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## COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024, 5:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: The following Commissioners were present during roll call: Commissioner Visco, Sacchetti, Rasmus, Reynolds, Friend, Youth Ex Officio Vincent-Rose, Chair Anderson and Vice Chair Gomez.

ABSENT: Commissioners Garcia, Wadler, and Youth Ex Officio Pulos.

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Goldman, Daisy Gastelum.

The chair calls the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no e-comments prior to this meeting and no online callers. There was one participant wishing to address the Commission of the Deaf (COTD) Kevin Bernadt who spoke about Deaf Community belonging Research Survey and ASL Blue Zone Proposal.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Request to pull item number four from the consent calendar for discussion. It was moved by Chair Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

It was moved by Commissioner Visco and seconded by Commissioner Rasmus to approve items two and three of the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of October 9, 2024, were approved without amendments.

### ATTENDANCE

The Commission of the Deaf determined the absence of Ex Officio Pulod & from October 9, 2024, regular meeting as excused.

### PRESENTATION

#### RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Commission of the Deaf received an informational presentation from the Fire Department on Disaster Preparedness by Phillip Stachelski.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### ELECTIONS

Commissioner Visco was nominated for first term as Chair and Commissioner Anderson was nominated for first time Vice Chair.

#### ATTENDANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Visco and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to excuse commissioner Sacchetti's absence. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

#### COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MEETING DATES

It was moved by Commissioner Visco and seconded by Youth Ex Officio Vincent-Rose and Commissioner Friend to approve Commission of the Deaf meeting dates. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

#### 2025 WORKPLAN

It was moved by Commissioner Visco and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve 2025 workplan as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

#### RULES AND REGULATION OF PROCEDURE AND ORDER OF BUSINESS (BY-LAWS)

It was moved by Commissioner Visco and seconded by Commissioner Sacchetti to agendize rules and regulation of procedures and order of business by laws to the a future meeting in March 2025. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

Commissioner Visco excused himself from the meeting at 7:08 pm

#### Ad HOC COMMITTEES FOR 2025 WORK FORMATION

It was moved by Commissioner Rasmus and seconded by Vice Chair Gomez to form Ad HOC's for 2025 work. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sacchetti and seconded by Vice Chair Gomez to continue discussion regarding logos and Prezi videos for the survey. The



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motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Garcia, Wadler and Youth Ex Officio Pulos absent.

### COMMUNICATION

COTD AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

No ad hoc committee updates

### COMMISSION OF THE DEAF STAFF UPDATES

Rene Goldman briefly updated the commission regarding presenting the 2024 workplan to the Governmental Process Committee in March and invited the commission to attend the meeting.

### UPDATES FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Rasmus reported regarding her meeting with Councilmember Robillard and shared information on the Deaf Community. Commissioner Friend reported and invited the public to City Council meetings and voice their concerns in the community. Vice Chair Gomez invited the public to an upcoming event the "Roaring twenties," on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Chair Anderson reported on the DeaFestival that takes place in the month of September.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Anderson requested the following items to be agendaized for the future meeting in March Survey videos, by-laws, Prezi presentation, Logo, power point presentation, and the continuation of the 2025 workplan discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT