

# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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City and County of San Francisco

## ***SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION***

### ***Draft Meeting Minutes***

**August 11, 2022 5:00 PM**

#### **ROSTER OF COMMISSIONERS**

Karen Clopton, Chairperson  
Joseph Sweiss, Vice-Chairperson  
Vanessa R. Aquino, Commissioner  
Hala Hijazi, Commissioner  
Mark Kelleher, Commissioner  
Jason Pellegrini, Commissioner  
Leah Pimentel, Commissioner  
Irene Yee Riley, Commissioner  
Ann Champion Shaw, Commissioner  
Michael Sweet, Commissioner

Sheryl Evans Davis, EdD  
Executive Director

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Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: [www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights](http://www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights)

**Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.**

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement – Commissioner Yee Riley.

**1. 2:58 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Present:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Karen Clopton, Ann Champion Shaw, Jason Pellegrini, Leah Pimentel, Irene Yee Riley, Michael Sweet, Joseph Sweiss. Hala Hijazi arrived at the 5:33 mark.

**Absent:** Mark Kelleher

Meeting was called to order with 8 Commissioners present.

**2. 3:31 FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) (Action Item)**

The Commission will discuss and possibly adopt a Resolution setting forth findings necessary to authorize the Commission to hold meetings remotely under the modified Brown Act provisions in Assembly Bill 361.

**Presentation:** Cathy Mulkey Meyer, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

Motion to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e). 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Sweet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Sweiss.

**Motion carried by acclamation:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Ann Champion Shaw, Karen Clopton, Jason Pellegrini, Leah Pimentel, Irene Yee Riley, , Michael Sweet, Joseph Sweiss

**Absent:** Hala Hijazi, Mark Kelleher

**3. 5:31 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Discussion Item)**

Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

**There was no general public comment**

**4. 6:20 ADOPTION OF THE JULY 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)**

Review and anticipated adoption of minutes from the Commission's July 14, 2022 meeting minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on this item.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

There was no commissioner comment on this item.

Motion to accept the July 14, 2022 minutes as submitted. 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Pimentel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reverend Shaw.

**Motion carried by acclimation:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Ann Champion Shaw, Karen Clopton, Hala Hijazi, Jason Pellegrini, Leah Pimentel, Irene Yee Riley, Michael Sweet, Joseph Sweiss

**Absent:** Mark Kelleher

#### 5. **14:27 2022-2023 HOUSING UPDATE** (*Discussion Item*)

The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing will program present updates based on their 2022-2023 budget.

**Presentation:** Sheila Nickolopoulos, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

**Emily Cohen, Deputy Director for Communications & Legislative Affairs,** Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

#### **Public Comment**

Sheila Nickolopoulos presented [2022-2023 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development Budget Update](#)

Emily Cohen presented [2022-2023 Homeless and Supportive Housing Budget Update](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment on this item.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

**Commissioner Aquino:** Asked Director Nickolopoulos to clarify if the map in the slide show presentation showed affordable or public housing.

Asked Deputy Director Cohen about details on slide 9 about the community ambassador program will start because they would like to see them on the public transportation and or in the transit stations where people transfer from BART to MUNI trains.

**Commissioner Hijazi:** Asked about the non-congregate cabin program at 33 Gough, if it was operated by Dignity Moves. She requested the Commission Secretary contact Director Nickolopoulos to schedule a tour. Also asked how many units of affordable housing will open on Treasure Island and when they would open.

**Commissioner Pellegrini:** Asked Deputy Director Cohen about the 2023-2024 budget information, because the budget will not expand, even though the city has plans to open more homeless and supportive housing during that time. How will the city expand cost saving measures when the cost of baseline services, goods, and utilities are increasing?

Also asked about Prop C funding, with the budget projected to be 45% lower from one year to next? Or does the city assume Prop C revenues will increase the following year?

**Commissioner Riley** asked about the Area Median Income (AMI) calculations, because they vary from 30% AMI, (\$1030 monthly rent) to an undisclosed percentage, equivalent to \$2050 per month in rent. There will be people who need affordable housing and can't meet the threshold to qualify. She knows families of 4 or 5 living in Single Resident Occupancy Housing and they still don't qualify for affordable housing. Its troubling and we need to accommodate that group of families.

**Commissioner Pimentel** asked about the design and layout of the cabins.

**Chair Clopton** asked about the discrepancy between 1000 beds for unsheltered people and the most recent point in time count of 8100 unsheltered people living in San Francisco. Is there a place for everyone and how many temporary beds are available?

**6. 47:32 COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY (Discussion Item)**

Commissioners update the public on activities they have participated in and any upcoming events.

**Public Comment**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

**Commissioner Riley** attended the Ping Yuen Block Party on July 23, there was entertainment, Mayor Breed, Chief Scott, and Human Rights Commission staff John McKnight attended. Residents and tourists felt welcomed. Commissioner Riley attended the Stand Together San Francisco meeting, where they discussed the recent attack against a community elder living in affordable housing. There was a protest urging the police and the District Attorney's office to pursue justice. John is doing a great job convening meetings, many people wanted to stay following the end of the meeting.

**Commissioner Reverend Shaw** On August 6<sup>th</sup> she attended the 15th annual 5k Walk Run Raksha vigil for the walk against distracted driving, at Lake Merced Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on this item.

7. **51:08 ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Transcription of the meeting minutes are available upon request to the Commission Secretary, [cathy.mulkeymeyer@sfgov.org](mailto:cathy.mulkeymeyer@sfgov.org).

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