



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE CESS MEETING OF THE LGBTQ+
COMMISSION

San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center
12127 Elliott Ave
El Monte, CA 91732

Thursday, January 22, 2026

5:30 PM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Arnzen called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

It was noted that Commissioner Talha Khan Valbuena is no longer part of the CESS.

A quorum was established with five (5) members present out of six (6) total members.

Present: Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia
Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Sydney Rogers,
Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not Counted: Community Member ChiChi Navarro

2. Land Acknowledgement

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 3. Approval of the Oct 30, 2025, Minutes.

On motion of Co-Chair Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, this item was moved for approval with no amendments.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item. After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: 1- Commissioner Eddie Martinez,

Absent/Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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III. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

- 4. Discuss and take possible action on restructuring the purpose and activities of the CESS. **Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and discussed his idea of moving forward with restructuring the CESS based on the Commissions needs now. The restructuring could include 1) dissolving the CESS in lieu of recommending ad hoc subcommittees focused on individual community engagement events/activities, or 2) modifying the responsibilities of the CESS to include identifying topic areas for community engagement, then recommending the Commission create an ad hoc subcommittee for that individual event. The second option would allow the CESS to be the oversight body, ensuring that community engagement events occur regularly taking into account commissioner and staff capacity. Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor for discussion.**

Commissioner Martinez joined the meeting at 5:56PM.

There was a motion made by Co-Chair Arnzen seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to table this item.

Members of the public ChiChi Navarro and Tonya Martin addressed the CESS on this item.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent/Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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- 5. Discuss and take possible action on modifying the CESS purpose and objectives.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and asked whether the commissioners would consider modifying the CESS purpose and objectives document based on the previous items’ discussion. Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor for discussion.

There was a motion made by Co-Chair Arnzen seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this item.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item. After public

comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent/Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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- 6. Discuss and take possible action on identifying topics the CESS could create FAQ’s or other educational documents on about issues impacting LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and asked whether the CESS should include in its responsibilities, identifying and creating FAQ's or other educational documents on issues impacting LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County. Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor for discussion.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not posted: Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the CESS.

Commissioner Valenzuela stated that there is a strong interest in having the Commission or CESS focus on sex workers as a marginalized community. This could include programming that centers dancers and strippers who are queer and trans and highlights the exploitation and abuse they often experience from club owners in Los Angeles County. While these concerns extend beyond this specific industry, they reflect broader issues of stigma and discrimination faced by queer and trans communities. Commissioner Valenzuela noted that there are several potential presenters within these communities, including activists and artists, and suggested scheduling an appropriate meeting to invite them to share their lived experiences.

Commissioner Plascencia stated that the Know Your Rights and Resources 2.0 event is scheduled for Saturday, 2/4. Additionally, a community feedback session titled "Queer and Trans Voices from the San Gabriel Valley" will take place on Saturday, 2/7, from 12:00–2:00 p.m.

Public Comment

8. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to address the CESS on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

Members of the public Camila Camaleon and ChiChi Navarro addressed the CESS on this item.

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment of the January 22, 2026, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Arnzen adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM