevara.

Commissioner Marjhorys Ibarguen Mosquera introduced herself. Marjhorys is a new Commissioner from Colombia, has a degree in communications, and works at FedCap. Deputy Director Julio Guity provided an update of the events that took place during Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations. This year, four events were held: Kick Off, Fiesta DC Parade, Seniors Day, and Noche Cultural. The Kick Off took place in Columbia Heights and had approximately 450 attendees; Mayor Muriel Bowser participated in Fiesta DC Parade. Julio Guity-Guevara also shared details about trainings recently offered by MOLA. Sexual Harassment and Communicating Non-Defensively trainings were offered at MOLA. Commissioners and DC Government employees were highly encouraged to take these trainings, including the Coaching with intention training that will take place at MOLA and will be offered by Willair St.Vil, Lead Human Resources Specialist of the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources Center for Learning and Development. Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevara also summarized MOLA's FY18 Accomplishments. He explained that currently, senior management continues collecting data regarding this year's accomplishments. MOLA's data shows that it has served approximately 102,000 DC residents, close to 50,000 through the grants program. In addition, the office sent 347 text messages related to events to over 12 thousand constituents registered in the system. MOLA also performed 390 translation, 70 interpretations, and 500 quality control services. Moreover, through the Immigration Justice Legal Service Grant, MOLA was able to serve 700 DC residents through Know Your Rights workshops. This grant also resulted in approximately 1,200 legal representations. Finally, the Mayor increased the funds from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

Commissioner James Devlin-Braswell introduced himself. James is also a new Commissioner that was inducted in September, 2018. James's family is from Panama and he works at the Pentagon. Commissioner Eduardo Guity discussed opportunities for DC residents to engage in census and voting election activities. Eduardo works in the U.S. Census Bureau, where he manages national partnership programs. The 2020 census preparation process began almost 8 years ago. This time, information can be submitted by phone, mail, or online. There has been a proposal to ask a citizenship question, but several national organizations have sued the Federal Government to eliminate this question. Federal programs like SNAP, Medicaid, and Medicare depend on population estimates to assign funds. Eduardo has asked MOLA to participate in the national partnership programs and communicate the importance of submitting the census paperwork.

Commissioner Jessie Hernandez asked for more information regarding the HATCH Act to avoid any conflict of interest. Commissioner Angelique Sina asked all Commissioners whether there is interest in establishing new roles and a new structure for the Commission. Mr. Guity-Guevara explained that it would be more effective to have individuals assigned to take meeting minutes and spearhead initiatives by topic. Nominations and self-nominations will be submitted through WhatsApp by November 1st. In addition, Angelique proposed completing the retreat activities (mission and vision) and then finalizing the promotional video. Jessie Hernandez, Margarita Dilone, Eduardo Guity, and Marjhorys Ibarguen Mosquera expressed interest in helping record the video.

Commissioner Angelique Sina communicated that this Monday there will be a Resume Raiser to learn about Board appointments and job opportunities. It will take place from October 22, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Commissioner Angelique Sina expressed that on Tuesday, October 23rd DCHR will offer a training Coaching with Intention from 9 am to 1 pm at MOLA.



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Commissioner Margarita Varela provided details about the Puerto Rican Diaspora Summit on October 26 and 27 at the University of the District of Columbia. The Diaspora Summit will include four discussion panels and also networking sessions with food and beverages. Tickets are available through Eventbrite and everyone is invited to participate.

7:49 P.M. – Commissioner Angelique Sina adjourns the meeting.