



## Latino Community Development Commission Meeting

April 21, 2016  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Anne M. Garcia, LICSW Chair, Johnny S. Garcia, Margarita Dione, Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz, Gunther Sanabria, Jonas Minino, Catalina Talero, Dr. Angelo Gomez, Ana Reyes, Angelique Sina, Jessie Hernandez, and Julio Guity-Guevara

During the meeting, participants reviewed the minutes from the meeting that took place in March 2016. There were no changes suggested regarding the previous minutes. The Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA), Julio Guity-Guevara gave a brief overview of activities that MOLA is executing at this point. He explained how MOLA is serving the almost 70,000 Latinos of the District of Columbia with its operating budget of approximately \$3.1 million.

He explained that an estimate of 75% of MOLA's budget is allocated through grants provided to community organizations that provide services for Latinos of the District of Columbia. He stated that MOLA has approximately 64 grantees that were awarded during FY2016 and introduced to the Commission to Mr. Eduardo Perdomo, the new MOLA's Grant Management Specialist. He briefly described the work that is currently being done through MOLA's Language Access and the Outreach programs. Finally, he highlighted some of the priorities of the current administration in the areas of Health and Human Services, Education, Housing and other projects to end homelessness, Government Operations, Jobs and Economic Opportunities.

Dr. Angelo Gomez raised questions about source of funding, including the work that can be done with other agencies to better serve DC residents. His comments were reinforced by Ms. Margarita Dilone. She stated that it would be important for MOLA to look at how other DC government Agencies are funding and working with Latinos of the District.

Chair Garcia suggested that Commissioners should be made aware of when MOLA has its hearings so they can testify. Commissioners brainstormed about which committee to join. Several Commissioners said that more background information about the expectations and roles of each committee was needed.

Mr. Guity-Guevara provided a working document on the State of Latinos of the District of Columbia. Commissioner Catalina Talero suggested breaking the data down to short blurbs to include as tweets. An example would be starting the data as "Did you know....? She also suggested using something similar to Harper's Index as far as the style of tweets to make it more creative. Ms. Yasmin Serrata-Muñoz suggested that an emphasis should be made on the percentage of the data comparing the whole Latino population in DC with the general DC population.

Ms. Angelique Sina suggested that more structured and tailored data was required. She said that it should be separated by housing, education, etc. Another idea was to create an Excel spreadsheet to populate data.

Ms. Ana Reyes also agreed on having percentages rather than numbers for the statistics. She was interested in the data for homeownership and statistics on Latino owned businesses. She mentioned that Tanya Jackson who works with Brianne Nadeau in Ward 1 had discussed in another conversation the possibility of providing grants for Latino business to buy properties for their businesses to keep them thriving in Ward 1.

Mr. Ricardo Villalba expressed interest in the number of Latinos that graduated from high school versus the dropout rates. He also was interested in knowing the incomes of Latino business owners and the income generated by those businesses.



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Ms. Dilone also added to Ricardo's idea about wanting to know the income generated and the number of employees that the businesses have. Mr. Garcia discussed how the document does not mention the Latino senior citizens and also does not provide the age groups for the different groups on the various topics. He would like to see more information on the Latino senior citizens that visit health providers and to note disparities in that area. He also suggested having a pie chart and giving more visuals to make a greater impact in the document. Commissioners finally discussed the potential issues that the Latino Community is facing with the ICE Raids in the country.

The commission meeting ended with several pending items, including: (i) Committees' descriptions and background information; and (ii) the Ethics training for Commissioners.

Minutes compiled by Anne García (April 21, 2016).