



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023  
MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS, AND RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez called the regular meeting of the HEAR Commission to order at 6:39 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Herrera.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Michelle Brenhaug, Cathie Chavez-Morris, Eric Chen, Viki Goto, Jorge Herrera, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez and Riaz (Rick) Khan

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matthew Morales-Stevens, Community Services Manager, provided information for the public on how to submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas. If you wish to address the HEAR Commission, e-mail all public comments to [HEARCommission@sgch.org](mailto:HEARCommission@sgch.org).

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

The agenda order was approved.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrew commented on his excitement about the Youth Ambassador program. He would like to see youth also get involved with the Community Services Commission. He suggested choosing one male and one female ambassador for diversity.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Chen and seconded by Commissioner Khan to approve the amended minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for March 28, 2023.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 7-0-0 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Chavez-Morris, Chen, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

The Commission selected Aaron Situ and Kelly Muñoz-Rios to serve as Youth Ambassadors. Dulce Lopez was selected to be an alternate.

Public Comment: None

#### **B. DISCUSSION OF PRIDE MONTH AND SAFE SPACE CAMPAIGN**

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

Vice Chair Goto, Commissioner Chen and Commissioner Chavez-Morris will work together as a committee for this campaign. The Commission will rename the program to "All are Welcome". Commissioners will join Surf's Up to celebrate Pride Month via the Commission booth. At Surf's Up, residents will have the opportunity to vote on the campaign logo. The Commission will also reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development for assistance.

Public Comment: None

#### **C. 2023 MENTAL WELLNESS EXPO PLANNING**

Presented by Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

The Commission provided updates on the progress in their respective areas of the event.

Public Comment: None

## **5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Khan attended the Commissioners' Dinner held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Herrera attended the Commissioners' Dinner. He participated in an event with Red Cross and So Cal Gas to install smoke alarms in East L.A. He also went to the Egg'straordinary Pancake Breakfast & Spring Celebration; he assisted Kiwanis with serving pancakes. He attended a screening of "La Frontera with Pati Jinich" by PBS So-Cal and KCET. Lastly, he will work with Commissioner Chen with an Gabrielino High School alumni gathering in October.

Vice Chair Goto attended Monterey Park's Cherry Blossom Festival to check out AYC'S Multicultural Pop-Up. She also wanted to acknowledge Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez is a Kiwanis member and was at the Egg'straordinary Pancake Breakfast & Spring Celebration. She attended a play in Pasadena to see a play called "Unrivaled". She works at a hospital in Glendale, and they acknowledged the Armenian Genocide. She mentioned that April is National Minority Health Month which includes Black Maternal Mortality Week. Huntington Hospital had a showing of a documentary called *Toxic*, and she recommended a YouTube video called "Kira Johnson's Story". She also encouraged the community to attend the June 2 Community Budget meeting. Chair Jennings-Nuñez would like to have Jorge Rivera, founder of the Health & Justice Center, as guest speaker for the next meeting.

Commissioner Chen shared that May is AAPI Heritage Month. He attended a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security hosted by FACE- Faith and Community Empowerment. He helped organize a gathering for Monterey Park shooting survivors held at the Monterey Park Service Club Center.

Commissioner Chavez-Morris wanted to acknowledge that April is National Arab American Heritage Month. She was selected as an infrastructure related public sector leader for the Transformative Justice Infrastructure Fellowship out of policylink community first infrastructure alliance and race towards government alliance on race and equity.

Commissioner Brenhaug acknowledged that Earth Day was that past Saturday. She encourages everyone to be more mindful regarding climate care.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

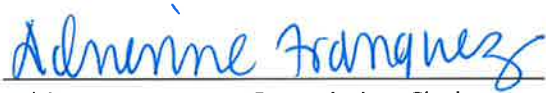
Manager Morales-Stevens shared that Play Day is scheduled for May 20. AYC will host their Multicultural Art Pop-Up at this event.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Adrienne Franquez, Commission Clerk

Approved this 23 day of May 2023:



Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair