

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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AGENDA

**Monday
April 11, 2022**



**5:30 p.m.
Regular 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/89144291995?pwd=ZlVlS284c0UwcG5WZDBUOGhDQnJCdz09>

or call (669) 900-6833 Zoom Meeting ID 891 4429 1995, Passcode 648818

- **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. QUORUM:**
 - 4. 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.*

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14, 2022

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Chair deHarte, Vice Chair Shepherd)
 - a. Retreat
2. Community Relations /Budget/Personnel Report
 - a. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison (deHarte)
 - b. Master Calendar Liaison (Ramoran)
 - c. Main Street Liaison (deHarte)
 - d. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison (Vignolo)
3. Cultural Affairs Report

- 4. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison (Andrade, Flood, Shepherd)
- 5. Seniors/People with Disabilities Veterans Affairs Report
 - a. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood,Vignolo)
- 6. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee
 - a. Student Representatives (Hanner, Robles, Shepherd, Vignolo)
- 7. Commission Development/Mediation Report
 - a. Mediation Liaison (Andrade, Vignolo)

B. Potential Educational Program Collaboration with Boys and Girls Club

C. Seeking Stakeholder Feedback

D. Commissioner, Staff, and Student Comments

E. Topical Newsworthy Items

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to an adjourned regular meeting Monday, May 9, 2022.

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 4:00 p.m., April 7, 2022, and posted on the City’s website as required by established policies and procedures.

/S/ Jay Virata
Jay Virata
Community & Economic Development

**Human Rights Commission
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MINUTES
Regular Meeting**

Monday, February 14, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron deHarte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Andrade, deHarte, Flood, Loyola, Ramoran, Robles, Shepherd, Vignolo and Student Representative Hanner

Absent: Commissioner: Clearly

Staff Present: Jay Virata, Director, Community & Economic Development
3. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:** The Commission proceeded with the order of the agenda.
4. **QUORUM: YES.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.**
6. **CHAIR COMMENTS:** Chair deHarte announced a public hearing will be conducted on February 24, 2022 to receive public input on the redistricting of City Council districts and adoption of new district boundaries. He invited the public to participate in the public hearing.
7. **PROGRAM**

Welcome – Ron deHarte, Chair
Presentation of Community Service Awards

- Ann Sheffer
- Vincent Corrales
- Jimmy Boegle
- Vaccinate Inland Empire (VAXIE)
- Chad Gardner
- The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation
- Nikki Stone
- Dean Lavine

Chair deHarte welcomed guests and city staff colleagues. He acknowledged the contributions of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; shared a video presentation about the Human Rights Commission; discussed the role of the Commission; and spoke about the Community Services Awards and the accomplishments of the honorees being honored.

Vice Chair Shepherd recognized Ann Sheffer; spoke about her accomplishments and presented her with the Community Service Award. Ms. Sheffer expressed her appreciation and spoke about the activities and accomplishments of the Public Arts Commission under her leadership and recognized her Commission

colleagues, City Council and members of the public who have supported the work of the Public Arts Commission.

Commissioner Loyola introduced and recognized Vincent Corrales for his contributions to the community and presented him with the Community Service Award for 2022. Mr. Corrales spoke about his work feeding the homeless and other members of the community; thanked volunteers who helped him and the Human Rights Commission for the award.

Commissioner Flood introduced Jimmy Boegle; recognized him for his commitment to the community and presented him with the Community Service Award for 2022. Mr. Boegle expressed his appreciation for the award; spoke about the challenges of the pandemic and thanked his husband and readers for their support.

Commissioner Vignolo introduced the Vaccinate Inland Empire (VAXIE) to help vulnerable populations access COVID-19 information and services and presented the group's founders, Rhea Hoffman and Calista Vassios with the Community Service Award for 2022. Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Vassios thanked the Commission for the recognition and the award.

Commissioner Ramoran acknowledged The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation for establishing the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Foundation addressing the COVID-19 pandemic by maximizing resources and preventing overlap in services and presented the Community Service Award for 2022 to the President of the Board of Directors Karen Borja. Ms. Borja expressed her appreciation for the award and addressed the services provided by the district and foundation.

Commissioner Andrade introduced Nikki Stone and presented her with the Community Service Award for 2022 for her volunteerism and selfless service to the community. Ms. Stone expressed her appreciation for the honor and recognition; spoke about volunteers being the soul and heart of the community and discussed the benefits of volunteering.

Student Representative Lily Hanner introduced Chad Gardner and presented him with the Community Service Award for 2022 for positively impacting the community through numerous non-profit charitable organizations and his philanthropic support. Mr. Gardner thanked the Commission for the recognition and honor.

Commissioner Robles introduced and presented the Community Service Award for 2022 to Dean Lavine for his contributions to the community. Chair deHarte accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Dean Lavine who was not present to accept the award. However, Mr. Lavine joined the meeting shortly after and thanked the Commission for the recognition and honor.

Chair deHarte spoke about Human Rights advocacy; noted every person has dignity and value as well as human rights which must be protected; thanked those participating in the meeting and congratulated the honorees for their service.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 6:26 pm to an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Rodriguez
Housing Program Assistant