



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
Full Commission Meeting
San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
August 11, 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 5:45 p.m.

Present: Chair Souza, Vice Chair Chaudhary, Commissioners Abdou (5:49 p.m.) Fara, Ng, Paz, Ratanapakdee, Ruiz, Wang.

Not present: Commissioners Gaime (excused), Kennelly (excused), Obregon, Senghor.

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 acknowledgment statement.

3. **Announcements (Director Rivas)** *(Information)*

a. Community Resource Announcement

This item allows Director Rivas to provide a brief announcement on community resources.

Director Rivas made announcements on community resources including the SF Immigrant Forum (sf.gov/immigrants).

b. Reappointment Hearings for Board-Appointed Commissioners

This item allows the Director to discuss Commissioners up for reappointment.

Director Rivas made an announcement on upcoming reappointment hearings for Commissioners.

4. 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.

5. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

(Discussion/Action)

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's Full Commission meeting of May 12, 2025.

Vice Chair Chaudhary motioned to approve the Full Commission minutes of May 12, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Abdou. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item. The minutes were approved by all nine Commissioners present.

[IRC Full Commission meeting minutes – May 12, 2025](#)

6. Chair Reports

(Information/Discussion)

a. Commission Streamlining Task Force Update (Director Rivas)

This item is to allow Director Rivas to provide an update on the work of the Commission Streamlining Task Force and allows Chair Souza to discuss actions the Commission can take.

Director Rivas provided an overview of the work of the Commission Streamlining Task Force. Clerk Shore has submitted a questionnaire on the Immigrant Rights Commission, and OCEIA has posted information on social media. The Task Force will discuss its recommendations for the Immigrant Rights Commission on October 15, 2025 and Commissioners are encouraged to share with their networks. Members of the public can send letters to the Task Force to inform the recommendations and attend the October 15 meeting to respond to the recommendations. Commissioners discussed how to encourage community members to get involved, and Chair Souza continued the item to the next Executive Committee meeting.

b. Upcoming Hearing on Sanctuary City Policy (Commissioner Obregon)

This item is to allow Chair Souza and Commissioner Obregon to discuss plans for an upcoming IRC hearing on sanctuary city policy led by Commissioner Obregon.

Director Rivas provided an update on Commissioner Obregon's plans for the IRC hearing on sanctuary policies, which is being planned for October 27, 2025.

[Commission Streamlining Task Force planned decision calendar](#)

7. Language Access Ordinance Quarterly Complaint Report (Ana De Carolis)

(Information/Discussion)

Information and discussion on the quarterly Language Access Ordinance complaint report. This item allows OCEIA Language Access and Policy Manager Ana De Carolis to provide the Commission with an overview of the complaints OCEIA has received and investigated from members of the public regarding the City's language services.

OCEIA Language Access and Policy Manager Ana De Carolis presented OCEIA's report on language access complaints investigated by OCEIA in the last quarter, and answered questions from Commissioners.

[LAO Quarterly Report](#)

8. Prospective Closed Session

a. Public comment on all matters pertaining to the Closed Session agenda item.

Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item.

b. Vote in open session on whether to assert attorney-client privilege and to meet in closed session to discuss the matters described below. (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d).)

(Action)

Vice Chair Chaudhary motioned to assert attorney-client privilege and to meet in closed session, seconded by Commission Ng. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved.

c. [CLOSED SESSION] (City Attorney's Office)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding existing and anticipated litigation (Government

Code §54956.9(a), (d)(1), (2), (4), Administrative Code §67.10(d): for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney's Office regarding the following existing litigation matters in which the City is a party: State of New Jersey, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al., Case No. 1:25-cv-10139 (D. Mass.), 25-1170 (1st Cir.), 24A886 (U.S. Sup. Ct.); City and County of San Francisco v. Donald J. Trump, et al., Case No. 3:25-cv[1]01350 (N.D. Cal.); Doctors for America v. Office of Personnel Management, Case No. 1:25-cv[1]00322 (D.D.C.); SFUSD, City of Santa Fe v. AmeriCorps, et al., Case No. 3:25-cv-02425 (N.D. Cal.) AFG, et al. v. Trump, et al., Case No. 3:25-cv-03698, filed 4/28/2025 (N.D. Cal.), King County, et al. v. Turner, et al., Case No. 2:25-cv-00814, filed 5/2/2025 (W.D. Wash.)

(Discussion only)

d. [Reconvene in Open Session]

Vote on whether to disclose the discussion during Closed Session pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

(Action)

Vice Chair Chaudhary motioned not to disclose the discussion during the Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Wang. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved by the nine Commissioners present.

9. 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 Fara thanked Commissioners for supporting the resolution condemning the travel ban, including recommending that SFO provide a space at the airport for immigrants in need of representation, and asked that the item be brought to the next Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Chaudhary mentioned the federal bill HR 944 Access to Counsel Act (Jayapal). Commissioner Wang suggested inviting the airport director to an upcoming meeting, and Chair Souza said the item would be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and invited Commissioner Wang to join the meeting.

10. Adjournment

Chair Souza adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

