

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large), Kathleen Finigan, Omar Paz Jr.

Second District: Elizabeth Escalante (Vice Chair)

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Isabel Lopez, Ana Horta

Fourth District: Rosa Reynoza, Paulina Lopez

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina (Officer-at-Large)

Staff: Meira Bowcut, Admin Aide

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Iliana Madrigal

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER – MISSION STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:33PM. Roll call was taken by staff. Spanish translation services were provided to members of the public by Oscar Cano, Managing Partner of The Grey Highlander Corporation.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2022 AGENDA – PHILLIPS

Motion: Commissioner Reynoza	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Burcina	Absent: 1	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Madrigal was absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motioned passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 28, 2021 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Motion: Commissioner Paz	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Reynoza	Absent: 1	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Madrigal was absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motioned passed.

IV. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

The Chair reported three openings –one in the Second District, one in the Fourth District, and two in the Fifth District.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS

No one addressed the commission.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

Discussion and possible action on items below

1. Donation to Sonoma Act of Kindness

Commissioner Paulina Lopez asked for an approval of \$1,200 donation to Sonoma Act of Kindness. Motion to donate \$1,200 to Sonoma Act of Kindness was done.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Sapper

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Finigan

Absent: 1

Abstained: 2

Commissioner Madrigal was absent. Commissioner Paulina Lopez abstained. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motioned passed.

2. Holocaust Memorial Vandalism

Commissioner Sapper reported out a vandalism incident where the Holocaust memorial got vandalized. This is the second time this happens and these acts should be condemned. Discussion about hate in Sonoma County evolved amongst the commissioners from this report out.

Chair Phillips suggests to write a statement and bring it to the commission.

No Public Comment

No action was taken.

3. Community Spotlight

This month's feature guest was inRESPONSE Team. Chair Phillips introduced Magali Telles, Danielle Garduno, and Captain Cregan. The inRESPONSE Team began to take action on Community needs and feedbacks. This team will respond to calls from individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and unarmed. This team is only in Santa Rosa, but hopes to expand to all Sonoma County.

No action was taken.

4. Sheriff Candidates Forum

Chair Phillips provided a brief update on the sheriff candidates forum workgroup which includes NAACP, ex-chair Zayra, and API.

No action was taken.

5. Sonoma Developmental Center Statement

Commissioner Paz provided a brief summary of the SDC statement and then read the statement. A motion to approve the letter as read tonight with the authority given to the Chair and the Commissioners who drafted the letter to make final edits.

