

CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
COUNTY OF MARION
STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4, 2008

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAYOR'S LATINO ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis is home to a diverse population, and it is our City's cultural and ethnic diversity that has served as the foundation for the greatness of our City; and

WHEREAS, among our City's various communities, the Latino community significantly and positively impacts the City's businesses and social fabric, yet there exists a distinct opportunity to improve the Latino community's position in our City; and

WHEREAS, chief among the challenges before the Latino community are language and cultural differences that, if not recognized, understood, and accommodated where necessary, can inhibit productive participation in the life of our City by all residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Latino community is served by, and encouraged to work with, the City's various programs to enhance public safety, education levels, economic development, and employment opportunities for all City residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis and successor-in-interest to the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Mayor's Latino Advisory Council is hereby established to provide advice and support to the Mayor's Director of International and Cultural Affairs with respect to the issues of primary concern of the Latino community.
2. As its first order of business, the Director shall present to, and seek the feedback of, the Council on the Director's plan to address the factors that inhibit effective public safety service to, and coordination with, the Latino community.
3. After addressing the Director's public safety plan, the Council shall consider other issues of significance to the Latino community, including business and education. For each issue considered by the Council, the Director and Council shall prepare a plan to appropriately and measurably improve the Latino community's position on that issue.
4. The Council shall consist of ten (10) members: two (2) for their subject matter expertise of business development; two (2) for their subject matter expertise in education; one (1) for his or her subject matter expertise in healthcare; one (1) for his or her subject matter expertise in immigration law; and, one (1) for his or her expertise in public safety. The Director of Public Safety, or his or her designee, and the County Prosecutor, or his or her designee, and the Director of the International and Cultural Affairs shall also serve as members to the Council.

5. Each member shall be a resident of Marion County and shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Members shall receive no compensation for their service to the Council.
6. The Director of International and Cultural Affairs shall serve as the chairperson of the Council, and the Council shall meet at the call of the chair. Corporation Counsel, or his or her designee, shall serve as secretary to the Council.
7. All meetings of the Council shall be held in accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law.
8. Executive Order No. 9, 2000, is hereby rescinded.
9. This Executive Order shall become effective immediately.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2008.

CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
AND MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

By: 
Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: 
Chris W. Cotterill, Corporation Counsel