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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with roll call provided by Commission Liaison Tammy Ortuno.
- Commissioners in Attendance: Jackie Filla, Ana Teresa Dahan, Vicki Curry, Marla Messing and Jessica Postigo. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson joined the meeting late.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD No public comments were made.

III. PRESENTATION

- Amanda Daflos, Chief Innovation Officer for the Office of Mayor Garcetti, presented an overview of the City's COVID-19 response efforts. Miss Daflos oversees the Mayor's COVID-19 response efforts, she highlighted a few items from the Mayor's Office Racial Justice agenda such as creating Executive Directive #27 and appointing the City's first Chief Equity Officer, Brenda Shockley.
- Miss Daflos provided an overview of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts currently underway and the goal to reach a capacity of twenty to thirty thousand vaccines per day in the City of Los Angeles. Vaccines are starting off in Phase 1A which covers healthcare workers, residents and staff of skilled nursing facilities. Beginning March 1st they will expand to Phase 1B focusing on people 65 and older.
- Additionally, Miss Daflos shared the Mayor's 3 key homelessness strategies – testing access, hygiene infrastructure and housing. Lastly, she added that "The A Bridge Home Emergency Housing Initiative" has established 25 shelters with almost 2,000 beds added in the last 2 years.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Capri Maddox provided an overview of the ongoing process of establishing and operationalizing the Department, including the transition of the two Commissions (HRC & CSW) and the Transgender Advisory Council from HCIDLA to the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department and the establishment of the Discrimination Enforcement Division.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission voted and approved the following statement for release on CSW's social media channels:
"We stand in solidarity with Council President Nury Martinez for speaking out on the systemic and misogynistic verbal abuse she and far too many women leaders in our City have endured. The disproportionate amount of vitriol towards women leaders is unacceptable but more important to point out, it is dangerous. These verbal attacks can incite and result in life threatening consequences. The pandemic has exposed the deep gender inequities in our society and women are experiencing unprecedented setbacks. Now more than ever, we cannot allow misogyny to go unchecked. We see it, we hear it and we do not condone it."
- Pioneer Women Awards 2021 is tasked with leading and honoring women who are leaders in the City of Los Angeles. This year the focus of the Pioneer Women Awards is "Sheroes in the Time of COVID-19." The Commission voted 4-0 for an ad hoc committee to be formed to lead the Pioneer Women Awards.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Bernard-Gibson has registered 6-7 seniors who have not had access to the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Executive Director Capri Maddox shared that the LA Civil Rights is hosting the African American Equity in the Media event. The event is scheduled for February 23, 2021 with Angel Jennings, Brandon Brooks and Beverly White as panelists and support from Councilmember Ridley-Thomas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.