



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE CESS MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center
12127 Elliott Ave
El Monte, CA 91732

Thursday, September 25, 2025

5:30 PM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with six (6) members present out of seven (7) total members.

Present: Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena,

Not Counted: Community Member Chi Chi Navarro

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**3. Approval of the June 26, 2025, Minutes**

On motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Rogers this item was moved for approval with no amendments.

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

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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4. Approval of the July 31, 2025 Minutes

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

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item. Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5. Discuss and take possible action on identifying LGBTQ+ community dates of significance and potentially provide this list to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Lelliott opened the floor to discuss the top 10 dates of significance to potentially provide this list to the Board of Supervisors.

After discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Co-Chair Arnzen to bring the finalized list of ten dates to the full Commission for review and feedback on providing to the Board offices.

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

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes for continuance with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena,

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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6. Discuss and take possible action on restructuring activities of the CESS to focus on quarterly town halls.

Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor to discuss how CESS can restructure the goals to include quarterly town halls. These quarterly town halls would focus on a single topic and on community engagement.

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

After Public Comment, no action was taken.

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7. Discuss and take possible action on determining the frequency for CESS meetings in 2026 and the possibility of having meetings every other month.

Vice Chair Rogers asked the CESS members to table this item until next meeting.

There was a motion made by Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this item until next meeting.

Member of the public Community Member ChiChi Navaro addressed the CESS on this item.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navaro

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8. Discuss and take possible action on identifying strategies to determine if local LGBTQ+ community members and organizations are interested in participating in an event aimed at building trust and relationships between the LGBTQ+ community and the justice system.

This item was added to the agenda by Commissioner Khan-Valbuena who was unable to attend the meeting.

There was a motion made by Co-Chair Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this item until next meeting when Commissioner Khan-Valbuena could lead the discussion on 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 Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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9. Discuss and take possible action on cancelling the regular CESS meeting for November 24th, 2025 and December 22nd, 2025 in favor of a special meeting on Thursday, December 4th, 2025.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion and possible action on canceling the regular CESS meeting on November 24th, 2025 and December 22nd, 2025 in favor of having a special meeting on December 4, 2025.

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

Community Member ChiChi Navaro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 10.** 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 would like an agenda item for the CESS to consider a schedule option for Monday night instead of Thursdays.

Public Comment

- 11.** 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.

Member of the public Vicky Goto addressed the CESS on this item.

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Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment of the September 25, 2025, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Arnzen adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5:30 PM.