

City of Arts & Innovation

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA

PRESENT: Vice Chair Galbraith and Commissioners Woods-Adeyeye, Melendez, Martis, Lewis, Fujimoto, Raya, Goe, Agramon, Fahrney and Harmoush

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Krystelle Schneider

The Human Relations Commission meeting was convened at 6:03 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One person spoke regarding healthcare disparity and efforts on healthcare initiatives.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Melendez and seconded by Commissioner Martis, to approve the Consent Calendar as-presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2026, were approved as presented.

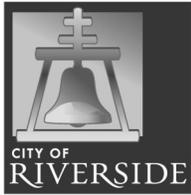
ATTENDANCE

The Human Relations Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Fahrney from the meeting on January 22, 2026.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

REVIEW OF 2026 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Martis and seconded by Commissioner Fahrney to (1) review the Community Support Grant applications received for 2026 cycle; (2) select the Muslim Family Foundation, 712 Tile and Shower, and the Rene Williams Organization as applicants to receive grant funding; and (3) forward the recommendations to the City Council for further approval of the Community Support Grant awards. The motion carried unanimously.



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REVIEW OF 2026 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONS WORKPLAN

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye to (1) approve the draft 2026 Human Relations Commission Workplan and (2) forward the review process to the City Council and City Manager for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Following discussion and without formal motion, there was consensus to nominate Vice Chair Galbraith for Chair, Commissioner Fujimoto for Vice Chair, and Commissioner Lewis for Parliamentarian, with formal nominations and voting to occur at the March 26, 2026 regular meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS

Commissioner Melendez requested to attend the 4th Annual Citrus Festival on March 28, 2026, and the 13th Annual Riverside Tamale Festival on April 18, 2026. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Melendez and seconded by Commissioner Raya to approve the attendance of said events by commissioners on behalf of the commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Goe left the meeting during the following item at 6:58 p.m.

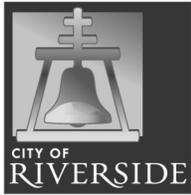
COMMUNICATIONS

HRC AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Raya requested that a meeting of the Housing Ad Hoc Committee be coordinated to receive information on the Housing Element and 211. No update was provided from the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER UPDATES ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND COMMITTEES ATTENDED

Commissioner Fahrney reported attendance at the Riverside Grow Conference, Mayor's State of the City Address, a community support effort at Cellar Door Bookstore, and the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California LGBTQ+ exhibit; Commissioner Woods-Adeyeye at the Black History Parade and Expo, Bordwell Park/Stratton Community Center Advisory Committee meeting, and Black History Month Reception; Commissioner Lewis at the Black



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History Month Reception and “Brick by Brick” Black History Program at the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California; Commissioner Martis at the Justice Matters Conference; Commissioner Fujimoto at the Mayor’s State of the City Address; Commissioner Melendez at the Mayor’s State of the City Address, Black History Parade and Expo, and opening of a Chicano photography exhibit at The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture; Commissioner Raya at the Black History Parade and Expo; Commissioner Harmoush at the Mayor’s State of the City Address and the inauguration of the new Chancellor at University of California, Riverside; and Vice Chair Galbraith at the Mayor’s State of the City Address.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CONSIDERATION REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Melendez requested updates on the Blue Zones Project and the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice; Commissioner Fujimoto requested to re-agendize discussion on the potential formation of a Meet and Greet Ad Hoc Committee and to discuss the City Council decision regarding a recently declined housing grant; Commissioner Fahrney requested discussion regarding the lack of community engagement, including strategies to encourage public input prior to City Council decisions; Commissioner Raya requested a presentation following completion of this year’s Point-in-Time Count; Commissioner Martis requested discussion on increasing public participation and attendance at Human Relations Commission meetings; and Commissioner Lewis requested discussion on improving public awareness of Commission presentations, as well as the return of the Riverside County Office of Education to present on the Foster Youth Initiative and the Chief of Police to discuss immigration enforcement.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates on future agenda items and shared an immigration enforcement activity update, noting no reports to the Police Department in January and three community reports of ICE sightings submitted through 311, and in February, one report to the Police Department and no community reports through 311; staff also informed the Commission of an upcoming staffing change, with new staff support beginning with the March meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Vice Chair Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

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