

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
2525 GRAND AVE., #103, 5:30 PM**

Amy Eriksen, Chair  
Veronica Quincy, Vice Chair  
Elaine Bernal, Commissioner  
LaDawn Best, Commissioner  
Elisa Buchanan, Commissioner  
Nikole Cababa, Commissioner  
Jennifer Chheang, Commissioner



Giovanna Ferraro, Commissioner  
Otis Hogan, Commissioner  
Rohida Khan, Commissioner  
Kimberly Maniquis, Commissioner  
Miles McNeeley, Commissioner  
Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

The Human Relations Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Human Relations Commission agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented, except for Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 6, which were considered after Agenda Item No. 8.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

At 5:55 PM, Chair Eriksen called the meeting to order.

**Commissioners** Elaine Bernal, Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna  
**Present:** Ferraro, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Zoe Nicholson, Veronica  
Quincy and Amy Eriksen

**Commissioners** LaDawn Best, Nikole Cababa and Kimberly Maniquis

**Excused:**

**Commissioners** Rohida Khan

**Absent:**

Also present: Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator; Katie Balderas, Office of Equity.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[18-016HR](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes for the Human Relations Commission meeting held Thursday, February 8, 2018.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Quincy, seconded by Commissioner Bernal, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Elaine Bernal, Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Zoe Nicholson, Veronica Quincy and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 3 - LaDawn Best, Nikole Cababa and Kimberly Maniquis

**Absent:** 1 - Rohida Khan

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Human Relations Commission.

**4. OFFICE OF EQUITY UPDATE**

Katie Balderas, Office of Equity, presented the staff report.

Discussion.

**5. CHAIR REMARKS**

Chair Eriksen provided opening remarks.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. [18-012HR](#)

Commissioner District Updates and Announcements.

Discussion.

**This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. [18-013HR](#) Presentation of proposed Long Beach Values Act Policy - James Suazo, Sanctuary Long Beach Coalition.

James Suazo and Johnathan Solorzano, Sanctuary Long Beach Coalition, presented the staff report.

Discussion.

Roberto Lopez spoke.

Hayley Searight spoke.

Derrick Mims spoke.

**This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. [18-014HR](#) Review and amend letter of support for the Long Beach Values Act.

Discussion.

James Suazo spoke.

Antonio Solorzano spoke.

Roberto Lopez spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Eriksen, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, to revise the Human Relations Commission letter of support for the Long Beach Values Act to align with the Sanctuary Coalition recommendations and present to City Council at the March 13, 2018 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Elaine Bernal, Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Zoe Nicholson, Veronica Quincy and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 3 - LaDawn Best, Nikole Cababa and Kimberly Maniquis

**Absent:** 1 - Rohida Khan

b. [18-015HR](#) Ad Hoc Committee update on Women's History Month.

Commissioner Nicholson presented the staff report.

Discussion for Commissioners to make a presentation at the March 20, 2018 City Council meeting during public comment.

**This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 PM, there being no objection, Chair Eriksen adjourned the meeting.

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