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Good Morning Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Teresa Lopez, student at Portland State University and graduate from the Diverse Civic Leaders Academy. I am here this morning to thank you for providing the opportunity for the Diverse Civic Leaders program to succeed. I heard of the program through a student group at PSU and immediately felt it would be a great way to not only to learn more about my Latino heritage but to learn about the issues that Latin Americans face in Portland.

What I gained from the program was learning more about the local issues but just as importantly, I gained a greater insight into the legal aspects of how our federal and regional systems can progress and improve, especially regarding immigration reform. I developed a greater interest in social justice with transparency and reform for U.S. immigration standards under the Department of Homeland Security and the Immigration Customs Enforcement. I am strongly considering writing a thesis based on two main reform suggestions concerning transparency within the Departments and Fourth Amendment considerations regarding ICE raid practices and arresting procedures where agents are not required court ordered warrants.

But as a highlight, I'd like to express what the program has also motivated me to do. I'm working towards incorporating a non-profit organization here in Portland dedicated to the establishment of recreation and resource centers in global communities. Informally, the organization's first client is an orphanage in Santa Ana, El Salvador. DCL's networks and programs have inspired me to coordinate collaborative events with diverse groups and foreign governments. Starting at the local level is the biggest step for creating a solid foundation in expanding internationally and that's what DCL program has done for me.

Thank you again,

Teresa M. Lopez

**Parsons, Susan**

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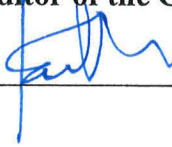
Dear Ms. Parsons,  
I was given your contact information by my colleague Edward Guitierrez. I would like to know what the necessary procedures are for testifying before City Council. I wanted to thank and testify to the members of the City Council about the positive impact the program Diverse Civic Leaders has on my community. It looks like my colleagues Edward and Marta are both looking to testify on the 28th. Is there room for me to join them on that date?  
Thank you and sincerely  
Teresa Lopez  
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Request of Teresa Lopez to address Council regarding Diversity and Civic Leadership Academy (Communications)

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