



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:08 pm: Roll Call – Commissioners: Aga, Edwards, Guenette, Hunter Parisi, Kariuki. Commissioner Wilson arrived at 8:11 pm, Commissioner Laird arrived at 8:20 pm.

1. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting.

2. Oral Communications from the Public: Judith Tannenbaum, Michelle Mendieta Mitchell, and Sue Hansen addressed the Commission.

3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports: Staff Liaison Pinkos reported on recent City Council action, including the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Human Relations Commission declaring El Cerrito a Sanctuary City.

- **Introduction of new members:** Members introduced themselves to each other. Staff Liaison Pinkos provided a brief onboarding orientation including discussion of the Brown Act.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Moved by Edwards, seconded by Aga, to elect Margo Hunter-Parisi as the Chair of the Human Relations Commission. Motion passed unanimously. Moved by Edwards, seconded by Wilson, to elect Makalia Aga as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Subcommittee on Tolerance Update: Commissioners discussed the upcoming April 29 event, “Not Alone: Becoming Allies” to be held at City Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.

6. Loving Day Celebration: A subcommittee of Commissioners Laird and Guenette were appointed to work with staff to assist in planning the Loving Day event scheduled for June 11, 2017.

7. HRC Workplan: Commissioners agreed that they should schedule their presentation to the City Council at the July 18, 2017 Council Meeting. At the May meeting, Commissioners will have a discussion on ideas for next year with the goal of prioritizing these ideas for the workplan presentation.

8. Adjournment 8:40 pm

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