



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

MEETING AGENDA

Victoria Sawicki, Chair
Reza Yazdi, Vice Chair
Jeff Ritterman, Commissioner

Ellen Seskin, Commissioner
Najari Smith, Commissioner
Jason Woody, Commissioner

Council Member Melvin Willis, Council Liaison

Sr. Assistant City Attorney, TBD

Charice M. Duckworth, Staff Liaison

Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:30 pm
Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza, 1st Floor
Richmond, CA 94804

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. CORRESPONDENCE

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Recording Uploaded in City Website

H. 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.

I. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

J CHAIR'S REPORT

J.1 Communication

J.2 HUMAN RIGHTS – 9-minute video on Human Rights: [The Story of Human Rights \(youthforhumanrights.org\)](https://www.youthforhumanrights.org/course/lesson/background-of-human-rights/the-story-of-human-rights.html)

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(to view video please copy entire link into search engine)

K. STAFF REPORTS

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

L.1 Guest Speaker(s) – Instructors from the Environmental Art and Social Justice Class Presentation; Laney College, Sharon Seskin.
Commissioner Victoria Sawicki

L.2 Discussion – Lessons Learned from Training for Boards and Commissions
Commissioner Victoria Sawicki

L.3 Discussion – Plans for project in support of reading books and how to collaborate with the Richmond Main Library and the Richmond Library Commission
Commissioner Jason Woody

L.4 Update – Rights of the Child project in Richmond
Commissioner Victoria Sawicki

L.5 Letters of appreciation for Commissioners Megan Sanchez and Berna Watson
Commissioner Victoria Sawicki

M. REPORTS

None.

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

O. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

P. ADJOURNMENT

The next convening of the City of Richmond Human Rights and Human Relations Commission is scheduled for **September 25, 2023**.

Q. 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.