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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. along with Commissioners Courtney Morgan-Greene, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Rosa Russell, Irene Tovar and Melany De La Cruz-Viesca in attendance. Commissioner Brooke Wirtschafter joined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Commissioners Ysabel Jurado, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Angelica Solis-Montero and Stacy Twilley were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager, Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Nicole Bryant, Chief of Operations ; Sheldon Cruz, Human Relations Advocate; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened. Commissioner Tovar made comments regarding the tragedy of the school shooting in Uvalde Texas. Commissioner Morgan-Greene requested information regarding the City's position on gun control. There being no further speakers to address the Commission, the public comment period was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The review and approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2022 regular meeting. Commissioner Morgan-Greene moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows.

Moved: Morgan-Greene  
Seconded: Russell  
Ayes: Khalsa, Mack, Tovar, De La Cruz-Viesca, Wirtschafter  
Absent: Jurado, Khatchadorian, Solis-Montero, Twilley

Vote: 7 - 0

The motion passed.

**4. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB-361**

The continuation of teleconference meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference pursuant to AB-361. Commissioner Khalsa seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Russell

Seconded: Khalsa

Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Mack, Tovar, De La Cruz-Viesca, Wirschafter

Absent: Jurado, Khatchadorian, Solis-Montero, Twilley

Vote: 7 - 0

The motion passed.

**5. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Capri Maddox, General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, shared poignant comments and her condolences for those involved in the shooting tragedy in Uvalde Texas. She continued with an update on the Department's activities and goals.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Caroline Luce, Ph.D., Researcher, UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment gave a presentation for Jewish Heritage Month mapping Jewish migration in Los Angeles;

Dr. Anshu Agarwal, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist 2, Long Beach Asian Pacific Islander Family Mental Health Center shared a presentation for Mental Health Awareness Month; and

Commissioner Melanie De La Cruz-Viesca was set to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with her presentation but due to time constraints, she has agreed to share her presentation at our next regular meeting on June 22, 2022.

**7. TAC REPORT**

Karina Samala, Chair, Transgender Advisory Council gave an update of the TAC's recent activities.

**8. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Commissioner Morgan-Greene gave a brief summary of the activities of the Forward Together ad hoc committee. Then, Commissioner De La Cruz-Viesca shared an update on the LA for All ad hoc committee and noted the LA for All Week beginning September 12-16, and continuing on September 19 and 24, 2022.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Tovar offered some final remarks of care and support for the victims of the mass shooting in Texas.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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