



City of Bellingham Immigration Advisory Board

The Immigration Advisory Board (IAB) will meet Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 6:30-8:30PM

The meeting will be held remotely through an online web-based meeting platform, with an option to call in by telephone. Per Washington State Proclamation 20-28, in-person attendance at meetings is prohibited at this time. The meeting is open to the public. [See instructions for accessing the meeting remotely on Page 2.](#)

MEETING AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Welcome by Council member Hannah Stone

- Roll Call: IAB Membership
- Review and Approval: Agenda
- Review and Approval: September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes (*attachment #1*)
- Board Resignations and Vacancies
- Proposed Amendments to IAB Ordinance: Hannah Stone

6:45 p.m. Reports from Affected Community Members

7:00 p.m. Discussion/Response to Public Comment Questions from 9-15-2020

The following questions were submitted:

1. Will the board consider endorsing the Amnesty International resolution on refugees?
2. How can people encourage the City Council to protect immigrant families and their health and safety during COVID?
3. Does receiving funding from the CARES Act for COVID trigger the "public charge" rules?
4. How do City police work with Sheriff deputies in the County, where there is a large farmworker and immigrant community?
5. How is information about the board getting out to the broader community? How will information on racial profiling get to the Council so they can hold the Bellingham Police Department accountable?
6. Will the Mayor and the City Council allow the BPD to regulate itself when it comes to racial profiling and cooperation with border patrol?
7. Is the Mayor supporting the IAB, and how? What is the budget for the IAB and how can community members find out what is in the City budget?
8. How often do City of Bellingham 911 dispatchers interact with CBP and when is it appropriate?

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9. How do cities and Whatcom County interact with each other and the CBP?

7:45 p.m. Other Board Business:

- **Review Resolution to Welcome Refugees (proposed by Amnesty International) (attachment #2)**
- **Discussion of possible response to Homeland Security letter sent to WWU DACA students**

7:55 p.m. Review of Federal Agency Contact Data (attachment #3)

8:05 p.m. Public Comment

8:20 p.m. Old and New Business

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

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