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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Members: Chair Champagne Brown, Vice Chair Diane Boodrookas, Commissioner Mina Wilson, Commissioner Melissa Newton, Student Commissioner Juno Rabinovici, Council Liaison Rebecca Saltzman.
- 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 THE MINUTES**
Discussion and possible action regarding approving the HRC meeting minutes from the February and April 2026 meetings.
- 5. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the planning of 2027 MLK Parade/Event.
- 6. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding a 2026 Loving Day Event.
- 7. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding a 2026 United Against Hate Week Event.
- 8. CITY HALL FLAG SCHEDULE & ROTATION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the flag schedule and rotation at City Hall.
- 9. HRC WORKPLAN**
Discussion and possible action regarding ongoing planning and organizing of the HRC workplan.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

February 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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Hana Gardens

10870 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Present:** Chair Brown, Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Council Liaison Saltzman; quorum established. **Absent:** Student Commissioner Rabinovici, Commissioner Wilson
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi provided an update on the AV system repair in Council Chambers, an update on the upcoming 2-year budget process underway and upcoming Budget Workshop on March 7th, and introduced the newly appointed HRC Commissioner, Melissa Newton. Council Liaison, Rebecca Saltzman, provided an introduction to the commission. No Commissioner report outs.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Comments are typically limited to three 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.

No members of the public present; no comments from the public.
4. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING/DEBRIEF**
No action was taken.
5. **LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner LeVesque/Chair Brown **Action:** Move to revise the established subcommittee for Loving Day event planning to consist of Commissioner LeVesque and Commissioner Newton. **Ayes:** Vice Chair Brown, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Boodrookas **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Wilson. **Motion carries.**
6. **HRC WORKPLAN**
No action was taken.
7. **UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**
No action was taken.
8. **HONORING JUNETEENTH**
No action was taken.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**
Adjourned at 8:44 pm.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Human Relations Commission meeting of February 11, 2026, as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Champagne Brown, HRC Chair

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Vice Chair Boodrookas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Present:** Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Wilson; quorum established. **Absent:** Chair Brown, Student Commissioner Rabinovici, Council Liaison Saltzman.

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi provided an update on the AV system repair in Council Chambers, an update on the upcoming 2-year budget process underway, and reviewed housekeeping items and general meeting reminders. Commissioner Wilson reported out there is an upcoming Health Fair at the St. Peter CME Church in El Cerrito, which will include presenters and information.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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No members of the public present; no comments from the public.

4. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Newton **Action:** Move to plan a 2027 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Event occurring at City Hall and the El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theatre. **Ayes:** Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Wilson **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Chair Brown. **Motion carries.**

5. LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING

No action was taken.

6. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Newton **Action:** Move to revise the established subcommittee for United Against Hate Week Event planning to include Commissioner Newton and Vice Chair Boodrookas **Ayes:** Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Wilson **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Chair Brown. **Motion carries.**

Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Wilson/Commissioner Newton **Action:** Move to plan a 2026 United Against Hate Week event and celebration during October 18-24, 2026, involving a joint effort and collaboration with the Arts and Culture Commission. **Ayes:** Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner LeVesque, Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Wilson **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** None. **Absent:** Chair Brown. **Motion carries.**

7. HONORING JUNETEENTH

No action was taken.

8. HRC WORKPLAN

No action was taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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 8, 2026, as approved by the Human Relations Commission.

Diane Boodrookas, Acting Chair for April 8th

Champagne Brown, HRC Chair

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison