



**Human Relations Commission
Special Meeting
Draft Minutes**

Monday, June 30th, 2025

In-Person Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 7: 00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

202 C. Street, 12th Floor, SD, CA 92101

Commissioners: Nicole Murray-Ramirez, Sara Brown, Yessica Diaz-Roman, Tyler Duncan, Tootie Thomas, Danyel Walker, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, John Sequeira, Steven Jones.

Vice Chair Rickie Brown – Attended by Zoom Approved by Commission

Commissioner April Purcell – Excused Absence

Staff Liaison Executive Director: Gerald Brown

Item 1: Call to Order: 6:11 pm **Chair Murray-Ramirez**

Item 2: Commissioner Roll Call: **Secretary Tootie Thomas**

Item 3: Land Acknowledgement **Secretary Tootie Thomas**

Item 4: Agenda and Non-Agenda Public Comment **Gerald Brown**

**** Please see the end of the agenda for complete description of**

Agenda and Non-Agenda Public Comment. **

Item 5: Action Items: Motions

- Minutes from May Meeting – Not Available**
- Approval/Disapproval of HRC Commendations Certificate Summary and Motion to approve State Legislative recommendations and supporting letters.**

Commissioner Dr. Sara Brown HRC Legislative Advisor took the lead on explaining the following legislation presently before the California State Senate and Assembly for discussion.

Commissioner S. Brown explained that the following bills are being held “held under submission.” *Which means that, after the bill was heard in committee, there does not appear to be any desire to work on the bill further and so a motion is made to move the bill out of committee. Nonetheless, the bill may be set for another hearing thereafter. Those bills are as follows:

SB15, AB1187 and AB1316.

The following bills were recommended for possible support from the HRC:

AB 449 (Jackson) – Combatting Hate in California* Creates and implements statewide and regional radio, social media, and television campaigns to discourage discrimination based upon, but not limited to, disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation – and, ensures the advertisements are proportional to the communities most impacted as reported under the AG’s annual hate crimes report.

AB 822 (Elhawary) – Commission on State of Hate* Extends the sunset repeal date of the existing Commission on State of Hate – which has undertaken significant work to analyze and address hate crimes and hate incidents in California.

AB 785 (Sharp-Collins) – would create the Community Violence Interdiction Grant Program and fund community-driven solutions to decrease violence in neighborhoods and schools.

AB 413 (Fong) – Requires the Housing and Community Development Department to translate any services and

guidelines into the top five languages other than English spoken in the homes of Californians.

A. These bills pertain to Gun eld Violence brought forth by Vice Chair Rickie Brown were also recommend for support from the HRC.

SB 704 Commencing on July 1, 2026, this bill would, except as specified, prohibit the sale or transfer of a firearm barrel, as defined, unless the transaction is completed in person by a licensed firearms dealer.

SB 248 This Senate Bill focuses on informing new firearm owners about gun ownership responsibilities and resources.

AB 1316 This bill would revise the definition of “psychiatric emergency medical condition” to make that definition applicable regardless of whether the patient is voluntary, or is involuntarily detained for assessment, evaluation, and crisis intervention, or placement for evaluation and treatment, under prescribed circumstances.

AB 1187 This bill would require an applicant for a firearm safety certificate, on or after July 1, 2027, to complete a training course no less than 8 hours in length.

**B, Motion: to appoint or solicit a CSDHRC Delegates to the California Association Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO)
(2) Delegates**

Chair Murray-Ramirez led the discussion. He explained the important of the CAHRO throughout the state of California. He stated that he has requested at least two seats for San Diego. He said, that San Diego is the second large city in California should have a minimum of two (2) representative. Chair Ramirez also said that he was asked to be on the board. The Commission voted

unanimously to appoint Chair Murray-Ramirez and Commissioner Dr. Yessica Diaz-Roman to CAHRO.

A roll call vote was conducted.

Item 6: California Commission on the State of Hate – Chair Ramirez – Spoke briefly about the Governor’s Commission And the important of soliciting their report on the state of hate in our area.

Item 7: Hate Crimes Reports-Participating Partner

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SDPD Hate Crimes Department

**Lt. Jason Weeden
Criminal Intelligence Unit**

- **Lt. Weeden is the lead Detective over the Criminal Intelligence Unit and the Newly formed Hate Crimes Division in SDPD. The first of it kind in the department history.**
- **This unit aims to centralize and streamline criminal investigations and bring leadership development and Hate Crime response under one structure.ss these division,**
- **There are currently 9 divisions in the city, and the new unit is designed to improve information sharing and coordination across these divisions, especially for random ir complex crimes.**
- **The unit works closely with federal partners, including the FBI and federal prosecutors, for cases that cross city or federal lines.**
- **There have been successful investigations, including the identification and apprehension of suspects using advanced technologies.**
- **Multiple avenues exist for reporting crime including SDPD, the DA’s office, and online reporting platforms.**
- **Community education is ongoing, with officers receiving from the start of their careers, including understanding hate crimes and proper documentation of incidents.**

Item 8: Attendance, Shared Responsibility, Quorum and Sign in Sheet. Secretary Tootie Thomas

- 1. Secretary Thomas has established a sign in sheet for commissioner for each meeting going forward. The commission will be tracking attendance. To ensure that we are able to meet the quorum requirement.**
- 2. A discussion will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting with Executive Director and Director to discuss options of how we might assist the commission with attending regular meetings.**
- 3. Noted by the Chair with the Mayor that only City Council or the Mayor can remove a commissioner or a board member.**

Item 9: Chair Report: Nicole Murray-Ramirez

Chair Ramirez spoke in regards to our coming in July and the issue of Immigration. He asked Commissioner Diaz-Roman if she would assist with speaker for that meeting.

Item 10: Vice-Chair Report: Rickie Brown

Vice Chair Brown shared that Commissioner Diaz-Roman and her attended the event at Secretary Thomas's Place: "Mother's Against Gun Violence." She was very thankful that Commissioner Dr. Diaz-Roman attended, and, Commissioner Secretary Thomas allowing the event to be held at her place. She said, "it was a beautiful event."

Item 11: Executive Director Report Rev. Dr. Gerald Brown

A simple reminder to the Commission that, **ALL Correspondences Letters/Recommendations Must be brought before the entire Human Relations Commission for Review/Approval or Disapproval before moving forward.

- 1. Formal Complaints: - Brown Cover to Formal Complaints that he received without going in to detail.**

The HRC Complaints Committee was reformed with Commissioner Daneyel Walker established as the chair. Vice Chair Rickie Brown reenlisted to be on the committee, and

Commissioner Dr. Steven Jones volunteer to be committee members.

The following issues will be accessed by issues by the revised Complaint Committee.

- a. Discrimination, Retaliation, and Abuse of Authority-House of Pacific Balboa Park.**
- b. Unaddressed Discriminatory and Unlawful Concerns at Harriet Tubman Village Charter School.**

Item 12: Commissioners Reports

All Commissioners

Item 13: Adjournment: 7: 43 pm

Chair Nicole Murray-Ramirez Announcement:

Next Meeting of the HRC July 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm.