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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes March 23, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. along with Commission Vice President Stacy Twilley, 2nd Vice President Angelica Solis-Montero and Commissioners Courtney Morgan-Greene, Rosa Russell, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Herpsima Khatchadorian, Irene Tovar, Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance. Commissioners Ysabel Jurado and Stacy Twilley were absent.

Those also in attendance include Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Christy Numano-Hiur, Assistant City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A guorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public comment period was opened but there were no speakers to address the Commission, therefore public comment was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The review and approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Khalsa made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Morgan-Greene seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Khalsa

Seconded: Morgan-Greene

Ayes: Khatachadorian, Solis-Montero, Mack, Russell, Tovar, De La Cruz-Viesca,

Wirtshafter

Absent: Jurado, Twilley

Vote: 9 - 0

The motion passed.

4. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB-361

The continuation of teleconference meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Tovar made a motion to continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Tovar Seconded: Russell

Ayes: Morgan-Greene, Khalsa, Khatachadorian, Solis-Montero, Mack, De La Cruz-

Viesca, Wirtshafter

Absent: Jurado, Twilley

Vote: 9 - 0

The motion passed.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager gave an update on the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department's activities.

6. TAC REPORT:

Karina Samala, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council gave an update on the council's latest efforts including a retirement event at the Shatto Lanes Bowling Alley, the Midnight Stroll and a plea to assist a Ukrainian family in need of housing.

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Commissioner Morgan-Greene provided an update on the Forward Together committee. She announced three dialogues, two between the Black and Korean community, then a third conversation with a mix of people that also includes Latin American and Asian-American communities. There will be a podcast of three conversations with leadership, artists and a representative of LAPD.

Commissioner De La Cruz-Viesca spoke on the LA for All committee. She acknowledged the support of the students of Cal-State University LA in making posters. One of their artworks was purchased for the LA for All campaign. A mini-event will be planned to display the 50 works submitted.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Solis-Montero announced that the HRC Executive Committee will be speaking to the department about the Strategic Plan;

Commissioner Mack made a brief comment to acknowledge Women's History Month; and

Commissioner Russell requested the biographies and contact information for each Commissioner.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

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