



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
**Hillside Conference Room**  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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**This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible**

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**Roll Call 7:00 pm– Commissioners Present: Makalia Aga, Margo Hunter Parisi, Lee Karuiki, Jess Laird, Mina Wilson (arrived 7:13pm). Commissioners Absent: Gabriel Guenette**

**1. Minutes**

Moved by Laird, seconded by Aga, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Oral Communications from the Public:** Cordell Hindler, Richmond, passed out flyers for the latest show at Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Howdy Goudey spoke in favor of strong tenant protection policies (needed to leave meeting early before agenda item was heard)

**3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports:** Acting staff liaison Karen Pinkos provided an update on recent City Council actions and other staff updates.

**4. Tenant Protection:** The City's Housing Analyst Aissia Ashoori reported on what City staff have been working on with respect to the Affordable Housing Strategy and various tenant protection policies, and outlined what they intend to bring for discussion/action to the City Council at the December 18, 2018 meeting. Members of the public who spoke on this item discussed successes/failures of certain types of policies and in favor of strong tenant protection policies, including just cause, strong enforcement, anti-gouging or rent freeze: Sherry Drobner, Cordell Hindler, Miguel Espino, and Robin Mitchell (Robin also passed out a matrix of various policies from other cities).

Commissioners then discussed possible action to make a recommendation to the City Council, and discussed various elements of what tenant protection policies should look like. The Commissioners decided to consider a formal recommendation to the City Council in the form of a resolution from the HRC and appointed a subcommittee of Commissioners Laird, Wilson, and Aga to create the recommendation. Staff liaison Pinkos will send the subcommittee a resolution template to formalize the recommendation from the HRC. The recommendation/resolution will then be given to City staff to include in the City Council packet for the December 18 meeting so the Council can consider the HRC recommendation in their deliberations. The subcommittee will bring the draft resolution to the November meeting for discussion by the full Commission.

**5. Not In Our Town:** Pinkos reported that an event was not able to be brought together for this year, but staff will work with the group to try to put something together next year. However, the City Council will consider a proclamation designating November 11, 2018- November 17, 2018 as "United Against Hate Week"

**6. 2019 MLK Rally and Parade:** This item was tabled until the November meeting.

**7. Student Commissioner:** This item was tabled until the November meeting.

**8. Items for Next Meeting:** Consider recommendation on tenant protection, MLK, Student Commissioner.

**9. Adjournment: 8:58 pm.**