



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Members: Interim Chair Champagne Brown, Commissioner Curry, Commissioner Mina Wilson, Commissioner Diane Boodrookas, Commissioner Renee LeVesque, Student Commissioner Juno Rabinovici
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
- 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Comments are typically limited to three (3) minutes per person and are limited to items not on the meeting agenda. Comments can also be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Consider approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2025 meeting.
- 5. PROCLAMATION: BLACK LIVES MATTER FLAG**
Discussion and possible action regarding drafting a proclamation for the City Council to approve an update to the Black Lives Matter Flag schedule.
- 6. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Loving Day Event.
- 7. UPDATES ON REGULATION CHANGES**
Discussion and possible action regarding city-wide updates on regulation changes for advisory bodies, establish a list of accomplishments and establish a workplan.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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- 1. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Curry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **Present:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas, and Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger; quorum established **Absent:** Student Commissioner Rabinovici not present.
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Commissioner Wilson mentioned there is a Prayer Breakfast Event on Good Friday, April 19, 2025 from 8-10am at St. Peter CME Church. Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi provided a reminder that the City is experiencing a network outage- more information in the City's website. Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger announced the Pride Flag Raising Event taking place on June 2, 2025 in front of City Hall.
- 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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There were no comments from the public.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Brown/ Commissioner LeVesque **Action:** Move to approve the January 8, 2025 and March 24, 2025 HRC meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**
- 5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Brown **Action:** Move to approve reappointing Chair Curry as Chair for 2025. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Boodrookas **Action:** Move to approve appointing Commissioner Brown as Vice Chair for 2025. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**
- 6. 2025 REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR**
No action was taken.
- 7. UPDATES ON REGULATION CHANGES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Brown/Commissioner Boodrookas **Action:** Move to establish an

Ad hoc Committee consisting of Commissioner LeVesque and Commissioner Wilson to work on updates to regulation changes and organize a workplan. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

8. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING

No action was taken.

9. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING

No action was taken.

10. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT DEBRIEF

No action was taken.

11. ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE ON HRC HISTORY AND BEST PRACTICES

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Brown **Action:** Move to establish an Ad hoc Committee consisting of Chair Curry and Commissioner Boodrookas work on HRC history and best practices. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

9:00pm: **Moved/Seconded:** Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Brown **Action:** Move to extend the meeting to 9:15pm on a one-time basis **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

12. DIVERSITY STREET DANCE EVENT

No action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Champagne Brown, HRC Interim Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Human Relations Commission meeting of April 9, 2025, as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison