



Minutes
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

Roll Call 7:00 pm– Commissioners Present: Aga, Edwards, Glueck, Hunter Parisi, Absent: Hughes, Student Commissioner Su.

1. Minutes

This item was tabled until the next meeting..

2. Oral Communications from the Public: This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries from citizens concerning matters that do not otherwise appear on the agenda.

3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports: Staff, Council Liaison, and/or Commissioners may report on matters of general interest, City Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the Council to the Human Relations Commission.

4. Subcommittee on Tolerance Update: Commissioner Hunter-Parisi reported on the latest meetings of the subcommittee and outlined proposals for three events. The details and timelines for the events would be decided on in future meetings. Moved by Glueck, seconded by Hunter-Parisi, to accept the Subcommittee's proposal and move forward on three proposed events. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion on Protection of Immigrants in El Cerrito: Staff Liaison Pinkos provided a staff report discussing staff's initial research and analysis into the concepts of sanctuary city status and what the potential impacts would be on the City. Currently, the El Cerrito Police Department already practices the basic concepts of what would be considered a "sanctuary city" in that they do not inquire of immigrant status and do not assist federal agents with immigration enforcement. It is recognized that there is a desire to formalize this policy. The City has received approximately \$7 million over the past five years in federal grant monies for capital projects and equipment, not for any ongoing operational funding. Staff recommends that the Commission discuss and hear public comment and then work with staff to develop a recommendation to the City Council for the Commission to consider at their March meeting, with an anticipated presentation to the City Council on March 21.

Public comments in favor of the proposal were provided by:

Sherry Drobner

Judith Tannenbaum

Rayah Long

Miguel Gravelle

Carl Groch

Michelle Mendieta Mitchell

City of El Cerrito

Janaki Sullivan
Alice Towey
Molly Hermes
Jon Burnett
Miguel Cavallino
Stefan Vallecillo
Derik Hilliard
Gail Pavlosky
Alissa Hauser
Lesly Flynn
Barbara Chan
Elena Potrero
Rose Vekony.
Ann Ben-Shalom:
Dorothy Parker:
Helen Dickey:
WendyFiering

Commissioners agreed that they should move forward and favored sanctuary city status, including other vulnerable populations. Motion made by Glueck, seconded by Aga, to create a subcommittee to work with City staff to come up with a recommendation for the March HRC meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Glueck and Aga were appointed to the subcommittee.

6. Adjournment 8:25 pm

Future Agenda Items: Human Relations Commission Workplan, Loving Day 2017

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