

Ad Hoc Committee on Development of a Commission on Immigrant Issues Meeting Notes March 1, 2013

Present: Fernando Marroquin, Diane Ali, Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Janet Bauer, Edgar Johnson, Rafael Pichardo, Nancy Caddigan, Letty Cotto, Homa Naficy, and Richard Frieder. Linda Bayer facilitated.

The group reviewed the work accomplished at the previous meeting and continued its discussion of membership structure and criteria. It was proposed that there be voting and non-voting members, but it was also suggested that non-voting members may feel disconnected from the commission. It was also suggested that a majority of members be residents, but it was noted that many non-residents are active members of the Hartford community. It was agreed that a majority of members shall live, work, or own property in Hartford.

The resolution creating a task force on the commission was submitted to Council. There will be a public comment period on March 11th prior to the Council meeting. Rafael agreed to speak and others will accompany him.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 15th, but Linda will be out of town on that day. The meeting was therefore scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th from noon to 1:30 PM. Members may bring a brown bag lunch and the Library will supply cookies.

Prepared by L.A. Bayer, Facilitator