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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

El Cerrito City Hall  
Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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**7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING**

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Members: Chair Curry, Commissioner Mina Wilson, Commissioner Champagne Brown, 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 January 8, 2025 and March 24, 2025 meetings.
- 5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 election of Chair and Vice Chair.
- 6. 2025 REGULAR MEETING CALENDAR**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 HRC Regular Meeting Calendar.
- 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. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Loving Day Event.
- 9. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 United Against Hate Week event.
- 10. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT DEBRIEF**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the debrief of the 2025 MLK Parade and Event.

- 11. ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE ON HRC HISTORY AND BEST PRACTICES**  
Discussion and possible action regarding establishing a subcommittee on HRC history and best practices.
- 12. DIVERSITY STREET DANCE EVENT**  
Discussion and possible action regarding planning a Diversity Street Dance Event planning.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at [www.el-cerrito.org/106/Human-Relations-Commission](http://www.el-cerrito.org/106/Human-Relations-Commission).



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 8 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Staff Liaison

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1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Present:** Chair Curry and Vice Chair Akacić, quorum established, **Absent:** Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger and Commissioner Wilson not present.
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**  
There were no Council Liaison Reports. Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi announced there are a few HRC applications that have been received and in processing. Additionally, Staff Liaison Bassi reported that the new City Council Member assignments for Advisory Bodies will be announced soon. Vice Chair Akacić reported there will be an event at the church including City leadership and the Mayor, and that there will be a memorial walk the Sunday before MLK Celebration to honor late Janet Abelson.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
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One member of the public spoke (Juno) who is interested in joining the HRC and submitted an application.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
This item was skipped.
5. **UPDATES ON REGULATION CHANGES**  
No action was taken.
6. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING**  
No action was taken.
7. **LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Chair Curry/ Vice Chair Akacić **Action:** Move to hold a movie screening event to celebrate Loving Day on or around June 12, 2025 **Ayes:** Vice Chair Akacić and Chair Curry **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**
8. **HRC HISTORY MOMENT/EVENT PLANNING**  
No action was taken.
9. **UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVEVNT DEBRIEF**  
No action was taken.

## **10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- MLK Debrief
- Regulation Changes- Accomplishments and Workplan Documents
- Loving Day Event Planning
- United Against Hate Week
- HRC History Moment/Event Planning
- Chair and Vice Chair Election

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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**Rebecca Curry, HRC 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 January 8, 2025, as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

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**Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison**



## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

#### Staff Liaison

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- 1. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Curry called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. **Present:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson, quorum established **Absent:** Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger and Commissioner Boodrookas not present.
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**  
There were no Council Liaison Reports. Commissioners' reports included introductions of themselves, Brown Act reminders, and process reminders. Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi covered general housekeeping reminders, updates with new HRC application interests, training update, and announced upcoming budget updates presented in future City Council Meetings through June 2025.
- 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
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One member of the public spoke (Buddy Akacic) welcoming the new Commissioners.
- 4. STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPLCIAITON**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Commissioner Wilson/ Commissioner Brown **Action:** Move to appoint Student Commissioner Juno Rabinovici to the HRC. **Ayes:** Chair Curry, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Wilson **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting unanimously adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Rebecca Curry, HRC Chair

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Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison



# 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

## Human Relations Commission

**Location:**  
 Council Chambers  
 10890 San Pablo Ave.  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM

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