

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

Monday
November 29, 2021



5:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Mission Statement

Palm Springs is an inclusive world-class city dedicated to providing excellent and responsive public services to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.

- To view/listen/participate in the meeting live, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319654508?pwd=d05lOnRCU0trS25Od114bHZ5MUtidz09>

or call (669) 900-6833 **Zoom Meeting ID** 893 1965 4508, **Passcode** 376375

- Written public comment may also be submitted to cityclerk@palmspringsca.gov. Transmittal prior to the meeting is required. Any correspondence received during or after the meeting will be distributed to the Board/Commission as soon as practicable and retained for the official record.
- The meeting will be recorded and the audio file will be available from the Office of the City Clerk and will be posted on the City's YouTube channel, as soon as practicable.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron deHarte
 2. **ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Hugo Loyola, David Vignolo, Oliver Cleary, Kalina Robles, Terrie Andrade, Glenn Flood, Edwin Ramoran, Vice Chair Donna Shepherd, and Chair Ron deHarte

Student Representative Lilly Hanner
 3. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**
"The Mission of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is to promote and protect the diversity of our community and to improve human relations through education and community awareness."

Human Rights Commission Goals:

- *To develop community education programs;*
- *To investigate and mediate instances of discrimination of groups or individuals;*
- *To bring persons and groups together in common support of human rights issues;*
- *To acquire the fiscal and human resources necessary to support and accomplish the work of the Commission;*
- *To provide management and coordination for the Commission;*
- *To promote diversity through the appointment of candidates to all city boards and commissions to proportionately reflect the diversity of the population of the City of Palm Springs;*
- *The Commission and each Committee shall develop goals and objectives annually, for adoption by the commission;*
- *The Commission shall work closely with the Mayor, City Council, and City Cabinet and with all other City Commissions and Boards in joint endeavors that support the Commission's mission statement and City's goals and objectives.*

4. QUORUM:

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Human Rights Commission on agenda items; and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Three (3) minutes is allowed for each speaker. Although the Commission values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. Commissioners will not enter into discussion with speakers, but during Commission Comments, may refer the matter to staff for report and recommendation at a future Commission meeting.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS:**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

A. Measure J Proposals

B. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission will adjourn to an adjourned regular meeting Monday, December 13, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to G.C. Section 54957.5(b)(2) the designated office for inspection of records in connection with the meeting is the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

It is the intention of the City of Palm Springs to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, or in meetings on a regular basis, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the Office of the

City Clerk, (760) 323-8204, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Jay Virata, Director of Community & Economic Development, of the City of Palm Springs, California, hereby certify this Agenda was posted at City Hall before 5:30 p.m., November 24, 2021, and posted on the City's website as required by established policies and procedures.

/s/ Jay Virata _____

Jay Virata

Community & Economic Development



**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS
MEASURE J COMMUNITY INITIATED
PROJECTS APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Applicant: Human Rights Commission

Date Submitted: November 30, 2021

Applicant Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (non-profit) | <input type="checkbox"/> City Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood | |

Are you a 501c(3) Organization? Yes. If yes, provide IRS ID# _____
 No.

Tell us about your project:

1. Does this project improve...? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> the economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museums, public art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> health services	<input type="checkbox"/> music programs	<input type="checkbox"/> traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> business community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park/recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> the environment
<input type="checkbox"/> educational services	<input type="checkbox"/> historic preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> special events
<input type="checkbox"/> government services	<input type="checkbox"/> streets/roads	<input type="checkbox"/> technology
<input type="checkbox"/> police/fire/emergency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> downtown enhancements	<input type="checkbox"/> nature and hiking trails services
2. What demographic(s) does this project serve? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> seniors	<input type="checkbox"/> bicyclists
<input type="checkbox"/> preschool children	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+
<input type="checkbox"/> elementary school aged children	<input type="checkbox"/> large commercial businesses
<input type="checkbox"/> preteens/teens	<input type="checkbox"/> hotels/motels
<input type="checkbox"/> high school children	<input type="checkbox"/> animals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entire Palm Springs community	<input type="checkbox"/> marijuana industry
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<input type="checkbox"/> college students	<input type="checkbox"/> commuters(bus/train)

retail and small businesses

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

3. Estimated project cost: \$100,000
4. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short description of your proposed project.
(Remember the 5 W's, Who?, What?, When?, Where?, Why?)

Applicant's information: (This information will not be provided to the evaluators; it will be used to contact the applicant if more information is needed or to coordinate with you if your project is invited to be presented to the Measure J Commission at one of their meetings)

Name of Contact Person: Commissioner David A. Vignolo, Human Rights Commission

Contact Person's Phone Number: (202) 409-5113

Contact Person's Email Address: david.vignolo@verizon.net

Evaluation Criteria:

The Measure J Commissioners will evaluate projects by asking the following nine questions and use their subjective judgement to score them as follows:

- If the answer is "no" – score 0 points
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 9. Is this project green?

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Covid-19 Memorial Public Art Project:

As of October 25, 2021, there have been 4,669 total cases of COVID-19 in the City of Palm Springs, of which there have been 135 deaths. Behind each of these statistics, however, is a face of a resident of our city.

The goal of this project is to commemorate and honor the lives lost and all those affected by COVID-19, by creating a public art memorial in the City of Palm Springs.

This project will support the creation of an artwork that provides a place for remembrance and reconciliation, and creates a meditative space representing hope, unity, and healing. The selected artist would work with City staff, the City's Public Arts Commission and Human Rights Commission, a team of esteemed artists and art educators, and the local community to create an evocative public memorial that responds to the aesthetics of the site and the themes identified by the project team. The artwork would be encouraged to include visual, audible, and tactile elements, as well as symbolic imagery to ensure that those in our community who have been lost to this pandemic will never be forgotten, and generations to come will know what the City of Palm Springs and its residents have been through.

Possible locations for placement of this artwork might be in the existing five-acre Wellness Park, located at the corner of Via Miraleste and Tachevah Road in Palm Springs, or in the new Downtown Park. This artwork would support the City Council expectation that the new Downtown Park, a project of the City of Palm Springs which used Measure J tax dollars, shall become a central arts and culture hub for residents and visitors alike to use and enjoy in the heart of downtown.

A possible timeline for this project (contingent on its approval to proceed by the Measure J Commission by May 1, 2022) might be:

- June 1, 2022: Deadline for submission of artist proposals
- July 1, 2022: Issue stipends to three (3) finalists to develop their concepts; submissions to be evaluated by panelists, including members of the Public Arts Commission and made up of first responders, health care workers and family members of people who died from COVID-19;
- September 1, 2022: Community meeting: Meet the Artists
- October 1, 2022: Finalist notified and announced
- November 2022 to April 2023 – Final Design Phase and Fabrication
- Spring 2023 - Installation

City of Palm Springs Measure J: Community Initiated Projects

Eligibility: Palm Springs Human Rights Commission

Funding Requested: \$150,000 (two applicant projects per month for 12 months).

Measure J Goals Addressed:

- Maintain local community services,
- Economically revitalize Palm Springs,
- Enhance the livability and overall quality of life for people who live, work and play in our city

Often when we think of human rights, civil and political entitlements such as free speech come to mind. When in fact, economic, social and cultural rights such as the rights to health and adequate housing, are equally important...playing a critical role in the fight to ensure dignity and respect for every citizen.

Project Description:

Provide grants to low-income senior citizen/disabled homeowners, in the City of Palm Springs.

Up to a one-time maximum of \$7,500 to eligible households for the purpose of 1) correcting health and safety hazards with a priority for building/habitability code violations; 2)retrofitting or installing accessibility features to enhance quality of life and independent living; 3) debris removal clean-up, deferred maintenance or curb appeal projects to maintain home values, neighborhood integrity, and pride of ownership.

This project can be coordinated with city inspection services, neighborhood senior organizations and community based service programs for referrals and application assistance. The Palm Springs Sustainability Commission

might consider an active role in partnering with HRC. Outreach to retail outlets such as Lowe's, Home Depot and independent licensed contractors as well as student organizations can increase project visibility.

Outcomes:

In addition to the protection, preservation and sustained value of housing inventory, this project creates opportunities to revitalize neighborhood relationships while it demonstrates the ideals of human dignity, multiculturalism and civic participation embraced by Palm Springs.



CITY OF PALM SPRINGS MEASURE J COMMUNITY INITIATED PROJECTS

Thank you for your interest in using Measure J Funds for your project. To ensure the best outcome for your project, we suggest you read all the information provided in this application packet, prior to completing the form.

What is Measure J?

After extensive public discussion and community input, Measure J was put on the November 8, 2011 ballot to provide a source of local revenue to maintain local community services and economically revitalize the Palm Springs downtown area. Measure J is a one percent sales and use tax added to purchases made in the City of Palm Springs. However, not all purchases are subject to sales tax. For example, food, groceries, prescription medication, and admission charges to theaters, sporting events, and golf courses are not subject to sales tax. The Palm Springs voters approved this measure, that took effect on April 1, 2012 and will sunset at the end of 25 years. For additional information visit www.PalmSpringsCa.gov/MeasureJ.

What is the Measure J Commission?

The City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a Citizen Oversight Commission to oversee and monitor all expenditure and audits of Measure J Funds and make recommendations to the City Council as a part of the City's budget process. The Measure J Commission consists of 9 commissioners and 2 alternates, all of whom are residents of the City of Palm Springs.

What are the goals of Measure J funding?

Measure J funds have paid for projects such as road repairs throughout the City, upgrades to the Police Department building, fire station improvements, restoration of historic buildings like the Welwood Murray Memorial Library, upgrades to park facilities, and the revitalization of Downtown Palm Springs.

What are Community Initiated Projects?

The City Council authorized to set aside \$1 million of Measure J funds for Community Initiated Projects. These projects come to the Measure J Commission from the community at-large for consideration of using Measure J funds to pay for the project.

Who can submit a Community Initiated Project?

Individual citizens, neighborhood organizations, businesses and organizations in Palm Springs can submit a project for consideration. You are strongly encouraged to think about ideas or projects that will enhance the livability and overall quality of life for people who live, work, and play in our City.

How are projects selected to be a Measure J - Community Initiated Project?

Submitted applications will be given a thorough review and then ranked by the Measure J Commissioners, using the ranking criteria on the application form. The Measure J Commission will provide their recommendations for projects to Staff to see which are viable projects. Then

Staff will finalize the list and submit the Measure J Commission's recommendations to the Palm Springs City Council for final approval.

The amount of funds available for Community Initiated Projects is limited. Applications who meet the criteria will be considered for recommendation to the City Council for final approval and funding up to the \$1 million limit.

Timelines for the application process are as follows:

October 1, 2021:

Application forms will be available on the City's website for Measure J at www.PalmSpringsCa.gov/MeasureJ. Hard copies will also be made available for pick up at various City facilities, including but not limited to, City Hall, Palm Springs Main Library, Welwood Murray Library, Demuth Park Community Center, James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center, and Leisure Center.

December 2, 2021 by 6:00 pm:

Completed applications must be submitted, preferably via email to Evelyn.Beltran@PalmSpringsCa.gov, by mail or in-person at:

City of Palm Springs
Attn: Evelyn Beltran, Executive Administrative Assistant
Department of Finance and Treasury
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

January through April Measure J Commission Meetings (3rd Thursday of the Month):

Community Initiated Projects will be grouped into themes, such as Park Projects, Public Safety (Police and Fire), Transportation (Streets, Traffic, Bikes, and Pedestrians), Facilities (Library, Fire Stations, City Yard, etc.), and will be reviewed during a Commission meeting. Project applicants may be asked to provide a presentation to the Commission for no more than 5 minutes in length.



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Name of Contact Person: Edwin Ramoran

Contact Person's Phone Number: (424) 452-8881

Contact Person's Email Address: eramoran1971@icloud.com

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Palm Springs Human Rights Commission

Annual Community Service Awards

The Mission of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is to promote and protect the diversity of our community and to improve human relations through education and community awareness.

The Annual Community Service Awards recognize individuals and organizations for "Promoting Universal Human Rights Closer to Home".

We would like to expand the Community Service Awards to provide the awardees, for the first time, a grant. Individual awardees will receive a fellowship grant of \$1000 to recognize them and their dedication to volunteerism in Palm Springs. Organizational awardee will receive a \$2000 grant to go towards their on-going services to our community.

The Community Service Award nomination form is attached for your review. Nominations are accepted during the fall season. The Community Service Award is presented annually in February. A link to past honorees can be found at: <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/77864/637491526355100000>

**Palm Springs Human Rights Commission
Community Service Awards
2021-2022**

Community Service Awards recognize individuals and organizations for "*Promoting Universal Human Rights Closer to Home*".

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDEES:

- Although an individual recipient need not reside in the City of Palm Springs, the work for which he/she is being honored should be for the benefit of the residents of Palm Springs and/or the entire Coachella Valley.
- In general, the award should be used to recognize people **volunteering** their time to an activity promoting universal human rights, however . . .
- An award may be given to a person going above and beyond their job responsibilities to promote universal human rights.
- In general, no individual should receive more than one award --- even if they have continued to deserve it. Past Honorees can be found on the Human Rights Commission's webpage at <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/77864/63749152635510000>
- Current Human Rights Commissioners are NOT eligible to receive an award.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

- Both not-for-profit and for-profit organizations are eligible for the community service award.
- Although an organization awardee does not need to be based in the Coachella Valley, the activity for which they are being recognized should affect the residents of the Coachella Valley.
- The CEO/Executive Director/President/Chairman of an organization being given an award may accept the award on behalf of the organization, but it is the organization that is being recognized.

Following is a nomination form to be filled-out and submitted to Jay Virata, Staff Liaison to the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission by Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Mr. Virata's email address at Jay.Virata@palmspringsca.gov. A Human Rights Subcommittee will review all the nominations and submit its list of recommended award recipients at the Monday, December 13, 2021 Human Rights Commission meeting. The Commission will vote at that time whether to accept or reject the recommendations.

This year's Community Service Awards will be presented at the February 14, 2022 Commission meeting in the City Council Chamber at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92264. The public is encouraged to attend the presentations.

**Palm Springs Human Rights Commission
Community Service Awards
Nomination Form**

Name of individual or organization/group being nominated:

Nominee's address:

Nominee's phone number:

Nominee's email address:

Nominee's Website address (if applicable)

If it is an organization or group being nominated please list the contact person:

Name and contact information of nominator, and list association (if any) of nominator with nominee.

Please list why you think the nominee is deserving of the award (i.e., has "promoted universal human rights closer to home".) OK to attach additional pages and/or information.



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Deadline for nominations is December 1, 2021.

Please email your nominations to:

Jay Virata at Jay.Virata@palmspringsca.gov

Awards will be presented on February 14,2022.