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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Special Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commission President Jackie Filla called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. along with Vice President Vicki Curry and Commissioners Erma Bernard-Gibson, Nancy Rubin and Myesha Ward in attendance.

Commissioners Marla Messing and Dora Quach were absent.

Also in attendance were Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The public comment period was opened. There was one speaker identified as "Ruth" who addressed the Commission. She spoke about families being displaced due to an eminent domain situation created by the proposed extension of the 710 freeway. There were no other speakers and public comment was closed.

**3. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB361**

The reconsideration and determination to continue to hold the Commission on the Status of Women meetings teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Curry made a motion to continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Curry  
Seconded: Bernard-Gibson  
Ayes: Filla, Rubin, Ward  
Absent: Messing, Quach

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Filla acknowledged Human Trafficking Awareness Month. She noted that in-person meetings have the potential to recur as early as March. Commissioner Filla proposed to hold the 2023 Pioneer Awards at an in-person event in May. She stated that Commissioner Ward and herself would be added to the 2023 Pioneer Women Ad hoc Committee.

Commissioner Bernard-Gibson mentioned that she would participate in the MLK Day of Service in Expo Park. Commissioner Rubin ensured that the speaker from the public comment period would be assisted with the challenges she brought before the Commission.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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