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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2020, 12:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

- Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Roll call provided by Francisco Ortega.
- Commissioners in Attendance: Courtney Morgan-Green, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Stacy Twilley, Irma Beserra Nunez, Angelica Solis-Montero, Anthony Mack, and Irene Tovar.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October meeting minutes approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comments were made.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Maddox announced the formal City Council approval to establish the Civil, Human Rights, and Equity Department on November 23, 2020.
- She highlighted the Department's outreach and engagement efforts with approximately 100 different community groups which have met and/or collaborated with the Civil, Human Rights, and Equity Department since July.
- Executive Director Maddox also announced the Department's recent partnership with the University of Southern California to create a paid internship program for four undergraduate students from January 2021 to December 2021. All four interns will be funded through the USC Agents of Change Program.

V. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Ad hoc Committee on the Dinner Dialogue Report, Chair, Courtney Morgan-Greene
 - Commissioner Morgan-Greene shared an overview of the upcoming 2021 Dinner Dialogue event including: (1) reconvening the participants from the first dialogue event hosted in 2018 - 2019, (2) introducing the Los Angeles Police Department into the upcoming dialogue event, (3) holding breakout sessions via Zoom to generate a follow-up conversation.

- The dialogue is scheduled to be hosted on January 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Morgan-Greene also shared a brief update of the outreach, communications, and logistics plan for the event.
- Transgender Advisory Council, Karina Samala (None)
- Ad hoc Committee on Racial Equity, Chair, Anthony Mack
 - Commissioner Mack noted a pivot in focus towards engaging the youth as a means of promoting racial equity, and specifically working towards dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline.
 - Commissioner Mack shared a plan to host a roundtable discussion with key community stakeholders and the youth to explore best practices to connect underserved youth with upward mobility programming. He noted the tentative timeline to host the discussion in February, solidify recommendations in March, and present the findings in April.
- Ad hoc Committee on Immigration, Chair, Irene Tovar
 - Commissioner Tovar highlighted the recent efforts of the committee including the focus on the assessment of services and dissemination of information to immigrant communities. She reported on the planning efforts to host two webinars series: the first will focus on local resource education for professionals and the second will share information with the general public.
 - Commissioner Tovar shared a brief outline of planning and hosting the webinar series over the next few months.

VI. PRESENTATION

- Rudy Ortega, President of the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, presented on the history of the first people of Northern Los Angeles from the pre-mission period, prior to contact with Spanish settlers, to modern-day, the effects of colonization, with specific emphasis on the enslavement of their ancestors at Mission San Fernando, and their objective to attain land rights and recognition. Bringing awareness to the work of his tribe, President Rudy Ortega showed an educational PSA illuminating their 124 year-old pursuit of federal acknowledgement. Mr. Ortega urged the Human Relations Commission, to uplift the Fernandefio Tataviam narrative and amplify the voices of their community.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commission President Solis-Montero reminded the commissioners that there will be no commission meeting in December. The next meeting will take place on January 27, 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.