



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room  
2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego 92101  
**MEETING:** Number 278

**Call to order:** 5:30 pm (*w/o quorum*)

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Monica Bauer	Godwin Higa	Lillian Shallow, Youth Commissioner
Dion Brown	Keryna Johnson	Lorena Slomanson
Tiffany Harrison	Gagandeep Kaur	Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair
Shana Hazan	Jessica Nare	Joel Trambley, Chair

**Excused Commissioners**

Charles Gillig  
Mark Dillion  
Dolores Canizales

**Staff Present**

Don Giaquinto, Director of Protocol, Mayor's Office  
Danell Scarborough, Executive Director  
Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant  
Mike Giorgino, Deputy City Attorney  
Arlene Nairn, Student Intern  
Fernando Parra-Chong, Student Intern

**Call to Order:** Joel Trambley, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and April 15, 2015:** continued until quorum available

**Introduction of new Student Interns:**

- Arlene Nairn
- Fernando Parra Chong

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** none

**Mayor's Office Comment:** Don Giaquinto brought greetings

## **PRESENTATION**

The mission and work of the CEASE Network and the Demand Abolition Coalition presented by Marisa Ugarte, Marissa Cardwell, Kathy Hardy and Summer Stephan

Demand Abolition is eradicating the illegal commercial sex industry in the US—and, by extension, the world—by combating the demand for purchased sex. The most efficient approach to ending sexual exploitation is targeting sex buyers: when they stop buying, the entire system of degradation collapses.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **New Business:**

1. Consider recommendation to Mayor and Council regarding gender-neutral restrooms in the City of San Diego – Commissioner Jessica Nare presented item

- Blue Montana – Spoke in favor of Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Darlene Tando – Spoke in favor of Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Giselle Sarai De La Rosa – Spoke in favor of Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Pedro Rios – Registering support in favor of Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Bruce Abrams – Spoke in favor of Gender Neutral Bathrooms

**Motion by Commissioner Dion Brown: to send the recommendation forward to the Mayor and City Council requesting the Mayor take action and direct the Chief Operating Officer to begin converting all single-stall bathrooms in City facilities to be gender inclusive.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Monica Bauer. Vote: Passed unanimously**

2. Consider an HRC statement on Religious Freedom Restoration Act legislation – Joel Trambley, Chair presented item

**Motion by Commissioner Monica Bauer: to request that the support letter be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council to oppose new Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRAs) or similar legislation that does not include provisions preventing their application to discrimination cases involving groups defined in the City Charter.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Dion Brown. Vote: Passed Unanimously**

3. Consider Commission support for SB10 Governor's Office of New Americans – Commissioner Monica Bauer presented item

- Pedro Rios – Registers support for SB10

**Motion by Commissioner Dion Brown: to support SB10 which would establish the Office of New Americans in the Governor's office for the purpose of coordinating an ongoing multiagency, multisector public and private effort to provide information and services to new Americans on immigration reform. Commissioner Shana Hazan proposed amendment and Commissioner Brown accepted: a letter also go to the State Assembly.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Jessica Nare. Vote: Passed Unanimously**

4. Consider Commission support for Friendship Park ongoing accessibility and funding – Commissioner Monica Bauer

- Pedro Rios – Spoke in favor of accessibility and funding for Friendship Park. Mr. Rios expressed the dire need for the road to the Park to be repaired as this is the only way to access the park and for many the only way to see their family, meet a new family member, say good-bye to an ill family member.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Dion Brown: table this action for further research including funding sources and identification of most effective correspondence. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Susan Thompson Tschirn, Vice Chair. Vote: Passed Unanimously**

5. Consider Commission support for City Council’s adoption of a resolution in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action of Parent of Childhood Arrivals (DAPA) – Commissioner Lorena Slomanson presented item

On November 20, 2014, President Barack Obama announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would not deport certain undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and parents of lawful permanent residents (LPRs). The president also announced an expansion of the **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** program for youth who came to the United States as children as well as the **Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)** program. Under a directive from the secretary of DHS, these parents and youth may be granted a type of temporary permission to stay in the U.S. called “deferred action.”

- Laura Moreno – Spoke in favor of a resolution in support of DACA and DAPA
- Erin Tsuromoto-Grassi – Spoke in favor of a resolution in support of DACA and DAPA
- Arnulfo Manriquez – Spoke in favor of a resolution in support of DACA and DAPA
- Pedro Rios – Spoke in favor of a resolution in support of DACA and DAPA

**Motion was made by Commissioner Lorena Slomanson: return this action to the Global Prospective Committee to incorporate the appropriate changes to the resolution language for the approval by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director. Upon approval, resolution and letter of conveyance will be sent to Mayor and City Council. 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Commissioner Dion Brown. Vote: Passed Unanimously**

## **Old Business**

1. Review revised Commission Standing Guideline (handout)

## **INFORMATION AGENDA**

### **2015 Priorities/Committee Reports**

- Global Perspective
- Equity
- Safe and Just Communities
  - Commissioner Susan Thompson Tschirn shared the collaborative effort that is occurring in the Restorative Justice Summit Planning Meeting.
- Annual Recognition Event
  - Commissioner Dion Brown shared that the nomination process is beginning in July

## **Chair's Report**

- Attendance at Commission meetings is an important responsibility of Commissioners
- Bylaws provide direction that quorum is based on Commissioners seated rather than total number of seats

## **Executive Director's Report**

- Legislative Update Tracking – new format was reviewed
- New Commissioner Orientation/Binders – July 15, 2015, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

## **Commissioners' Announcements**

Commissioner Jessica Nare announced that she will be starting a new position as Director of San Diego State University's new – Women's Resource Center.

**ADJOURNED**

**Next Meeting will be July 15, 2015**

