



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:15pm: Roll Call – Commissioners Present: Makalia Aga, Gabriel Guenette, Jess Laird, Mina Wilson. Commissioners Absent: Margo Hunter Parisi, Lee Kariuki

1. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2018 meeting. Moved by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Aga. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Oral Communications from the Public: Representatives from the El Cerrito Progressives spoke about their concerns related to rent increases happening throughout the City.

3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports: Staff Liaison Kristen Cunningham reported on the upcoming “United Against Hate” week sponsored by Not In Our Town. The item will appear on the next HRC agenda to discuss in further detail.

4. 2019 MLK Rally and Parade: Commissioners discussed plans for the upcoming MLK Rally and Parade to be held on January 21, 2019. Commissioner Wilson discussed the progress being made via the monthly planning meetings. Event coordinator, Patricia Durham, has been in consultation with several notable individuals to potentially serve as the keynote speaker. Commissioners also discussed the possibility of a venue change to Cerrito Vista park.

5. Student Commissioner: Commissioners discussed ways to retool the Student Commissioner program to better encourage youth participation. Commissioner Hunter Parisi will act as the lead in coordinating the program with ECHS and its administrative team.

6. Tenant Protection: Commissioners discussed rent control and other tenant protection initiatives. The El Cerrito Progressives provided the Commission with a draft resolution supporting a moratorium on rent increases and no-fault evictions in the City. At the next regular HRC meeting, Commissioners will review the document, discuss the matter, and potentially recommend action to the City Council.

7. International Day of Listening: Commissioners discussed the International Day of Listening which has been renamed as the *Transformative Listening Project*. Commissioner Guenette moved to establish a subcommittee that included Commissioners Aga, Laird, and Wilson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Laird. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Items for Next Meeting

9. Adjournment: 8:48pm

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