



**City of Richmond
Human Rights and
Human Relations Commission
MEETING AGENDA**

*Victoria Sawicki, Chair
Reza Yazdi, Vice Chair
Michael Cervantes, Commissioner
Jeff Ritterman, Commissioner*

*Mohamed Atia, Commissioner,
Angelica Delgado, Commissioner
Chris Broglio, Commissioner*

Sr. Assist. City Attorney, Bruce Soublet

Charice Duckworth, Interim Staff

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

ALL COMMISSIONER MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Contra Costa County and Governor Gavin Newsom have issued multiple orders requiring sheltering in place, social distancing, and reduction of person-to-person contact. Accordingly, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued executive orders that allow cities to hold public meeting via teleconferencing (Executive Order N-29-20). Both <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org> and <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3914/Richmond-Coronavirus-Info> provide updated coronavirus information.

DUE TO THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS, participation in the Human Rights Human Relations Commission will be by teleconference only. Public comment will be confined to items appearing on the agenda and will be limited to the method provided below. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will utilize teleconferencing only. The following provides information on how the public can participate in this meeting.

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Here's the Zoom info:

Topic: HRHRC

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The City cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted.

Record of all public comments:

All public comments will be considered a public record, put into the official meeting record, and considered before Commission action. All public comments will be available after the meeting as supplemental materials and will be posted as an attachment to the meeting minutes when the minutes are posted.

Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities:

Upon request, the City will provide for written agenda materials in appropriate alternative formats, or disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services and sign language interpreters, to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in and provide comments at/related to public meetings. Please submit a request, including your name, phone number and/or email address, and a description of the modification, accommodation, auxiliary aid, service or alternative format requested at least two days before the meeting. Requests will be granted whenever possible and resolved in favor of accessibility.

Effect of Advisory on In-person public participation:

During the pendency of the Executive Order N-29-20, the language in this Advisory portion of the agenda supersedes any language below in the meeting procedures contemplating in-person public comment.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. AGENDA REVIEW

At the discretion of the Chair, items on the Agenda may be heard in an order different from that which appears on the Agenda.

D. MEETING PROCEDURES

E. OPEN FORUM #1

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Recording Uploaded in City Website

G. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

The City Council member serving as liaison to the Commission may make a report on City Council actions of interest to the Commission.

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

J. STAFF REPORTS

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Commission may take direct action, make recommendations to the City Council or provide direction to staff.

- K.1 Angeles Gottheil- Worked with Houseless in Oakland, Emergency Shelter land Use**
Chairperson Sawicki
- K.2 Accountability for Commissioner Misconduct & Fostering A Culture of Inclusivity and Respect**
Commissioner Delgado
- K.3 Letter to Mayor Butt Regarding Homelessness**
Commissioner, Broglio
- K.4 Presentation on Website for HRHRC**
Vice Chair Yazdi
- K.5 Agendas- review policy regarding who receives agendas** *Chairperson Sawicki,*
- K.6 Update on Reaching Out to City Regarding HRHRC Retreat; Event Planner; Budget for HRHRC**
Commissioner, Broglio
- K.7 Support For the Family of Antoine** *Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Sullivan, and Commissioner Delgado*
- K.8 Letter of Appreciation for Everett Jenkins**
Chairperson, Sawicki
- K.9 Discussion/Letter of Support for Peace in Gaza**
Commissioner, Yazdi and Vice Chair Broglio

L. REPORTS

None.

M. OPEN FORUM #2 (At approximately 8:30P.M.)

N. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

O. ADJOURNMENT

The next convening of the City of Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission is scheduled for **Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** Virtual Meeting

P. MEETING PROCEDURES

Speaker Registration

Anyone who wishes to address the Human Rights and Human Relations Commission (HRHRC) on a topic that is not on the Agenda and is relevant to the Commission's purpose may speak once in either of the two OPEN FORUM sessions, but not both. Please file a Speaker Form with staff PRIOR to the announcement of that section of OPEN FORUM.

Persons wishing to speak on a particular Item on the Agenda must file a Speaker's Form with the staff PRIOR to the Commission's consideration of the Item. Once discussion on the Agenda Item begins, only those persons who have previously submitted Speaker's Forms will be permitted to speak on the Item.

Time Limits

Individual public speakers shall have a maximum of two (2) minutes to address the Commission.

If all Agenda Items are not completed by 9:30 pm, the Items remaining shall be continued to the next Regular Meeting, unless the Commission votes to extend the meeting.

Cell Phones

Please silence all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices during the meeting.

Persons with disabilities, who require auxiliary aids or services in using City facilities, services or programs, or who would like information on the City's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 may contact (510) 620-6509 for assistance.



Human Rights Human Relations Commission

July 22, 2021

Honorable Mayor Tom Butt
City of Richmond – Mayor’s Office
450 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300
Richmond, CA 94804

Dear Mayor Butt:

The Human Rights Human Relations Commission (HRHRC) of the City of Richmond is launching an 18-month inquiry into the current and future conditions facing the poor in our City and Bay Area Region. The HRHR Commissioners want to start our hearings with a report from your administration on what studies, research, collected statistics and policies the City is currently pursuing concerning the poor. Our intent is to contact other Bay Area Human Rights and Human Relations Commissions, and homeless advocates during the next 12 months to compile data and studies on local “best practices,” what works and what doesn’t, what is cost effective and what is not.

The purpose of the conference is to identify those local policies which effectively promote the dignity and humanity of the dispossessed, while acknowledging the dire economic circumstance and COVID-19 encumbrances that must be overcome.

Our report will be presented at an East Bay Area Conference of Human Right Commissions sponsored by our HRHR Commission tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2021. In the wealthiest nation in the world, privileged Americans have watched for far too long, as far too many men, women and children in our nation have been allowed to sink into poverty. This festering shameful situation was present before the pandemic struck the United States. Now the poor face an economic and health catastrophe not seen since the 1920’s. Of particular concern during these terrible times is the status of poor children, those homeless and destitute with physical disabilities, drug addiction and mental illness.

Our Human Rights Commission admits that we, as volunteers and lay people are woefully uninformed about the homeless, the housing insecure and food insecure in our City and County; hence our project of inquiry. We wish to cap our inquires with a follow-up report from your staff on what policies have been most effective, particularly during the pandemic? Richmond HRHRC will provide the results of our findings in a report to the City Council and the media. As we face this expanding tragedy, we must budget our values for human life before all else.

At your earliest convenience, please have your office contact Commissioner Chris Broglio at chrisbroglio@gmail.com to calendar the appearance of your staff and start our inquiry.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Chris Broglio, City of Richmond Human Rights Human Relations Commissioner

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Human Rights Human Relations Commission

July 22, 2021

Mr. Everett Jenkins, Esq.
2865 Saint Andrews Road
Fairfield, CA 94534

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

The Human Rights Human Relations Commissioners want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your participation on the Commission. Your legal expertise informed the Commission in making good decisions and helped us to follow the Commission's protocol.

We particularly appreciated you sharing your personal experiences in Richmond. Your knowledge of the historical formation of the Commission added a deepening understanding of the roots of our Commission. Your personal stories regarding human rights, which you shared with the Commission helped us intensify our appreciation of human rights.

We hope you enjoy a restful and wonderful retirement, full of shared joy and happiness.

Thank you for your time, energy, wisdom and spirit.

With kindness and solidarity,

The Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commissioners