

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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March 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Ilan Davidson, President

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting- Monday, April 3, 2023

Our Commission will meet on Monday, April 3, 2023 at <u>12:30 p.m.</u>, at <u>510 S. Vermont Ave.</u>, 9th Floor, Press Room, #9K02, Los Angeles, California.

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Attached is the Agenda, Draft Minutes of March 6th and other pertinent information for your review and approval.

If you are unable to join the meeting, please call me at (213) 639-6089 no later than 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 3rd.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Policing will meet at from 10:30-12:00 in person or Via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION Monday, April 3, 2023 – 12:30-2:00 pm LA County Vermont Corridor Building - 510 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020 - Press Room on the Terrace Level #9K02 [Also via MS Teams Video and Audio Conferencing <u>213-204</u> <u>2512,,980587174#</u> Click here to join the meeting]

Our mission: to transform prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, and hostility into peace

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

2. Review & Approval of March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

3. President's Report

- 3.1. Spotlight on a Commission Partner: Sophia, Ventura-Cruess, Smart Justice Training Coordinator for the Urban Peace Institute
- 3.2. Meeting with Sheriff Luna March 24, 2023
- 3.3. Return to in-person Commission meetings
- 3.4. IAOHRA Conference August 13-17, 2023, near Washington, D.C.*

4. Executive Director's Report

- 4.1. Select Program Updates Recent Belonging Awards, IAOHRA meetings in DC, Sheriff Luna meeting; Upcoming Anti-Black Hate Training Initiative, LA vs Hate Dream Center opening at La Puente High, national anti-Asian hate panel on Vincent Chin, LA Law Library Award to Isabelle Gunning
- 4.2. Key Administrative Developments Office space, hiring new staff for programs and communications, etc.

 5. Committee Reports 5.1. Ad Hoc Committee on Policing and Human Relations (Gunning) 5.2. LA vs. Hate Committee (Montaño) 	(12:55)
6. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)	(1:05)
 7. Action/Discussion Items 7.1. Formation of Commission's Nominations Committee* 7.2. Update on Location of Commission Offices 7.3. Hate Crime Legislation* 7.4. Commissioner participation in national IAOHRA conference (8/13-17/202 	(1:10) 3)*
8. Commissioner Announcements (2 minutes per Commissioner)	(1:55)
10. Adjournment - Judy Heumann, Trailblazing Disability Rights Advocate	(2:00)

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* Denotes that this agenda packet includes written material regarding this agenda item.

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contact the Commission at (213) 738-7288 at least 3 business days before the meeting. The meetings of the Human Relations Commission are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Note: The following Commissioners will be participating by conference telephone communication from the following locations: Helen Chin, 9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232; Dandy De Paula, City Hall, (Hawaiian Gardens), 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716; Fredrick Sykes, 3537 Samantha Avenue, West Covina, CA 91792; Sandra Thomas, 95 W. Calaveras St. Altadena Ca. 91001.



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[PROPOSED] MINUTES COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS Meeting of March 6, 2023 Via Microsoft Teams Video & Audio Conferencing

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*Not counted for quorum or votes at this meeting

STAFF:Salvador AvilaRobert SowellValentina D'AlessandroRobin TomaApril JohnsonTheresa Villa-McDowellGrace LőwenbergSiranush VardanyanYadira Pineda-SiordiaSiranush Vardanyan

GUEST: Dennis Breshears

- 1. <u>Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples:</u> Commission President Ilan Davidson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with a quorum in attendance, and recognized that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:
 - Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
 - Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
 - Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

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- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians Kizh Nation
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.

- 2. <u>Motion:</u> President Davidson noted that <u>a state of emergency is not warranted at this time, and therefore no motion is necessary</u>. He also reminded Commissioners to provide their address at least 72 hours before the next Commission meeting if they would like to join virtually and reminded Commissioners that due to the Brown Act, their address must be posted online publicly with a posting of the agenda outside of the location so that members of the public can join the location. President Davidson also reminded Commissioners that at this time, the Board of Supervisors allows for individuals to participate in a meeting without posting their address in advance, twice per year under certain requirements.
- 3. <u>Review & Approval of February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes:</u> The motion was made to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting of February 6, 2023, as presented by Vice-President/Secretary (VP Sec.) Isabelle Gunning. Staff Siranush Vardanyan suggested edits for correction on the date of the header and grammatical edits on pages 3 and 4, which were accepted by mover and seconder as friendly amendments. The motion was moved as amended by Commissioner Kevork Keushkerian and seconded by Commissioner Sandra Thomas. Commissioner Montaño abstained. The motion passed without objection.</u>

4. President's Report

- **4.1 Spotlight on Commission Partner, Dennis Breshears: President** welcomed Chief Dennis Breshears from the LA County Fire Department, who shared the following: He met Assistant Executive Director (AED) Robert Sowell in the Executive Leadership Development Program when he was an Assistant Fire Chief in the training division. Over the last six or seven years he has developed an Organizational Development Division that primarily focused on trying to develop the professional staff and sworn members through community outreach, diversity, and inclusion. He has been running the Captain's Academy for several years and was part of the group that developed it. However, it didn't seem to be meeting the needs so AED Sowell was invited to assist in the training. Chief Breshears thanked AED Sowell for his work, his training and experience, and for all that he has done for their staff. ED Toma thanked Chief Breshears for his time and for taking a leadership role to face some of the challenges that County Fire is facing.
- **4.2 Quarterly Network Against Hate Crime meeting:** President Davidson stated that he and Commissioner Ellis-Royston attended the Quarterly Network Against Hate Crime meeting and shared his experience stating that it was really impressive to see how it is inclusive of so many other organizations. ED Toma noted that the Commission started this network in 1984, and it has had an impact on the way law enforcement collects information on hate crimes. ED Toma acknowledged staff members Marshall Wong and his team Sal Avila, Yadira Pineda and other staff (Sharon Williams) who are part of this team.
- **4.3 Synagogue Shootings in L.A. and February 25th National Day of Hate:** President Davidson reported that there was a frightening synagogue shooting in February in the Pico Robertson are of LA City. He thanked HRC for their work, stating that within 12 hours he received calls and emails checking in on the Jewish community and whether there was something that needed to be done.

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However, President Davidson recognized that before anybody reached out to him, HRC staff had already reached out to the ADL and were doing everything they could to support partners in this difficult tragic moment. President Davidson mentioned that February 25th was the National Day of Hate and thankfully nothing happened. Additionally, President Davidson uplifted the LAPD Division as an incredible partner for his Synagogue down in San Pedro for all of the work they did to ensure the perimeter was secure for Sabbath. He added that he thanks all who have been helpful and supportive to the Jewish community.

5 Executive Director's Report

- 5.1 Recent anti-Semitic shootings, LASD Report Back to Board on Anti-Semitism, new LAvsHate Mural in Watts, anti-LGBT work, and other Commission priorities: Executive Director (ED) Robin Toma welcomed all Commissioners and staff who made it to the meeting in person. ED Toma noted the anti-Semitic shootings that happened in Los Angeles, and the earlier Board motion by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath that directed the Sheriff's Department to look at five years of anti-Semitic hate crime data and report back to the Board (included in the meeting packet) after consulting with ED Toma and the HRC, so that the report includes our perspective. ED Toma also reported that we unveiled a 200-foot "Unity Under the Sun" mural done with community partners in Watts across the street from the train station. This was an amazing event which was led by LA vs Hate with the partnership of Watts community organizations including our recent JAF awardee Wahjeja Bilal of Community Build Plus, and Arturo Ybarra of Watts Century Latino Organization. Commissioner Gunning thanked ED Toma for the photos of the mural; all those involved especially Theresa Villa-McDowell and Fidel Rodriguez were recognized for their hard work. ED Toma noted the challenge to get media coverage of positive and unifying events compared to events that may sharpen tensions or involve violence which get front page coverage. So the work of the HRC is not glamorous, but it is no less important or effective. Last, ED Toma mentioned our anti-LGBTQ hate work and noted that Supervisor Solis did an interview for a major LGBT magazine and asked HRC to provide her information about the work we do. He pointed out that the information is in the Commission meeting packet for reference.
- **5.2 Release of Public Information Assistant Bulletin:** ED Toma shared the good news, that the Public Information Assistant job bulletin for our HRC has been posted, reminded attendees that this position is open and competitive, and encouraged attendees to share the information.

6 Committee Reports

- **6.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Human Relations:** Committee Chair Gunning shared that the Committee has discussed a new name for the Ad Hoc Committee, which is suggested to include language like "criminal justice equity" or "public safety" to convey the work we are doing and be in line with the strategic plan. Additionally, the Committee has been discussing having a meeting with our new Sheriff Luna on Friday, March 24th so an agenda is being created. Commissioner Gunning shared that this will not only be a meet-and-greet but will additionally be asking the Sheriff about his relationship with the Office of Inspector General and the Civilian Oversight Commission in order to improve transparency and civilian oversight. The committee also wants to better understand the conditions in the County jail.
- **6.2 LA vs Hate Committee** Committee Chair Guadalupe Montaño shared that there are upcoming events at the Dream Centers. The first is a parent workshop at Morningside High on March 7th, and the official opening of the La Puente High School Dream Center will be held on April 12th.

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Commissioner Montaño explained that there are two special initiatives taking place- one is meant to address the anti-African American hate that we have seen and this will take place in partnership with 15 African Americans serving agencies and will happen in late spring. The other initiative involved the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to help small businesses impacted by hate. Commissioner Gay Yuen stated that small businesses have been so impacted and need so much help, and inquired if there are aspects that could be included. ED Toma explained that HRC has been in contact with the Department of Economic Opportunity, and there are some opportunities and resources for small businesses and that Terri has been working with the LA Chamber of Commerce regarding these matters. President Davidson joined to share that although there was a large increase in hate crime data, what we are seeing is a more realistic view than previous years because we have been able to encourage individuals to start reporting hate incidents and hate crimes, which is a huge part of the work we have been doing. ED Toma shared that we are doing everything that we can when someone calls 211/LAvsHate, and Commissioner Montaño agreed sharing that there is persistent follow-up and resources provided.

7 **<u>Public Comment:</u>** None.

8 Action/Discussion Items

- **8.1 Response to Anti-Semitic Violence in LA County:** ED Toma stated this to give the opportunity to take action, if needed. ED Toma referenced the earlier Commission work regarding anti-Semitism, and added that a lot of new pieces of digital content that have received over 60 million views via Giffy and other social media platforms, and our content includes support for the Jewish community and stands against anti-Semitism. Additionally, we have our 211 social justice website for students, which includes content exploring a lot of different isms, forms of prejudice, racism and discrimination. So there are these things we are doing in addition to the statement that we put out after the shootings of the two Jewish men in West Los Angeles. President Davidson asked that Commissioners reach out to leaders of communities, and ask whether they have a relationship with the local Sheriff's station or police department, and if they have discussed safety with them, because it is all about relationships.
- **8.2 Update on Location of Commission Offices:** ED Toma noted that the CEO has been asked to step in to help us facilitate the issue of our office space, and are asking us to look at other spaces outside of the 510 S. Vermont building. One concern is the long term and how well we can stay connected with other county departments and agencies. There is an offer to be in the basement floor of the Hall of Administration, but there are challenges with that space. ED Toma shared that we are going through a process of looking at other options the CEO is proposing.
- **8.3 Hate Crime Report Follow-up:** ED Toma stated we have the opportunity to address particular types of hate crimes such as those in the LA Metro, as hate crimes in public transportation doubled over the 5-year average in this most recent report, and we are looking at a way to use this as an opportunity to promote the Metro as a way for people to also engage with diverse communities.
- 9 <u>Commissioner Announcements:</u> Commissioner Montaño announced that her colleague and she are working on supporting California Assembly Bill 77 which would allow for diacritical marks on birth records, death records, marriage certificates, and that a similar bill passed the legislature would allow for such names to be properly noted. Commissioner Keushkerian asked about badges. ED Toma shared that we have asked the Executive Office for badges and have been told that all of them need to take photos before they could get sent. Additionally, he asked for help completing the Access Control Card request. ED Toma also shared that in the packet there is information about the IAOHRA annual training conference that

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will be held in Bethesda, adjacent to Washington DC, this summer, and asked for Commissioners to let us know as soon as possible whether they would like to come and stay the duration of the conference.

10 <u>Adjournment:</u> President Davidson invited a motion to adjourn the meeting motion moved by Commissioner Montaño, Commissioner Keushkerian seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Gunning Commission Vice President-Secretary

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Creation of the Nominations Committee (Robin Toma)

Creation of the Nominations Committee is <u>the beginning of our process to elect the</u> <u>Commission's officers for FY 2023-2024</u>.

To create the Nominations Committee, **we seek one commissioner from each Supervisorial District (SD)**. Typically, the commissioner representing her/his SD isn't running for office. (But historically this has sometimes not been feasible or impractical if, for example, a given SD has only one or two commissioners of that SD.)

Each of you is the commission officer from your SD*. As such, <u>I'd like to ask if you can</u> <u>email/text/or call to the 1 or 2 fellow commissioners of your SD to decide who will</u> <u>be your SD's representative on the Nominations Committee</u>. (The list of the other commissioners of your SD is below towards the end of this message.) Here is key info and context:

- The intent is for <u>each of you to report at our upcoming Commission meeting who your SD</u> representative member will be on the Nominations Committee. This will hopefully avoid the problem in the past of a potential committee member not being present at the Commission meeting to accept or reject being placed on the committee, which can delay the process.
- Once the Commission votes to approve who will comprise the Nominations Committee, <u>the committee will have the charge of meeting in May (which staff can facilitate) to discuss and return to the following Commission meeting in June with a slate of proposed candidates for officers (President, Vice President (VP)/Secretary, plus 3 VPs).
 </u>
- 3. To help you in deciding who should be on the Nominations committee, let me remind you a bit more of the charge of the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee is to consider per the bylaws who should be on the slate of nominees for Commission officer positions, based in part on the nominee's record of attendance to commission meetings (both full commission meetings and committee meetings and other events). Of course, the Nominations Committee has historically also evaluated the fitness of a candidate for the job and its duties as a relevant criteria.
- 4. Also, keep in mind we will need at least 3 of the 5 Nominations Committee members to join a meeting to form a quorum so that the Nominations Committee can meet and take action in coming up with a slate of candidates for the June meeting. At that meeting, the floor is also opened to any commissioner to be nominated for an office, in addition to the slate.

(*)Current (FY 23-24) Commission Officers: President: Ilan Davidson (SD4) Vice President (VP)/Secretary: Isabelle Gunning (SD3) VP: Fredrick Sykes (SD1) VP: Derric Johnson (SD2) VP: Sandra Thomas (SD5)

Rest of Commissioners by Supervisorial District (SD):

SD1: Jeannette Ellis-Royston-Ellis and Gay Q. Yuen

SD2: Azusena Favela and Helen Chin

SD3: Preeti Kulkarni and Guadalupe Montaño

SD4: Lisa Michelle Dabbs and Dandy De Paula

SD5: Michael Gi-Hao Cheung and Kevork Keushkerian



MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICING & HUMAN RELATIONS

Monday, April 3, 2023 10:30AM – 12:00PM

510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90020 9th Floor, Press Room (#9K02) Via Microsoft Teams Or Call In at +1 (213) 204-2512 Phone Conference ID: 683 051 796#

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- **Members:** Commissioners Isabelle Gunning, Sandra Thomas, Preeti Kulkarni, Fredrick Sykes, Derric Johnson, Jeanette Ellis-Royston, Gay Yuen, Tonya McKenzie
- Guests: HRC Commissioner Azusena Favela

Sybil Brand Commissioners Ray Regalado & Dr. Cheryl Tawade Grills

Staff: Robin Toma, Robert Sowell, Pierre Arreola, Joshua Parr

<u>AGENDA</u>

- I. Discussion: Sybil Brand Commission 45 Minutes
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Sybil Brand Commission Overview
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Human Relations Overview
 - d. Future Collaboration
- II. Discussion: Debrief on Commission Meeting w/ Sheriff Luna 30 Minutes
 - a. Committee Reflections
 - b. Follow-Up Action Items

III. Discussion: Project Updates – 10 Minutes

- a. Sheriff Accountability
 - i. Comments on LASD Use of Tasers
- b. SGV/SFV Updates
- c. Long Beach Updates

IV. Discussion: County Updates – 5 Minutes

- a. Public Safety Cluster
- b. Care First Community Investment Initiative
- c. Justice, Care and Opportunities Department
- d. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

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Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 10:11 AM

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Subject: Please read! Important Clarification about using Teams to participate in next Monday's Commission meeting **Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners,

As you know, next Monday we are back to meeting in person because the Board has decided that the current public health situation no longer justifies an exemption from the California open meeting laws' requirements for teleconferencing.

To clarify what might be misunderstood from the cover memo's 2nd paragraph in the meeting packet, I'm writing to make clear that <u>if you plan</u> to call in or join the meeting via Teams, but didn't already provide to Grace your location address from which you are participating via phone and/or video (Teams), which must be included in the publicly posted agenda, then you must be in person for your presence to be counted for quorum and voting. We know that this inconvenient or difficult for some, but these legal requirements are something we have discussed in many past meetings, and included pertinent information in our previous meeting packets, and I wanted to emphasize that it still applies to us for Monday's meeting.

I understand from Grace that only Dr. Sandra Thomas and Isabelle Gunning provided their addresses in time to be included in the agenda/meeting notice, in compliance with state laws and rules on teleconferencing (Calif. Government Code, Section 54953 see highlighted rules below). Therefore, only those commissioners can be counted for quorum and voting, along with those commissioners attending in person. <u>Those other commissioners who participate via Teams or phone, but did not provide their location address timely to Grace, may attend the meeting as any member of the public. But state law prohibits them from voting or counting for quorum.</u> If you are unable to be at our meeting location in person, I encourage you to join us online to be part of our discussions, but with the understanding that you will not be able to vote or be counted for meeting quorum purposes.

If you are reluctant to post your home address as the location, which we understand, please note that we have included again in your meeting packet a long list of county library and other locations which you may go to for meeting participation via Teams.

We are expecting to barely reach quorum (8 commissioners), counting 6 commissioners who have notified Grace they will attend in person, plus Commissioners Thomas and Gunning online. <u>If anyone can no longer attend in person, or can now attend in person, please immediately let Grace know for planning purposes</u>.

But if you haven't let Grace know you are coming in person, I encourage you to do so. We are planning to provide lunch for those joining us in person.

Here is a summary of the Brown Act open meeting laws' requirements, with pertinent parts highlighted in yellow:

1. All votes must be by roll call. (In practice we comply by ensuring that it is clear how each commissioner voted. So if it is not unanimous, we must identify by name those who voted "no" or "abstained," thereby making it clear in the minutes how each commissioner voted.)

2. An agenda must be posted at each teleconferencing site within the statutory notice

period. Each teleconference location must be identified in the notice, and each

location must be accessible to the public.

3. At least a quorum of the members must be participating from locations within the

boundaries of the County.

4. The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the

legislative body from each teleconference location.

If we are unable to include your location from which you'll be participating via telephone in the meeting notice that is posted at least 72 hours before the meeting start time, state law (the Brown Act/open meetings law) does not allow us to count you in attendance for purposes of quorum and for voting.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Robert or Grace.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Robin

Robin S. Toma, Esq. (he, him) Executive Director, L.A. County Commission on Human Relations Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles (213) 639-6089 https://hrc.lacounty.gov/ www.LAvsHate.org



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