

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE  
FOURTEENTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-01-241 ENACTMENT NO. 25-2001

SPONSORED BY: Hector Yntema

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **CREATING THE ALBUQUERQUE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS &**  
3 **SERVICES.**

4 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY**  
5 **OF ALBUQUERQUE:**

6 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The Albuquerque Commission on Immigrant  
7 **Affairs and Services (ACIAS) will serve an advocacy role for the immigrant**  
8 **communities living within the City of Albuquerque and will act as a liaison**  
9 **between the City and the immigrant communities. The ACIAS will recognize**  
10 **and inform the City on the contributions of immigrant communities. The**  
11 **ACIAS will study and advise the City as to the needs and problems of**  
12 **immigrant communities, including but not limited to those in the areas of**  
13 **housing, human rights, criminal justice/law enforcement, employment,**  
14 **education and healthcare. The ACIAS will make recommendations for the**  
15 **implementation of R-151, Enactment Number 9-2001 and evaluate its impact**  
16 **on Albuquerque's immigrant communities.**

17 **SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.** The ACIAS shall consist of no fewer than  
18 **nine and no more than thirteen members appointed by the Mayor with the**  
19 **advice and consent of the Council. A simple majority of the ACIAS shall be**  
20 **immigrants. The Mayor will solicit recommendations for members from**  
21 **immigrant communities and from immigrant service and advocacy agencies**  
22 **and organizations.**

23 **SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE.** The term of office of each member  
24 **shall be three years. However, the initial board will have three members**  
25 **with one-year terms and three members with two-year terms. The remaining**

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1 members will have three-year terms. The Mayor shall determine which  
2 members are to serve which terms.

3 SECTION 4. ORGANIZATION. Matters concerning organization of the  
4 ACIAS shall be as set forth in Article 2-6-1-4 ROA 1994.

5 SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS AND DUTIES.

6 (A) In consultation/collaboration with the Department of Family and  
7 Community Services, recommend/propose a concrete plan for the  
8 creation and implementation of the City's Immigrant Resource Program.

9 (B) Analyze immigrant access to and use of City services and programs.  
10 Identify obstacles to access and recommend changes to overcome said  
11 obstacles. Work with immigrant communities to increase awareness  
12 of and access to City programs and services.

13 (C) Recommend objectives for a legislative agenda that encourages Congress  
14 to enact just and humane immigration reforms that provide immigrants  
15 and their families with rights in this country that are commensurate with  
16 human dignity and their status as taxpayers and contributing members of  
17 our community, and that the State of New Mexico Legislature revise its  
18 laws and policies for health care, education and driver's licenses such that  
19 immigrants and their families will have fair access to those services and  
20 privileges.

21 (D) Evaluate policies and practices of City departments for compliance with  
22 R-151, Enactment Number 9-2001 and recommend specific changes if  
23 needed.

24 (E) Recognize, document and disseminate contributions made by  
25 Albuquerque's immigrant communities.

26 SECTION 6. ASSISTANCE AND STAFF SUPPORT. Upon request, the  
27 Mayor shall provide assistance and staff support as is feasible and within  
28 existing budget limitations.

29 SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph,  
30 sentence, clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to  
31 be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such  
32 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this

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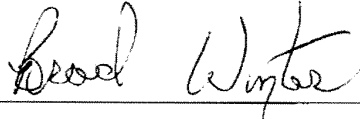
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ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 8. COMPILATION. This ordinance shall be incorporated in and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

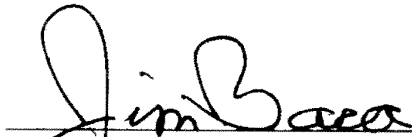
SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication in full.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2001  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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9 Brad Winter, President  
10 City Council


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14 APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF June, 2001

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19 Jim Baca, Mayor  
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