

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Columbia City	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: (206) 251-6658
Appointed to: Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Date of Appointment: 1/31/2013
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: 01/31/2015
Comments: <p>Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando, is a Latina immigrant organizer and consultant for non-profits working for racial justice. Ms. Villalpando is a trainer, political analyst for local Latino media outlets, speaker, and panelist on immigrant rights. She attended two universities in Mexico and studied Computer Programming and Systems, Journalism, and Business Administration. Ms. Villalpando has conducted numerous bilingual and monolingual trainings throughout the state, ranging for basic community organizing 101, legal rights for undocumented workers, how the legislative process works, using local and national media outlets for community organizing and developing long-term organizing strategies for social change. Ms. Villalpando organized a successful campaign in Snohomish County to ensure that interpretation for immigrants in two local hospitals is provided and lead the effort to defeat anti-immigrant bills in the 2011 State Legislative Session, she also founded and coordinated a statewide coalition that for second time will work in proactive legislation for immigrant rights in the state. She recently coordinated the Latino voter registration in three countries and help lead an educational campaign for equal marriage for gay and lesbian Latino couples as well as doing outreach for the Latino community in support of Referendum 74.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: Mayor Michael McGinn

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Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando

SUMMARY

Detail-oriented, organized, positive and team player, I am a hardworking individual who is dedicated to racial and social justice issues.

- 12 years organizing and leading Latino community members, and related events and actions in the racial and social justice area
- 13 years volunteer, staff and supervisory experience in non-profit organizations
- Bilingual in Spanish, certified interpreter and translator
- Columnist for several Latino newspapers in Washington State, blogger and expert guest on immigration issues for several Latino newscasts.

EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant and CEO, Latino Advocacy, LLC *June 2010 to present*
Consulting for Non-profit Organizations on racial justice organizing and immigrant rights; and for individuals on navigating the U.S. Immigration system in both administrative and enforcement areas.

Trainer for several non-profit organizations, direct services agencies, school districts on community organizing in communities of color, lobbying and public policy, popular education, leadership and community development, racial justice, media and messaging, political and tax systems, legal observer, among others.

Panelist and speaker in several immigrant rights and racial justice and public policy presentations throughout Washington State.

Coalition builder and coordinator for statewide work on immigrant rights.

Lead Community Organizer, Seattle, WA *June 2006 to June 2010*
Washington Community Action Network

- Organized Latino and Caucasian low income communities around immigrant rights, economic justice and health care reform
- Directed first language access campaign for immigrants in Snohomish County
- Created leadership development system for membership
- Created report system for the entire program area
- Coordinated and facilitated weekly program meetings
- Recruited, hired, trained and supervised interns, volunteers and community organizers
- Trained membership, staff and organizations on grassroots organizing, popular education, immigrant rights, racial justice, lobbying and leadership development
- Directed first report card on racial justice issues for the Washington State Legislature and build and coordinate statewide coalition
- Directed and implement immigrant rights program and campaign at local, state and federal levels
- Liaison to Latino media in the State
- Developed relationships with funders, grant-writing and coordinate site visits
- Built, directed and maintained coalitions at state and regional level

Consultant for research and survey of Latino community in the City of Lynnwood
January 2006
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations

Consultant for Immigration Forums *March 2005*
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Program Assistant and Coordinator, Seattle, WA August 2003-May 2006

St. James Cathedral ESL Program

- Provided administration, fundraising support, and database maintenance
- Recruited and supervised volunteers for special events, office work and teaching of English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Worked with parents and their children for events and classes
- Collaborated with agencies, local organizations and schools to provide ESL classes on site
- Assisted with program budget

ESL Program Coordinator, Seattle, WA September 2002- May 2005

CASA Latina

- Developed program and curriculum based on popular education philosophy and techniques for Latino immigrants workers
- Recruited, trained and supervised volunteers
- Coordinated ESL classes for up to 7 groups in weekly morning and evening classes at Day Laborers Center and Gethsemane Lutheran Church
- Managed program budget

Photography Quality Inspector, Seattle, WA August 1996-March 1998

Kodak Co. and Seattle Film Works

- Supervised quality control of photo prints
- Supervised digital photo products quality
- Supervised staff of 10 to 15 people

SKILLS

- Work closely with management and board in both private and non-profit organizations
- Facilitation and team development, and conflict resolution when needed
- Coalition building and coordination
- Board Member of 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations experience
- Basic graphic design for invitations, flyers, newsletters, annual reports and other publishing materials
- Windows/Office
- Simultaneous interpretation and translations in Spanish-English

EDUCATION

National University UNAM Mexico City
Business Administration and Computer Science (2 years)

Autonomous University UAM Mexico City
Journalism (1 year)

Seattle Central Community College
ESL completed & Photography Diploma

University of Washington
Non-profit Management Certificate Program (Sept 08-March 09)

Trainings in alternative conflict resolution mediator, volunteer recruitment, budgeting, data evaluation, supervision, grant writing, fundraising and business financing.

AWARDS

2011 Community to Community Development Seeds of Justice Award
2009 US Action Grassroots Activist of the Year Award
2007 Western States Organizing and Leadership Development for Immigrant and Refugees Award

Activities/Interests

Opinion Writer for El Sol de Yakima, El Informativo, El Mundo and El Tribuno newspapers
Blogger en Español
Weekly guest on several local, national and international Latino radio programs and TV channels
KCTS Advisory Board- Member
Washington Hispanic Media Association- Member
Social Justice Fund- Member
Latino Roundtable of Congressman Jim McDermott's office- Member
Washington Latino Coalition Coordinator- a project of Latino Community Fund
Latinos for Community Transformation- Board Member, September 2008-September 2010
Para los Niños- Board Member, May 2005- August 2008
Comunidades- co-lead of community group, October 2004- April 2007
Alternative School #1 Racial Equity Committee- Member, September 2005- June 2007
CASA Latina- Volunteer, basic computer classes in Spanish for Worker's Day Center and Grupo de Mujeres, November 2001-2003
Comité Pro-Amnistía- CASA Latina Women's Group representative, August 2002- August 2003.
La Casa de Artes- Volunteer, events coordinator and translations, January 2002- November 2003
Head Start Program at United Indians of all Tribes Foundation- Volunteer, art committee and translations, September 2001-June 2002
Ballard Family Center- Board member, volunteer, teacher basic computer classes, tech support, translations, art exhibits, August 2000-November 2001

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Maru Mora Villalpando, Latino Advocacy, LLC

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Immigrant and Refugee Commission

January, 2013

15 Members: Who are confirmed by City Council and serve a term of two years. **3 term maximum.**

- 8 appointed by Mayor
- 7 appointed by City Council

D	G	Member	I/R	Y	Term #	First Appointed	Term Ends	Position #	Appointing Body
1	M	Shree Ram Dahal	Y		2	7/11/11	1/31/15	2	Council
2	F	Vacant	Y					4	Council
1	F	Vacant	Y					10	Council
3	M	Vacant	Y					8	Council
1	F	Vacant	Y					14	Council
4	F	Vacant	Y					6	Council
1	F	Vacant	Y					12	Council
1	M	Justin Chan			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	3	Mayor
1	F	Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	11	Mayor
2	F	Tsegaba Woldehaimanot	Y	Y	2	5/13/11	1/31/15	1	Mayor
1	F	Jennifer Calleja	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	5	Mayor
4	F	Devon Alisa Abdallah, Ph.D			3	12/13/07	1/31/14	9	Mayor
4	F	Roxana Norouzi			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	7	Mayor
2	M	Mohamed Sheikh Hassan	Y		2	12/22/10	1/31/14	15	Mayor
2	M	Michael Neguse	Y		2	12/22/10	1/31/14	13	Mayor

*Diversity*before vacancies*

Appointed by:	Total	Youth		*I/R		US Born Minority		(1) API		(2) African		(3) Latin@		(4) Mid-East		(5) Other		(6) E European		Vacancies	
		W	M	W	M	W	M	M	W	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		
<i>Subtotal</i>	14		3		10		3		4		4		3		3		3		3	1	
Gender	Women	Men	W	M	W	M	W	M	M	W	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	
Mayor	5	3	1	0	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Council	5	2	2	0	3	2	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	8	6	3	0	4	6	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1