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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

September 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Human Relations Commission via email to sbassi@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Members: Chair Champagne Brown, Commissioner Mina Wilson, Commissioner Melissa Newton, Commissioner Valerie McCann, 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 May 2026 meeting.
- 5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**
Discussion and possible action regarding the election of vice chair due to the recent vacancy.
- 6. LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
Discussion and possible action regarding the HRC Accomplishment List that is due to City Council.
- 7. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the planning of 2027 MLK Parade/Event.
- 8. UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026 United Against Hate Week Event (Chalk Art Event).
- 9. CITY HALL FLAG SCHEDULE & ROTATION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the flag schedule and rotation at City Hall.
- 10. HRC WORKPLAN**
Discussion and possible action regarding ongoing planning and organizing of the HRC workplan.
- 11. LOVING DAY**
Discussion and possible action regarding a possible 2027 Loving Day event and/or celebration.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Present:** Chair Brown, Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner Newton, Council Liaison Saltzman; quorum established. **Absent:** Commissioner Wilson, Student Commissioner Rabinovici.
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON, AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Council liaison Saltzman provided an update on the District-Based Elections process, an affordable housing update, upcoming Pride Month Flag Raising Event, and proclamations going to City Council for approval on the upcoming meeting. Staff Liaison Shannon Bassi also provided an update on the Pride Flag Raising Event and budget process underway. There were no commissioner reports.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
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One member of the public spoke (do not know their name for the record) on topic kindness within the community.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Boodrookas/Commissioner Newton **Action:** Move to approve the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Vice Chair Boodrookas, Commissioner Newton **Noes:** None. **Abstained:** Chair Brown. **Absent:** Commissioner Wilson. **Motion carries.**
5. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND EVENT PLANNING**
No action was taken.
6. **LOVING DAY EVENT PLANNING**
No action was taken.
7. **UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK EVENT PLANNING**
No action was taken.
8. **CITY HALL FLAG ROTATION**
No action was taken.
9. **HRC WORKPLAN**
No action was taken.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
Adjourned at 8:23 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.

Champagne Brown, HRC Chair

Shannon Bassi, Staff Liaison