



**City Of Bloomington  
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

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Wednesday, November 17, 2021  
Minutes**

The Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (CHLA) works to identify and research the issues which impact the Hispanic and Latino populations in Bloomington, especially in the areas of health, education, public safety and cultural competency. CHLA responsibilities include: developing action committees, promote positive remedies for issues confronting Latinos, network with like-minded organizations, and celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington Community.

In Attendance: Amy Oakley, Nico Sigler, Francisco Ruiz, Luis Fuentes Rohwer, Dairo Baez, Ruben Marte  
Guest: Amigos Club: Ms. Eansari, Sebastian Brena-Ochoa, Mateo Fuentes Rohwer, Evelyn (student), Ricardo Martins

- I. Approval of October 2021 minutes
  - a. Motion to approve from Francisco; Second from Luis; October meeting minutes passed
- II. Introductions
- III. Liaison Report
  - a. Holiday Assistance Program: Seeking Sponsors <https://airtable.com/shrPiuPqv4CCwW44h>
  - b. Seeking bilingual volunteers for the Spanish language tax site <https://www.monroeunitedway.org/TaxHero>
    - i. Reach out to Amy with United Way or Josefa if you have questions about this.
- IV. Current business
  - a. Health and Public Safety Report
    - i. Potential meeting with Chief Jill Lees from IUPD
  - b. Cultural Competency
  - c. Education
    - i. Letter from Mr. Ricardo Martins. Luis spoke with a school board member on 1<sup>st</sup> steps to address this.
    - ii. Luis will follow up with superintendent, Dr. Winston, and others about concerns.
- V. Additional/New Items
  - a. El Mercado's next event
    - i. Program is shifting towards supporting farming, collaboration with Fairview garden. Long-term goal is to generate income that will allow for the purchase of a piece of land where larger-scale farming can take place.
- VI. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)
- VII. Adjournment
  - a. Luis motions to dismiss; Dairo seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

**Next meeting December 29, 2021**