



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
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 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 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 Chair Jennings-Nuñez.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michelle Brenhaug, Susan Fitzsimmons, Viki Goto, Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, and Riaz (Rick) Khan

**Commissioner Jorge Herrera arrived at 7:14 p.m.*

Commissioners Absent: Jacqueline Borja

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.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Chair Jennings-Nuñez hearing no objections, the Agenda Order was approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenhaug and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimmons to approve the minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for July 26, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 5-0-0-2 as follows:

Ayes: Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Borja, Herrera

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GUEST SPEAKER – LIA KOLANGIAN FROM LA COUNTY REGISTRAR/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Chair Jennings-Nuñez introduced the guest speaker.

Lia Kolangian from LA County Registrar/County Clerk's office provided a presentation on community election workers, information regarding voting and voter registration.

The Commission thanked Ms. Kolangian for the information and inquired about mail-in ballots, ways that the homeless population can vote and deadline to sign up to be an election poll worker. The Commission also requested to have the voting information linked to the HEAR Commission web page.

Public Comment: None

B. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Manager Morales-Stevens, Commissioner Brenhaug and Commissioner Khan will provide updates.

The Commission talked about the Mental Wellness Expo, the discussion included marketing, volunteers, food options and donations. Commissioner Brenhaug presented the option of a sound bath. The Commission will reach out to local yoga studios for a yoga instructor for the expo. Commissioner Herrera inquired about the feasibility of obtaining a street banner to promote the event. The Commission

also expressed concerns about taking on too many activities for the expo but understood wanting to set a precedent for future events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Khan and seconded by Commissioner Herrera to budget \$2000 (pending approval of grant from San Gabriel Community Foundation) and use as followed: \$600 for instructor fees, \$1000 for marketing and the remainder to be utilized as the committee sees necessary.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:
Ayes: Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Borja

Public Comment: None

C. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update.

Chair Jennings-Nunez suggested creating a shorter version of the statement to read aloud at meetings. She believes there could be a concern from the community if the statement is longer than the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission asked for clarification on some of the names and terms used in the statement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzsimmons, seconded by Vice Chair Goto and amended by Chair Jennings-Nunez to accept the full Land Acknowledgment Statement as written and proposed uses and a recommendation to develop a shorter version.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:
Ayes: Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez, Khan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Borja

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Khan assisted with the coordination of a backpack and school supply distribution at Roosevelt Elementary. There was a great turnout, 1200-1300 backpacks were distributed. He thanked Commissioner Borja for coordinating the event and for all her help.

Commissioner Herrera attended the backpack giveaway that was organized by City Councilmember Rivera and Hilda L. Solis' office. He commends the staff and volunteers that assisted with the event.

Vice Chair Goto shared that L.A County has created an inaugural Youth Climate Commission. They will inform, recommend, and advise on county goals, plans, actions, and policies related to climate change mitigation and resilience. They are currently accepting applications. She also mentioned that the County Library will be holding a virtual Community Feedback session for Supervisor Hilda Solis' 1st District on September 29th.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez attended the backpack giveaway at Smith Park and National Night Out. She also shared that Hispanic Heritage Month will begin September 15th through October 15th. She encouraged the community to attend the city's Dia de Los Muertos Celebration on November 3rd.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Manager Morales-Stevens provided information on the RideSG program.

The Commission had questions about priority for senior riders and the program start date.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 27 day of September 2022:


Viki Goto, Commission Vice Chair