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Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

8:30-9:30 AM

Commissioners Present

Alejandro Pino

Jeannette Martinez

Juan Rodriguez

Marlu Abarca-By Phone

Michelle Reuss

Public Members

Darcie Vandegrift, Drake University

David Suarez, Community 1st Credit Union

Commissioners Absent

Sal Alaniz

Department of Human Rights Staff

Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Executive Officer

Monica Stone, Deputy Director

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Call to order and introductions by chair, Michelle Reuss at 8:34 AM

II. Public Comment

Darcie Vandegrift, Drake University professor shared with the commission a project that her students did where they researched and drafted a bill in support of Driver's Licenses for all in order to have safer roads in Iowa.

Darcie offered to partner with the Office of Latino Affairs to host a legislative training for the community.

David Suarez shared that Community 1st Credit Union lobbied for a driver's license for all bill last year.

III. Road safety and Driver Licenses for all Commission Discussion

Commissioners had a discussion about this initiative and asked Darcie Vandegrift for information her students researched and about what has been done in other states. She mentioned that Drake students will lobby for the bill.

Commissioners would like to make sure that Driver's Licenses for undocumented individuals don't look any different from other cards and that the name of the bill focuses on Safe Driving.

- IV. Motion:** To send a letter to Governor Branstad from the Commission asking for Iowa to issue Driver's Licenses to all Iowa Residents, regardless of their immigration status in order to have safer roads.
Pino made the motion; Jeannette Martinez seconded
Aye: All
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
Sonia Reyes-Snyder will draft a letter and the commission will have a call to approve.

- V. Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM