

King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Time: 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Zoom Link: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/94035838876>
Zoom all-in: 1 253 215 8782 US
Meeting ID: 940 3583 8876
Password: No password required
On site location: **Richmond Beach Meeting Room**, King County Library, 19601 21st Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177

Meetings are open to the public. Meeting notes will be made available on the KCIRC Website.

Attendance:

Staff Members: Dae Shogren and Tera Chea

Commissioners: Lalita Uppala, Carlos Michel, Mohamed Bakr, and Huma Zarif

Guests: Sergio Razo, Zahra Mohamed, Praveena Thammireddy, and Mario Banuelos

Guest Speakers: Councilmember Rod Dembowski and Kristina Logsdon

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER	Notes:
5:30 PM (5 mins)	Call to Order	Lalita Uppala	
5:35 PM (5 mins)	Land and Life Acknowledgement	Praveena Thammireddy	
5:40 PM (5 mins)	Public Comments	Lalita Uppala	No Public Comments
5:45 PM (15 mins)	Meet and Greet: King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski	KCIRC Council Staff Dae Shogren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanking the Commission for their expertise, time, and work • Introduction to Councilmember Dembowski • Explaining the history behind the creation of the KCIRC • Touching on the Crisis Center Levy and several other programs the KCIRC can lend expertise on <p>Commissioner questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergio Razzo: What is your definition of power? • Dembowski: There’s no power if it’s not exercised. The KCIRC has the opportunity to use their power in many policy areas.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lalita Uppala: Realized the voice KCIRC had during the pandemic when communities and small businesses were struggling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigrant and Refugee communities are still struggling and she would like to see more from the Council to help these communities <p>Contact Information:</p> <p>Kristina Logsdon Chief of Staff for Councilmember Rod Dembowski</p> <p>Metropolitan King County Council, District 1</p> <p>Phone Number: (206) 477-0623 Email: Kristina.Logsdon@kingcounty.gov</p> <p>Councilmember Rod Dembowski Metropolitan King County Council, District 1</p> <p>Phone Number: (206)-477-1001 Email: rod.dembowski@kingcounty.gov</p> <p>The KCIRC is interested in having guest speakers from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women’s Advisory Board ● VSH Levy Staff ● Language Access Staff from Executive Branch ● 4Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Claire Miccio (she/her) ○ Phone Number: 206-263-3725 Address: 101 Prefontaine Pl S, Seattle, WA 98104
6:00 PM (10 mins)	KCIRC Discussion around Meeting Times and Logistics	KCIRC Council Staff Dae Shogren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KCIRC meetings are currently on the first Tuesday of the Month, from 5-6:45, does this work for everyone still? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mario: 5-7PM, in person every other month. Suggested quarterly potluck. ○ Sergio: Any time works, in person once a quarter. ○ Mohamed: Keep 6:45PM, allows for a buffer for overtime. Keep hybrid options, for folks who can’t make it in person.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lalita: Good with everything ○ Zahra: Good with everything ○ Praveena: Ending at 6:45PM, in person once a quarter ○ Carlos: Good with everything
6:10 PM (15 mins)	KCIRC Staff Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KCIRC Appointment Process - KCIRC Office Structure 	KCIRC Council Staff Dae Shogren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All have been sponsored by a councilmember to become a fully fledged Commissioner. 30 days must past for Commissioners to be able to fully vote. ● KCIRC Office Structure Update will be upcoming in the following weeks ● Executive Branch’s language access team is coming to present in a later meeting
6:25 PM	King County Commissioner Closing Comments	KCIRC Staff	
6:45 PM	Adjourn	Lalita Uppala	