



Human Relations Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In Person: Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

San Diego HRC Webinar Link

Commissioners: Nicole Murray-Ramirez (Chair), Rickie Brown (Vice Chair), Sara Brown, Yessica DiazRoman, Tyler Duncan, April Purcell, Tootie Thomas (Secretary), Danyel Walker, John Sequeira, Steven Jones, Allie Ross

Staff Liaison / Executive Director: Gerald Brown

1. Call to Order – 6:13 p.m. Chair Murray-Ramirez - Completed

Welcome Commissioners and fellow San Diegans to the monthly meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission.

2. Roll Call Vice Chair Brown – Completed

Commissioners: Chair Murray-Ramirez, Vice Chair Brown, Secretary Thomas, Commissioner Sequeira, Commissioner Diaz-Roman, Commissioner Purcell, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Ross, Commissioner Sara Brown, Commissioner Tyler Duncan.

3. Land Acknowledgement Secretary Thomas – Completed

Kanap Kuahan Coalition Land Acknowledgement honoring the Kumeyaay people as the original inhabitants and caretakers of San Diego.

4. Executive Director's Announcements & Public Comment Rev. Dr. Gerald Brown

Complete – No Public Comment

- Updates on agenda and non-agenda items.
- Non-agenda Public Comment: 3 minutes per speaker.

5. Approval of August Meeting Minutes Chair Murray-Ramirez – August Minutes

6. Approval of Letters to the Mayor and City Council Supporting SB 627

Chair Murray-Ramirez – The Commission unanimous approved Letter for SB627

7. National Hispanic Heritage Month Presentations Chair Murray-Ramirez

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Maria Garcia, Author of We Built San Diego.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Adela Garcia, Mana de San Diego.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Sandy Barajas, Business Owner in San Diego.

Both Ms. Maria and Adela Gracia, along with Ms. Sandra Barjas accepted the Awards for National Hispanic Heritage Month.

8. Hate Crimes Report & Q&A District Attorney Summer Stephan – DDA Abigail Dillion
Hate Crimes are down in the County and City.

9. Action: Protection from Immigration raids at Schools AB49, SB 81, SB98 adoption of Letters to the Mayor and City Council to support Senate Concurrence and Governor Newsome to Sign. Not Completed
Chair Murray-Ramirez

10. Action: AB 1100 – Victim Compensation Board Access- Vice Chair Brown – While this bill was introduced in the State Assembly, it is presently in Committee, and there is no indication of when it will emerge.

11. Letter of Support for County Supervisor Monica Montgomery –Stepp received Hate speech in public discourse at government bodies. Vice Chair Brown – there was no action.

12. Bayard Rustin Awards Chair Murray-Ramirez

- Motion for Commission sponsorship and allocation of resources. The Commission agreed to partner with GLGBTQ+ and provide sponsorship for the event. However, they would like to understand what sponsorship looks like.

Secretary Thomas & Commissioner Diaz-Roman, offered a discussion on criteria and process.

13. Chair's Report Chair Murray-Ramirez

Updates on:

- Fellow City HRCs in the County – there is one other Active HRC in the County – Chula Vista HRC. The County of San Diego HRC has not stated when they will be active again.
- Establishment of a HRC Retreat and Bylaws Subcommittee – There was no discussion.

15. Commissioners' Reports – No reports

All Commissioners Input and remarks.

16. Adjournment Chair Murray-Ramirez 7:38 p.m.