



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
1145 Market Street, Suite 100
June 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm PDT**

Overview: Members of the Commission will attend this meeting in person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely using Webex or by calling the phone number and entering the access code above. Everyone attending the meeting in person is encouraged to wear a mask throughout the meeting. Each member of the public attending in person may address the Commission for up to two minutes. Public speakers using consecutive interpretation assistance will be allowed to speak for twice the amount of the time.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Souza called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Present: Chair Souza, Vice Chair Chaudhary, Commissioner Paz.

Not present: Commissioner Kennelly.

OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Clerk Shore.

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

We, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission, acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

Chair Souza read the land acknowledgement statement.

3. General Public Comment

This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

(Discussion/Action)

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's May 28, 2025 Executive Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Chaudhary motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 28, 2025 Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Commissioner Paz. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item. The motion was approved.

[IRC Executive Committee meeting minutes 5.28.25](#)

5. Information/Discussion Item

Debrief on 2025 Immigrant Leadership Awards

(Information/Discussion)

This item allows Director Rivas and the Awards Co-Chairs to provide a brief overview of the Immigrant Leadership Awards, which were held on June 9, 2025.

The 2025 Immigrant Leadership Awards celebrated eight local immigrant rights leaders at an awards event at City Hall. The event included remarks from Mayor Lurie, City Administrator Chu, and City Attorney Chiu, along with musical performances and an art exhibit. Vice Chair Chaudhary, Director Rivas, and Chair Souza thanked OCEIA staff, IRC Awards Committee Co-Chairs Chaudhary and Obregon, and IRC Awards Committee members, including Commissioner Ratanapakdee who provided food donations. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

6. Discussion/Action Items

a. Proposed Resolution on Affordable Housing (Chair Souza)

(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Chair Souza to propose issuing a resolution on affordable housing, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action. This item was introduced under New Business at the Commission's May 12, 2025 hearing.

Chair Souza asked Commissioners for their feedback on the draft resolution, and Vice Chair Chaudhary and Commissioner Paz made suggested edits. Vice Chair Chaudhary made a motion for Chair Souza to make the edits to the resolution and work with OCEIA staff to bring a revised version to the Full Commission for a vote, seconded by Commissioner Paz. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment

on this item. The motion was approved by the three Commissioners present.

b. Proposed Statement on Student Visas (Vice Chair Chaudhary)
(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Vice Chair Chaudhary to propose issuing a statement on international students in San Francisco and the termination of student visas. This item was introduced under New Business at the Executive Committee's May 28, 2025 meeting.

Vice Chair Chaudhary asked Commissioners for their feedback on the draft statement, and Commissioners made suggested edits. Commissioner Paz made a motion for Vice Chair Chaudhary to make the edits to the resolution and work with OCEIA staff to bring a revised version to the Full Commission for a vote, seconded by Vice Chair Chaudhary. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item. The motion was approved by the three Commissioners present. Director Rivas will share the statement with the City Attorney's Office.

c. Planning Upcoming IRC Hearings
(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Director Rivas and the Executive Committee to discuss the scheduling of and plans for future meetings.

Director Rivas provided an update on the scheduling of upcoming Commission meetings. He will invite the City Attorney's Office to speak at an upcoming meeting, and will meet with Commissioner Obregon to discuss plans for a hearing on sanctuary city policies. Commissioner Ruiz will take the lead in planning a hearing on transgender immigrants. Commissioners Obregon and Ruiz are invited to the Executive Committee meeting to discuss the plans. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

7. Staff Reports
(Information)

a. Director's Updates

Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide brief updates on activities and announcements.

Director Rivas provided updates on immigration enforcement actions in San Francisco, the City's activation of its Emergency Operations Center, and the Interfaith Council unity rally with Mayor Lurie, which featured remarks by Immigrant Rights Commissioners Fara

and Obregon. He reminded Commissioners that all Commission communications go through the Chair, and that OCEIA staff are available to help with talking points. He encouraged Commissioners to share resources including the San Francisco Immigrant Forum. He also thanked Vice Chair Chaudhary for her proposal on California Assembled Bill 421, which has been shared with the City Attorney's Office.

b. Reappointment Hearings

This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide an update on the scheduling of IRC reappointment hearings.

Director Rivas provided an update on the scheduling of the reappointment hearing for Board-appointed Commissioners during the Rules Committee's meeting, possibly in the month of July. He will notify Commissioners once the date is confirmed. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

8. Old and New Business

(Information)

This item is to allow Commissioners to provide updates on items the Commission has previously discussed, and to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission.

Commissioner Paz noted that some community members may be trained in peaceful civil disobedience. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

9. Adjournment

Chair Souza adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.