



**MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 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 Commissioner Herrera.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Jacqueline Borja, Michelle Brenhaug, Susan Fitzsimmons, Viki Goto Jorge Herrera and Chasity Jennings-Nuñez

**Commissioners Absent:** Riaz (Rick) Khan

**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**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andrew Didia would like to see equal representation on the HEAR Commission. He believes there should be more male commissioners.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

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

Vice Chair Goto requested an addition to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brenhaug and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimmons to approve the updated minutes of the HEAR Commission Regular Meeting for September 27, 2022.

Motion approved as presented by a vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows:

Ayes: Borja, Brenhaug, Fitzsimmons, Goto, Herrera, Jennings-Nuñez

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Khan

### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. GUEST SPEAKER – FOOTHILL FAMILY**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez introduced the guest speakers, Erin Copeland and Melissa Alaniz from Foothill Family. They provided information on new programs and services such as Relative Support Services, Elder Abuse Treatment & Support and the Parents Invested In Relationship Success (PAIRS) programs.

The Commission thanked the speakers and asked about their programs. They inquired about individualized coaching and the kinship program. The Commission requested that informational flyers be included in lunch distribution for seniors. They also asked if there was an uptick in cases and if so, what the numbers and causes were. Commissioners would like to partner with Foothill Family for their new year workplan. They also want to see scam prevention seminars provided in San Gabriel.

#### **B. GUEST SPEAKER – ASIAN YOUTH CENTER**

Vice-Chair Goto introduced Heidi Lau from the Asian Youth Center. Ms. Lau shared information regarding their agency's new Stop Hate Steering Committee.

The Commission thanked the speaker for all they do in the community. The Commission suggested that seminars be offered in other languages and expressed it would be important to broaden their reach to more groups, such as Latinx and LGBT+. Commissioners asked how the public can find information for AYC'S upcoming events and inquired about the best way to report a hate crime.

Public Comment: None

**C. DISCUSSION OF APPROVED 2022 ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

Manager Morales-Stevens provided the update.

The Commission discussed the results of the Engagement Survey. The Commission thanked Commissioner Borja and Vice Chair Goto for developing this survey. The Commission has one more incentive item to distribute. Staff were directed to pull the name at random and the winner will be announced at the next meeting. They will look into different, more engaging ways of selecting a winner for future drawings.

For Native American Heritage month, the Commission announced a video will be shown in its entirety at the November meeting.

**5. COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Brenhaug will be at the Family Fun Festival with McKinley Elementary School PTA.

Commissioner Fitzsimmons shared it is Pink Patch Month and encouraged people to get mammograms. She also wanted to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month. Commissioner Fitzsimmons commended the Community Engagement Team for assisting a resident in need. She encouraged everyone to go out and vote since elections are approaching.

Vice Chair Goto attended the Community Benefit Advisory Council quarterly meeting with the City of Hope. She will be sharing findings on mental health once the report is finalized and published. She shared the Health Consortium of Greater San Gabriel Valley will host a virtual conference discussing behavioral health on December 8th. Vice Chair Goto recommended an L.A. Times & PEN America virtual event, Reading Between the Lines, on November 3rd that will be addressing race, equity, cultural diversity, and publishing today. She also wanted to highlight Anna May Wong becoming the first Asian American to be featured on U.S currency.

Commissioner Herrera invited the community to watch Grammy award winning mariachi, Los Camperos at the Mission Playhouse on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Jennings-Nuñez invited the community to participate in the city's Dia de los Muertos Celebration. She announced that October also recognizes Filipino American and Italian American cultural heritages as well as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Wellness Month. She also advised there could

be a peak in COVID cases this winter and suggested getting your boosters and taking the proper precautions. She reminded the public about upcoming elections.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Manager Morales-Stevens provided staff comments.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jennings-Nuñez adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled in person for Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Adrienne Franquez, Administrative Assistant II

Approved this 22 day of November 2022:

  
Chasity Jennings-Nuñez, Commission Chair