

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MEETING AGENDA

**Monday
November 13, 2023
5:30 p.m.**



**Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room**

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 may be conducted by teleconference. There will be in-person public access to the meeting location. To join the meeting via teleconference, please use the following link:

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

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- **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.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hugo Loyola

2. ROLL CALL: Commission Members: Glenn Flood, Oliver Cleary, Carlotta Rinke, Michael MJ Horne, Beverly Greer, Bobby T. Rimas, Vice Chair David Vignolo, Chair Hugo Loyola
Student Representatives: 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. PRESENTATION:

1. Remarks by the Honorable Councilmember Christy Holstege, District 4
2. Reading of the Proclamation on Native American Heritage Month, October 9 – November 17, 2023

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

6. **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.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS:

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 10, 2023

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Loyola, Vignolo, Greer)
 - a. New process for submission by Commissioners of items for next month's agenda
 - b. Next meeting of Executive Committee – Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 10:00 am via Zoom
 - c. Process and timeline for 2023 Community Service Awards Nominations and Selections
 - d. Forthcoming Survey to identify at-risk groups in the community
2. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison Report (Loyola)
3. Master Calendar Liaison Report (Vignolo)
 - a. Report on VillageFest Participation – October 19, 2023 (Hanner, Vignolo)
 - b. Additional opportunities to participate in 4Q events (Vignolo)

5. Main Street Liaison Report (Loyola)
6. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison Report (Vignolo)
7. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison Report (Flood)
8. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo)
9. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee (Hanner, Vignolo)
10. Mediation Liaison (If anything needs to be reported by any Commissioner – no liaison at this time)
11. Equity and Social Justice Committee Liaison (If anything needs to be reported by any Commissioner – no liaison at this time)

- B. Review of Sections of Draft ***RULES AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS*** document (October 2023) (Vignolo)
1. Goals
 2. Commissioners, Subpoena Power, Role of Staff, Organization Structure
 3. Agenda Format
 4. Officers
 5. Voting and Parliamentary Procedure
 6. Media Policy, Conflict of Interest, and Attendance
 7. Removal Or Resignation Of Commission Members and Vacancies

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission will adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023.

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.

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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., November 9, 2023, 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
October 10, 2023
Palm Springs City Hall, Large Conference Room

FOR APPROVAL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Loyola called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Vignolo, Flood, Rimas, Rinke, Horne, Greer, Loyola and Student Representative Hanner

Absent: Cleary and Ramoran

Staff Present: Jay Virata, Director, Community & Economic Development

3. **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Loyola welcomed and introduced new Commissioner Bobby Rimas.

Commissioner Rimas shared his background experience; is looking forward to serving on the Commission.

4. **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS:**

5. **PRESENTATION:**

1. Update on Pillars of Palm Springs Public Art Project, Gary Armstrong, Public Arts Commission Chair

Gary Armstrong presented an update on the Pillars of Palm Springs Public Art Project and identified the six winners selected for the project: Roger Ruitmann – Creativity; Anne Faith Nicholls - Serenity –; Bernard Hoyes – Diversity; Kate Jessup and Celeste Cooning – Civility; Midabi – Community; Scott Froschauer – Equality. Commissioner comments and questions followed.

2. California Today: A new approach for people with severe mental illness, Commissioner Carlotta Rinke

Commissioner Rinke presented information about the Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court program that connects a person struggling with untreated mental illness and substance use challenges with a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months. Commissioner comments and questions followed.

3. A reading of our Human Rights Commission's Proclamation on Hispanic Heritage Month

Chair Loyola introduced the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

Commissioner Vignolo; would like to introduce a motion to table the reading of the Hispanic Heritage Month, he felt the inclusion of a single paragraph recognizing Native Americans in the present Proclamation is highly inappropriate. Recommended the proclamation be rewritten to remove the references to Indigenous peoples and that a separate Proclamation on Indigenous People's Day (October 10, 2023) be prepared for acceptance at the next regular meeting on November 13 noting the proclamation can be written as the one issued by President Joseph R. Biden Jr. on October 6, 2023. Comments followed among the commission, and then proceeded with the following motions:

MOTION BY: Commissioner Vignolo, Seconded by Commissioner Flood, to not have a reading of the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation until it is rewritten to remove the references to Indigenous peoples and that a separate Proclamation on Indigenous People's Day (October 10, 2023) be prepared for acceptance at the next regular meeting on November 13, 2023. Motion Fails. YES: 3 NO: 4

Commissioner Rinke moved the following motion:

MOTION BY: Commissioner Rinke, seconded by Commissioner Rimas to remove the paragraph that references Indigenous People's Day from the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation and do a reading today that focuses on the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Motion Passes. YES: 4 NO:3

The full Commission preceded with reading the Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) Proclamation without the paragraph that's specific to October 10 on Native Americans.

Commissioner Rimas and Student Representative Hanner volunteered to prepare a proclamation recognizing October 10th as Indigenous People's Day for Commission acceptance.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Director Virata confirmed the Brown Act requirements for amending the agenda.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Vignolo, second by Commissioner Horne, to amend the agenda to select a successor Vice Chair (term ending June 30, 2024) after agenda item #9 Approval of Minutes; and if necessary, immediately hold nominations and selection for a Commissioner to serve as a rotating member of the executive committee to fill the current term ending October 31, 2023 and extend the term position for an additional 3-months with the term extension ending January 31, 2024. Motion Carries. YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSTAINED: 2.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Doug Evans, Friends of Frank Bogert. Written comments submitted are attached herein.

8. CHAIR COMMENTS:

Chair Loyola commented on the importance of transparency and selecting a vice chair in November, allowing Commissioners to have an opportunity to consider commitment, nominations, and votes.

Comments and questions ensued among the Commission about the Chair's comments and the role of the Vice Chair and the Executive Committee. Director Virata indicated that the Commission has already voted to amend the agenda to add a vote on the selection of the Vice Chair and the rotating member of the executive committee, if necessary.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

MOTION BY Commissioner Greer, Second by Commissioner Rinke, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carries. YES 7; NO.0.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Loyola opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Vignolo self-nominated for Vice Chair.

Chair Loyola called the following vote:

All those in favor of selecting Commissioner Vignolo as Vice Chair say aye:
AYES 6; NOES.0 ABSTAINED 1.

Commissioner Vignolo was selected as Vice Chair of the Human Rights Commission.

SELECTION OF ROTATING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Loyola opened the floor for nominations of the rotating position to the executive committee.

Commissioner Greer self-nominated for the rotating position.

Chair Loyola called the following vote:

All those in favor of selecting Commissioner Greer as a rotating member of the Executive Committee:
AYES 7; NOES 0.

Commissioner Greer was selected as the rotating member.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. Executive Report Standing Committee (Loyola, Vignolo) No Report.

2. PSPD LGBT Outreach Liaison Report (Loyola) No Report.

3. Master Calendar Liaison Report (Vignolo)

Commissioner Vignolo went over the calendar of events held in the fourth quarter. Commissioner commitment and participation were gathered for Village Fest, the Veterans Day Parade, and the Pride Parade.

4. Main Street Liaison Report (Loyola) No Report.

5. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs Liaison Report (Vignolo) No Report.

Chair Loyola encouraged Commissioners to consider joining the subcommittees and committees.

6. Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Association Liaison Report (Flood) No Report.

7. Veterans Issues Liaison (Flood, Vignolo) No Report.

8. Youth/Education Affairs Standing Committee (Hanner, Shepherd, Vignolo) No Report.

Chair Loyola announced that they have received a new student representative application and will hopefully be joining the Commission soon.

9. Mediation Liaison (Vignolo) No Report.

10. Equity and Social Justice Committee Liaison Update

The Commission identified that the Liaison position was vacant after the resignation of former Vice Chair Shepherd.

Commissioner Rimas inquired about what the committee oversees.

Vice Chair Vignolo responded that they are working on updating their operating procedures and suggested Commissioner Rimas might help them write what is involved in the committee.

Director Virata clarified that this committee is a liaison position that the City Council formed. The committee has not been meeting as often as anticipated. Director Virata will try to get an update and share information about the Committee with Commissioner Rimas.

B. Discuss and approve expenditure of funds from the Human Rights Commission budget for Village Fest materials to include folding chairs, a folding table, and folding canopy in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

Chair Loyola reminded Commissioners of guidelines when doing public outreach.

Vice Chair Vignolo shared that he already purchased the materials in the amount of \$206.40, but they are returnable; these materials are for any event that which the Human Rights Commission would participate.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Rinke, Second by Vice Chair Vignolo to approve the expenditure of \$206.40 from the Human Rights Commission budget for outreach materials to include folding chairs, a folding table, and a folding canopy. Motion Carries Unanimously. YES 7; NO 0

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HRC MEETING:

- Community Service Awards
- Presentation by Councilmember Christy Holstege regarding homelessness

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Flood commented on attending the Boo to Bulling event on September 30th.
- Vice Chair Vignolo shared two emails from Paul Bradley Carr, owner of the Best Bookstore in Palm Springs regarding an incident at the bookstore. See the attached emails as part of the meeting record regarding the incident. Commissioner Vignolo moved that the Human Rights Commission express their condemnation of this type of behavior in the city.
- There was a discussion regarding the protocol for the Commission to information available to the public
- Chair Loyola noted that the Commission must go through the proper City channels and work with the City's Communication Director to issue official statements; Chair Loyola read a letter received by Councilmember Ron DeHarte regarding the resignation of former Vice Chair Donna Shepherd thanking her for her service. The letter is attached to the meeting record.

13. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Vice Chair Vignolo, Seconded by Commissioner Flood to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. to an adjourned regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Jay Virata
Director of Community & Economic Development

APPROVED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: _____ / _____ /2023.

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Care Court: It's Arrived

Carlotta Rinke, MD, MBA

October 10, 2023

CALIFORNIA'S CARE COURT

Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court is Governor Newsom's new plan to get Californians in crisis off the streets and into housing, treatment, and care.



ACTING EARLY TO GET PEOPLE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED

CARE Court is aimed at helping Californians who are suffering from untreated mental health and substance use disorders leading to homelessness, incarceration or worse. Each person is connected with a court-ordered Care Plan and Supporter for up to 24 months.



SETTING THEM UP WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED CARE PLAN

CARE Court connects a person with a care team in the community and can include clinically prescribed, individualized treatment with supportive services, stabilizing medication, and a housing plan.



GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PLAN TO GET CALIFORNIANS IN CRISIS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING, TREATMENT, AND CARE

- CARE Court connects a person struggling with untreated mental illness – and often also substance use challenges – with a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months.
- Each plan is managed by a care team in the community and can include:
 - clinically prescribed, individualized interventions
 - with several supportive services, medication, and a housing plan.
- The client-centered approach also includes a public defender and supporter to help make self-directed care decisions in addition to their full clinical team

Care Court—the details



CARE Court is designed on the evidence that many people can stabilize, begin healing, and exit homelessness in less restrictive, community-based care settings.

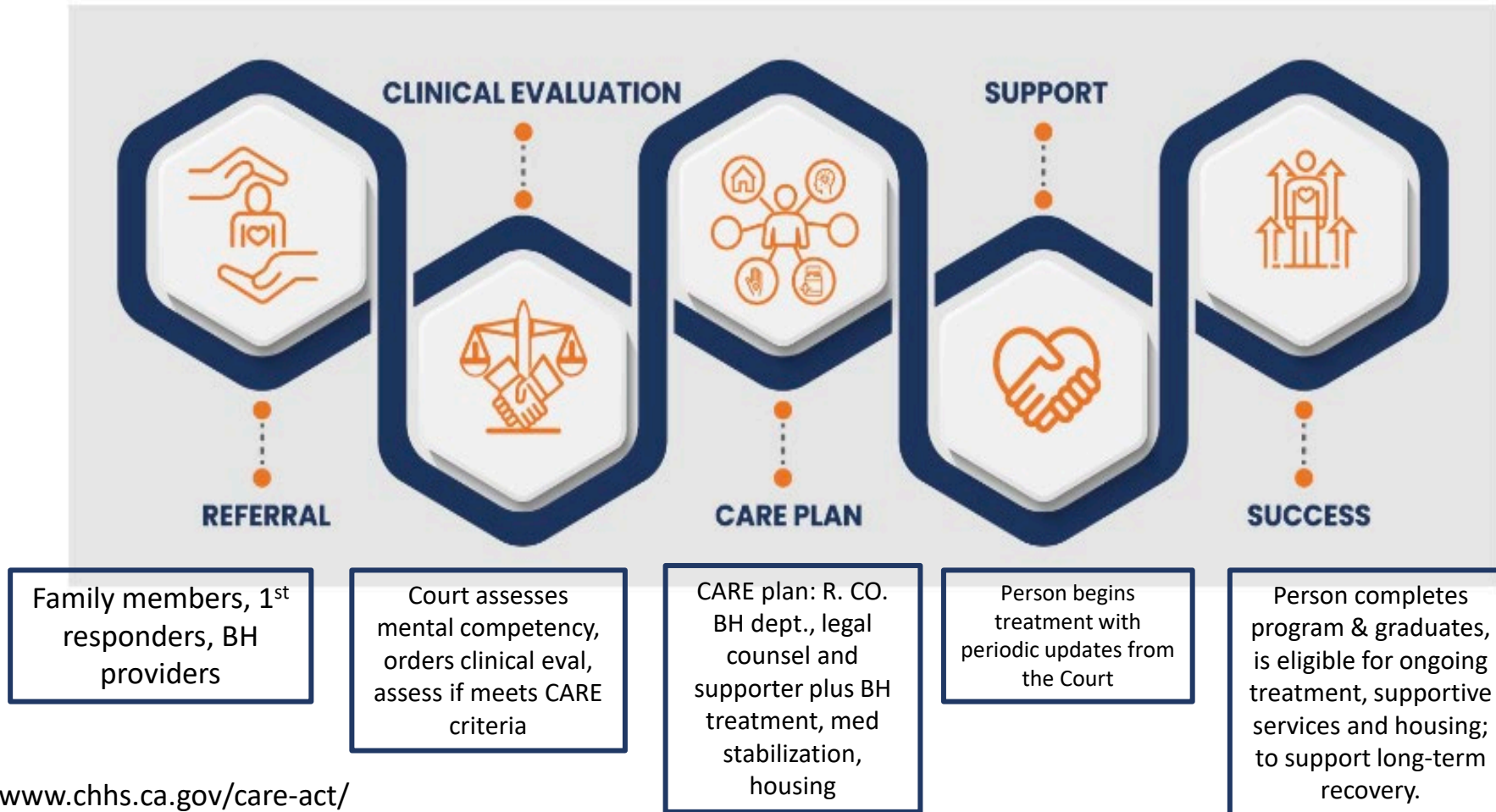
- *Focuses on people with **schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders, who may also have substance use challenges, and who lack medical decision-making capacity. It diverts from more restrictive conservatorships or incarceration.***
- *The court-ordered response can be initiated by family, county and community-based social services, behavioral health providers, or first responders.*
- *Individuals exiting a short-term involuntary hospital hold or an arrest are good candidates for CARE Court. The Care Plan can be ordered for up to 12 months, with periodic review hearings and subsequent renewal for up to another 12 months.*
- *Participants who do not successfully complete Care Plans may, under current law, be hospitalized or referred to conservatorship, if not other options are available.*
- *All counties across the state will participate in CARE Court under the proposal. If local governments do not meet their specified duties under court-ordered Care Plans, the court will have the ability to order sanctions and, in extreme cases, appoint an agent to ensure services are provided.*

CARE Court builds on Governor Newsom’s \$14 billion multi-year investment to provide 55,000 new housing units and treatment slots as well as a more than \$10 billion annual investment in community behavioral health services.

- *Focus on bridge housing to quickly rehouse unsheltered individuals with behavioral health issues, while more new units come online,*
- *Transform Medi-Cal to provide more behavioral health services to people struggling the most.*

Many Resources to Implement

Pathway through CARE



The Road Map

Referral

Family members, behavioral health providers and first responders with a history of engagement with the individual, or other parties specified in the CARE Act may refer an individual with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder who meets specific criteria in order to prevent institutionalization and ensure appropriate care.

Clinical Evaluation

After outreach by the county, if the individual is unable, the court reviews the petition for evidence as to whether the individual meets the CARE criteria and appoints legal counsel and a voluntary supporter selected by the individual if desired. The court may also order a clinical evaluation to help determine the individual's eligibility for CARE. If the individual is determined to meet the CARE criteria, the court orders the development of a CARE plan.

Care Plan

An individualized CARE plan is developed by the county behavioral health agency, participant, participant's legal counsel, and supporter. The CARE plan may include behavioral health treatment, stabilization medication, and a housing plan. The court reviews and adopts the CARE plan with both the participant and county behavioral health as party to the court order for up to 12 months.

Support

County behavioral health agency begins treatment to support the recovery and stability of the participant, and the court will review and update the CARE plan and associated progress during regular status hearings. The court may approve the participant to remain in the CARE plan for up to one additional year.

Success

Successful completion and graduation by the Court. Participant remains eligible for ongoing treatment, supportive services, and housing in the community to support long term recovery. The participant may elect to execute a Psychiatric Advance Directive, allowing them to document their preferences for treatment in advance of potential future mental health crisis.

Care Court—it's a project

- Questions?
 - Mental Health and Support Resources
 - Short-term beds/shelters and transition to longer term housing during
 - Staff
 - Technology
- How will Palm Springs and Coachella Valley implement?
- How will Riverside County assist?
- What is the City Council's role?



GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S NEW PLAN TO GET CALIFORNIANS IN CRISIS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING, TREATMENT, AND CARE

- Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court is a new framework to get people with mental health and substance use disorders the support and care they need.
- CARE Court is aimed at helping the thousands of Californians who are suffering from untreated mental health and substance use disorders leading to homelessness, incarceration or worse.
- California is taking a new approach to act early and get people the support they need and address underlying needs - and we're going to do it without taking away people's rights.
- CARE Court includes accountability for everyone – on the individual and on local governments – with court orders for services.

HOW CARE COURT WORKS

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CARE Court is designed on the evidence that many people can stabilize, begin healing, and exit homelessness in less restrictive, community-based care settings. It's a long-term strategy to positively impact the individual in care and the community around them. The plan focuses on people with schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders, who may also have substance use challenges, and who lack medical decision-making capacity and advances an upstream diversion from more restrictive conservatorships or incarceration.

The court-ordered response can be initiated by family, county and community-based social services, behavioral health providers, or first responders. Individuals exiting a short-term involuntary hospital hold or an arrest may be especially good candidates for CARE Court. The Care Plan can be ordered for up to 12 months, with periodic review hearings and subsequent renewal for up to another 12 months. Participants who do not successfully complete Care Plans may, under current law, be hospitalized or referred to conservatorship - with a new presumption that no suitable alternatives to conservatorship are available.

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Good afternoon, Chair and Members of the HRC- 10/10/23

I here today to thank you for voting twice to add the falacious HRC Monument Report to your agenda. Someone kept you from doing your duty to investigate human rights issues pursuant to your stated goals printed on your agenda today.

Facts matter in human rights issues and government. Sometimes facts support our interests and sometimes they make us uncomfortable.

The falacious HRC report attacks Mayor Bogert and is loaded with false information. I encourage you to go to the City Council website and look at materials posted regarding Section 14. The City posted real factual documents and information that undermines the core of the HRC report. The new information goes back to 1933 and includes BIA documents, Section 14 abatement documentation, Section 14 updates in 1967, a lawsuit against the city for abating a property that shows city followed the law, and numerous resolutions from 1951-1967.

All of this information was available for years at City Hall and the attorney general was invited to come back to review the documents before issuing the controversial State Attorney General Report.

Attached is a copy of the index so you all can see how many documents have been ignored over the years.

Section 14 Survivors have posted that the author of the HRC Report is Councilmember DeHart. FFB and numerous others have asked that the authors of the report be identified. Looks like we know.

Facts matter and the facts show the HRC Report is fatality flawed and needs to be rescinded or redacted to take false information and unsubstantiated allegations out of it. Thank you, Doug Evans

Section 14 Archived Documents

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Health & Sanitation, 1933 - 1936

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84482/638138927958730000>)

Report of Special Committee on Indian Affairs, March 18, 1948

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84484/638138928628430000>)

Section 14 Map, November 1948

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84486/638138929381100000>)

Section 14 Abatement Chronology, Sept. 1965 - Dec. 1967

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84488/638138929781570000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 1

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84490/638138930309270000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 2

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84492/638138931143800000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 3

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84494/638138931758970000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 4

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84496/638138932193200000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 5

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84498/638138932794800000>)

Section 14 Abatements, Phase 6

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84500/638138933176900000>)

Section 14 Demolition & Hauling Costs

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84502/638138933868930000>)

Section 14 Updates to City Manager, 1967 - 1968

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/84504/638138934582130000>)

Joe II. Leonard and Virginia B. Leonard vs. City of Palm Springs (property owner: Dora Prieto). Suit filed

Dec. 12, 1967; Trial Date: May 9, 1968; Court Decision: July 5, 1968

(<https://www.palmspringsca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/86504/638314037667830000>)

Resolutions related to Section 14, 1951 - 1967

June 6, 1951 - Resolution 3172

(</home/showpublisheddocument/84780/638163710673630000>) (Authorizing the City Manager to bring together parties of interest to locate alternate housing for residents of Section 14)

December 19, 1951 - [Resolution 3307](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84788/638163711127400000\)](#) (Instructing City Manager to work closely with state and county health authorities in an endeavor to secure deferment of all evictions on Section 14 until May 1, 1952)

January 9, 1952 - [Resolution 3338](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84764/638163710634570000\)](#) (Authorizing appointment of a committee of five businessmen to look into the matter of providing housing for residents of Section 14)

June 30, 1953 - [Resolution 3808](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84778/638163710669570000\)](#) (City Council declares a moratorium on abatement of substandard buildings on Section 14 that would be abated pursuant to the State Housing Act)

October 6, 1953 - [Resolution 3900](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84786/638163711123030000\)](#) (Establishing a governing board pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Act)

March 6, 1961 - [Resolution 6213](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84770/638163710647230000\)](#) (Authorizing the Mayor to submit a request to the Federal Housing Administration for Section 221 assistance to relocate families displaced from the southwest quarter of Section 14)

April 10, 1961 - [Resolution 6291](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84772/638163710652870000\)](#) (Appropriating \$500 to conduct a block census to determine the number of relocation dwelling units needed to house those displaced)

June 12, 1961 - [Resolution 6419](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84776/638163710662530000\)](#) (Approval of Mayor's appointment of a citizens committee to study Section 14 issues)

July 10, 1961 - [Resolution 6454](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84774/638163710657700000\)](#) (Declaration of Policy for the purpose of alleviating substandard housing in portions of the City)

February 19, 1962 - [Resolution 6781](#)

[\(/home/showpublisheddocument/84766/638163710638970000\)](#) (Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Association of Conservators and Guardians to work with the City to formulate a plan for the removal/burning of piles of lumber - resulting from demolition of substandard buildings on Section - at the County dump)

September 21, 1964 - [Resolution 8168](#)

City Council Minutes related to Section 14

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1940s

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1950s

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Proclamation

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th - October 15th, 2023

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage¹ Month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural traditions and honor the heritage, contributions, and significant achievements of people with roots from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America including indigenous, Brazilian, and other non-Spanish speaking people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs recognizes the unique diversity, and rich histories of the Palm Springs' Hispanic and Latino² culture. We acknowledge the countless contributions that Hispanic Americans make every day to our culture and to our city; and

WHEREAS, The day of September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of the 1821 declaration of independence from Spain for five Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The day of October 10th is significant because it is a day to honor Native Americans, their resilience, and their contributions to American society throughout history, even as they faced assimilation, discrimination and genocide spanning generations. Indigenous People's Day was first proposed at a United Nations conference in 1977 to address discrimination

against Natives. South Dakota became the first state to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day in 1989, officially celebrating it the following year.

WHEREAS, By the 1920s, in Palm Springs, the original Mexican American pioneer families came to work in agriculture, the railroad, and construction. Their arrival was the beginning of a new life in a new country and they were instrumental in supporting the growing Palm Springs Village resort destination; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are the largest ethnic minority group in the country, the largest and fastest-growing minority community in Palm Springs, and represent 26.8% of our entire population with over 12,800 residents.³ Since 1910 as families left Mexico during the Mexican Revolution,⁴ many generations of Hispanic Americans have consistently helped make our city and our community strong and prosperous. They contribute to our community in countless ways including having positive economic, social, and political impacts; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans embody the best of our American values, including a commitment to faith, family, and to our country. Brave Hispanic Americans protect us and have served proudly and bravely in all branches of our nation's military since 1861.⁵

Hispanic Americans work in industries that are essential to the continuous growth and prosperity of our economy including construction and manufacturing, retail, food and hospitality, healthcare and social services, transportation and warehousing, and residential and commercial services among many others; and

WHEREAS, Most students graduating from college in Palm Springs are Hispanic or Latino with a large number of degrees awarded to licensed practical and vocational nurse training, nurse assistant and patient care assistant, medical assistant, and home health aide; and

WHEREAS, We are proud of the Mexican heritage that includes Indian and Spanish blood and centuries of hope and sacrifice. Diverse Mexican-American, Chicano, Latino, Spanish, Latinx, or Hispanic cultures are essential to defining the unique culture represented by community members residing within the City of Palm Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved we, the undersigned members of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission, do hereby proclaim September 15th to October 15th, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Palm Springs and encourage all residents to celebrate the rich culture, heritage, diversity, and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans, and go forward every day recognizing their contributions in the great City of Palm Springs.

BE IT RESOLVED, this celebration serves as an opportunity to dispel ignorance, prejudice, and fear through education about multiculturalism and the resilience and history of the countless contributions of Hispanic and Latino-identified communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission encourages and promotes strong and inclusive communities and is committed to recognizing and celebrating efforts to bring people together for the greater good.

October 10th, 2023 Special Meeting of the Human Rights Commission

Chair Hugo Loyola
Vice-Chair (vacant)
Glenn Flood
Edwin Ramoran
Michael MJ Horn
David Vignolo
Carlotta Rinke
Beverly Greer
Oliver Cleary
Bobby T. Rimas
Student Representative Lilly Hanner

Footnotes

¹ inclusive of gender-expansive and gender non-conforming individuals

² Many Latino Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas - including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Maya, and the Tainos, some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World.

³ According to recent data from the Census Bureau. (total population counts 47,897)

⁴ 1910-1920

⁵ <https://www.army.mil/hispanics/history.html>

Resources

EBSCO

<https://www.ebsco.com/blogs/ebscopost/top-resources-national-hispanic-heritage-month>

National Hispanic Heritage Month (.gov)

<https://hispanicheritagemonth.gov>

U.S. Census Bureau

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/palmspringscitycalifornia,US/RHI725219#RHI725219>

Email communication from Paul Bradley, owner of the Best Bookstore in Palm Springs.

Email #1, Wed 10/4/2023 8:00 AM

"The other day, Paul was scanning the shelves to restock things and fill holes as we do most hours of most days. He noticed a book turned around, so that the spine was inside and the pages were out. He shrugged and made it right again. Then he noticed the same thing on another shelf. And another. Wait a minute: Michele Obama, Stacey Abrams... He realized all the books that had been flipped were written by Black women. About the same time, two men came in looking for Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye" along with some other banned books. We had one in the system and just did a full inventory days before. But it was nowhere to be found. (We still can't find it.) In looking in every section it might have been put in, I went to the Black non-fiction section. I found another flipped one, and quite literally a chill went down my spine. I turned it around to see a book on George Floyd. And then I found another one: A book on critical race theory. I felt so violated. Someone had come into our space, our store that stands for inclusion, and did the most petty, stupid, racist protest imaginable. We have NEVER experienced stuff like this in Palm Springs and that is an ENORMOUS PRIVILEGE compared to every other bookseller in America right now. The closest we've come was a woman who came in and scowled and asked if we "had" to listen to Oscar's drag brunch every weekend. To which Paul said, "No we get to listen to it every weekend." We don't mince words when it comes to our values and if we ever see this again that customer will be asked to leave. Meantime, we've put the books they were childishly trying to silence on the Sarah table. We will never tolerate hate in our store."

Email #2, dated Wed 10/4/2023 11:00 PM

First of all, thank you very much for all the important work you and the Human Rights Commission do here in the city - and thank you for reaching out about the recent incident in the store. As you say, it is not something that any of us would expect to happen in Palm Springs and definitely not representative of our wonderful city/community.

Both Sarah and I are incredibly grateful for the invitation to speak at the next public meeting. Unfortunately we are scheduled to be at a conference in Hawaii at the time so will not be able to attend. But of course we would be very glad for you to enter the email into the public record. And if there is anything else at all we can do to support your work and that of the commission, please don't hesitate to let us know.