

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

October 3, 2017 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michele Ramirez, Luis Ortega, Alexey Kuznetsov, Jessica Yu, Jeniffer Calleja, Dori Cahn, Farhiya Mohamed, Marilena Morales, Mark Galang, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Kiwai Lai

Commissioners Absent: Kianoush Naficy, Isatou Jallow

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: Katherine Cortes, Jackie St. Louis

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Luis opened the meeting.

Legal Defense Fund Presentation (Katherine Cortes)

Katherine Cortes shared with the commission the updates around the [Legal Defense Fund](#) and the RFP released.

Discussion on Homelessness (Jackie St Louis)

Commissioners met with Jackie St. Louis who leads the City's Navigation team. He shared about the daily day to day operations of the navigation team and listened to some of the suggestions the commissioners had.

Director's Report (Maha)

Maha gave the Director's Report in lieu of Cuc. She highlighted OIRA's upcoming body of work and included an update on the Mayor's Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet work.

Executive Session (All)–

Commissioners went into executive session.

Announcements (All)– The commissioners considered the upcoming dates of various upcoming community events and shared information with others.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.

