



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Staff Liaison

Shannon Bassi

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Members: Chair Curry, Vice Chair Buddy Akacić, Commissioner Mina Wilson
- 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 December 11, 2024 meetings.
- 5. 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.
- 6. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 election of Chair and Vice Chair.
- 7. STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPLICATION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the student commissioner application received.
- 8. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT DEBRIEF**
Discussion and Possible Action regarding the debrief of the 2025 MLK Parade and Event.
- 9. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Loving Day Event.
- 10. HRC HISTORY MOMENT/EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding planning ongoing historical moments and event planning.
- 11. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 United Against Hate Week event.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

Staff Liaison

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El Cerrito City Hall

Council Chambers

10860 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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.

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.

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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El Cerrito City Hall

Hana Gardens

10860 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **Present:** Vice Chair Akacić and Commissioner Wilson, quorum established, **Absent:** Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger and Chair Curry not present.
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
There were no Council Liaison Reports. Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi announced the City Hall Holiday Closure from December 23, 2024 to January 2, 2025. Vice Chair Akacić reported he has been in communication with Patricia Durham regarding the Wall of Fame and that there will be an upcoming event in February at the church to celebrate accomplishments- the Mayor will be there. Commissioner Wilson announced she has been working with the school district to advocate for a new school at the Stege School location.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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There were no members of the public that spoke.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Vice Chair Akacić Wilson/Commissioner Wilson **Action:** Motion to approve the May 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes with one correction (edit: St. Petersburg to Saint Peters) **Ayes:** Vice Chair Akacić, Commissioner Wilson. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**
5. **UPDATES ON REGULATION CHANGES**
No action was taken.
6. **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/ Vice Chair Akacić **Action:** Adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Calendar for 2025 that includes meeting regularly in the months of January, February, April, May, September, October, and December each year at 7:00 PM, as discussed.
Ayes: Commissioner Wilson and Vice Chair Commissioner Akacić. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

7. **LOVING DAY DEBRIEF**

No action taken.

8. **HRC HISTORY MOMENT/EVENT PLANNING**

No action was taken.

9. **UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVEVNT DEBRIEF**

No action was taken.

10. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING**

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/ Vice Chair Akacić **Action:** Move to hold the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Event on January 20, 2025 including a walking parade starting at City Hall and ending at the El Cerrito High School Theatre to hold a program. **Ayes:** Commissioner Wilson and Vice Chair Commissioner Akacić. **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Motion carries.**

11. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- MLK Planning
- Accomplishments List
- Workplan
- Loving Day
- United Against Hate Week
- HRC History Moment/Event Planning

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Rebecca Curry, HRC Chair

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Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison