



City of Bellingham Immigration Advisory Board

May 17, 2022

Questions for Mayor Fleetwood

- 1) What role does the Mayor's office play in protecting the immigrant community in Bellingham? What issue is most important to you and what are some items you'd like to see reviewed and/or implemented ASAP?
- 2) We have previously discussed the "scope" of the IAB and from prior conversations, it seems that the Mayor's office and the IAB have a different opinion on what is and should be the scope of the IAB. How do you envision the Mayor's office working with the IAB?
- 3) Would you be supportive of the IAB undertaking a review of each city department's policies as it relates to immigrants in our community and providing your office with recommendations for areas that could be improved?
- 4) What is the city's responsibility in providing access to City services in languages that represent our community? Would the Mayor's office be supportive of the IAB providing recommendations around increasing language access?
- 5) City Council recently voted to request that the mayor and city attorney develop draft model(s) of a city funded Immigrant Resource Center, including budget projections and operations scenarios. Are you, as the current Mayor, in favor of a city-funded Immigrant Resource Center? Are you supportive of the IAB driving the creation, implementation, and operation of the Immigrant Resource Center? What is the timeline for those models being presented to the Immigration Advisory Board? Would you be in favor of the IAB working with the Administration to develop the draft models/budget projections/operations?
- 6) The IAB would like to increase the diversity of IAB members. Are you supportive of the IAB being more active in the membership appointment process as long as the Mayor/City Council hold the final decision?
- 7) RCWs 43.10.310 and .315 require that all state and local law enforcement agencies and public schools; (1) Adopt policies consistent with the AGO's guidance regarding the Keep Washington Working Act; or (2) Notify the Attorney General that the agency is not adopting the AGO's guidance and model policies, state the reasons that the agency is not adopting the model policies and guidance, and provide the attorney general with a copy of the agency's policies to ensure compliance with chapter 440, Laws of 2019. **Has the Bellingham Police Department formally adopted the AGO's guidance regarding the KWW Act?**