El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 2.04.270

Human Relations Commission

There shall be a human relations commission. Its members shall generally reflect the diverse population of El Cerrito.

A. The goal of the commission is to develop positive human relations through education, encouragement of greater respect and understanding among people, equal opportunity rights under the law, and recognition of the racial, ethnic, religious and cultural diversity of the community.

B. The purpose of the commission is to initiate educational and cultural programs, to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to evaluate and make recommendations regarding discrimination charges levied against the city, upon the direction of the council.

C. It shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To evaluate and disseminate educational and informational material relating to the elimination of all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to promotion of tolerance and understanding;

2. To initiate and encourage educational and other appropriate activities seeking to discourage or prevent discrimination where possible;

3. To provide information and technical assistance to, and cooperate with, other public agencies, organizations, institutions and persons engaged in activities and programs intended to eliminate prejudice and discrimination;

4. To consult and maintain contact with other public agencies and community organizations concerned with interracial, interreligious, and intercultural understanding, and such other private organizations and institutions which further the objective of eliminating discrimination;

5. To review the achievement of the city's equal opportunity program and provide an annual report to the city staff along with recommendations for council consideration;

6. To develop and recommend to the council additional programs and practices designed to further commission objectives;

7. To perform such other duties as the council may assign. (Ord. 2007-12 § 2, 2007: Ord. 95-4 Div. 1 (part), 1995; Ord. 92-2 Div. 2 (part), 1992.)