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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
November 16, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Anthony Mack, Angelica Solis-Montero, Courtney Morgan-Greene, Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Ysabel Jurado, Rosa Russell, Brooke Wirtschafter, Stacy Twilley and Irene Tovar.

10 present and 1 absent. Quorum established.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment cards or public comments were provided during the allocated public comment time.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting minutes for October 27, 2021, were approved unanimously with suggested amendment.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Capri Maddox shared the following updates with the Commission:

- LA Civil Rights will be finalizing and submitting the department 2022-2023 budget by November 19, 2021.
- Local Indigenous leader Phil Hale, Native American and Indian Commissioner Joseph Quintana along with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell welcomed LA's civil rights office and christened the new space with a traditional Kiowa blessing and Najavo flag song.

- LAPD Police Chief Michael Moore visited and toured the LA Civil Rights office and briefly met with Executive Director Maddox and CHRED staff.
- Executive Director Maddox met with Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Netflix to explore a possible partnership.
- The department continues to celebrate the expansion and success of the “LA For All” Campaign as multiple groups have signed on to support including LAUSD and USC.
- Director Maddox highlighted several upcoming events that include A Future LA County Without Hate Panel, a Convening of L.A. County Mayors, LA Mission’s Thanksgiving Food Drive in Skid Row and Law Day.
- The department is happy to welcome Tajwar Khan who has joined the team as a student intern from Glendale Community College.
- The department is working with Channel 35, the City’s Public Access Channel to provide a platform for African American Heritage Month, Director Maddox hopes to work with the various commission to ensure their participation.

## **V. TRANSGENDER ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE**

TAC Chair, Karina Samala shared the following updates with the Commission:

- The Imperial Court of Los Angeles and Hollywood celebrated 52 years of service to the LGBTQ community and awarded Executive Director Capri Maddox with the highest honor at their annual Gala on Saturday, November 13, 2021.
- Chair Samala updated the board on an ongoing LAPD investigation related to the WI Spa incident that took place several months back, the investigation is still active and the individual in question is considered a fugitive.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

- Commissioner Karina Samala shared a video in honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance she and her fellow commissioners Lukie Alexander Fuller and Eden Anai Luna took part in with LA City’s Public Access Channel 35. The conversation centered on advocacy for the Transgender and Gender Non-Binary individuals lost to violence in the past year and local advocacy efforts to support the Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Community.
- Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director of the Los Angeles City & County Native American Indian Commission spoke about the local efforts to combat attempted erasure of native peoples and the various initiatives and projects currently being undertaken by the commission. She highlighted recent efforts underway at the City to consider a change in the City Seal and Flag to include native representation and have the City issue a formal apology to Native American Tribes. She also highlighted several plans to re-name Father Serra Park currently located El Pueblo and create a native American cultural easement that would give priority to local tribes to access for traditional ceremonies.

## **VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- A motion to continue teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361 was approved unanimously without amendments or questions from the board
- A motion to hold the first part of the HRC Strategic Planning Retreat on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm was passed Unanimously with no amendments or questions.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm