



## DRAFT MINUTES

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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#### 1:00 p.m. - CONVENE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

- ROLL CALL – EQC Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui** called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.  
**Present:**; HRC Chair Margo Parisi; HRC Members: Buddy Akacić, Alice Morris, and Walter Williams; EQC Chair Rebecca Milliken; EQC Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; EQC Members Howdy Goudey, Mark Miner, Beth Molnar, Sean O'Connor, Jeff Sobul, Ellen Spitalnik, Sheila Tarbet, and Dave Weinstein  
**Absent:** EQC Members Daniel Hamilton, Paloma Pavel, and Renee Solari, HRC Members Lee Kariuki and Mina Wilson  
**Also Present:** Janet Abelson, Council Liaison; Maya Williams, Interim HRC Staff Liaison; Will Provost, EQC Staff Liaison

- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The EQC and HRC heard remarks from members of the public providing feedback on the proposed action and broader actions the City and community could take to address equity issues and racial justice.

- EQC and HRC Joint Statement on Racial Justice and Inclusion**


EQC and HRC Members discussed and provided feedback on a Draft Statement on Racial Justice and Inclusion written by the HRC Chair and EQC Vice-Chair, that was distributed with the agenda. After hearing community feedback and coming to agreement on a number of changes, the joint body considered a motion to approve of the joint statement.

**ACTION:** Consider a motion to approve of a joint statement confirming the Human Relations Commission's and Environmental Quality Committee's commitment to racial justice and inclusion, environmental justice, and social justice.

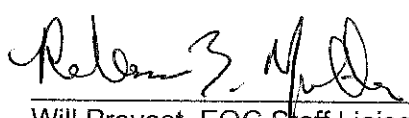
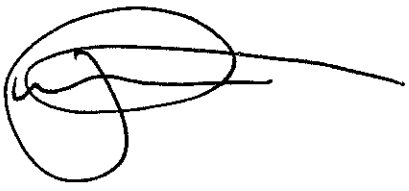
**Moved/Second:** Members Weinstein/O'Conner **Action:** Passed a motion to approve of the Joint Statement on Racial Justice and Inclusion as amended during the July 1, 2020 meeting **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None

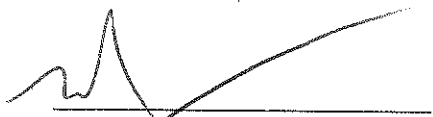
- ADJOURNMENT –** The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

  
Rebecca Milliken, EQC Chair

  
Margo Hunter Parisi, HRC Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Human Relations Commission and the Environmental Quality Committee meeting of **July 1, 2020** as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

   
Will Provost, EQC Staff Liaison

  
Maya Williams, HRC Interim Staff Liaison