



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Christine Fitzgerald	D1	Daisy Barocio	D5	Tayesa Knight	D9	Chris Demers	SSDV
Jessica Dickinson Goodman	D2	Ashley Johnston	D6	Aslan Pishdad	D10		
Rich Dotson	D3	Kimberly Carvallison	D7	VACANT	MAY		
Adaeze Nduaguba	D4	Evangeline Sangalang	D8	Tiffany Maciel	SSDP		

CMO Staff: Sabrina Parra-García
Council Liaison: Kiara Arreola

Meeting Minutes

prepared by: Sabrina Parra-García

Thursday, July 16, 2020

VII. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The Human Services Commission of the City of San José convened for their regular meeting at 6:23 p.m. via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Fitzgerald, Dickinson Goodman, Dotsun, Barocio, Johnston, Carvallison, Sangalang, Knight, Pishdad, Maciel (6:34 p.m.), and Demers.

Absent Commissioners: Nduaguba.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for February 20, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Pishdad, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Open Forum

- Blair Beekman, resident, spoke about the impacts COVID has had accountability and the role technology can play to mitigate those impacts.

V. Reports and Information Only

A. Chair Dickinson Goodman – None.

B. Commission Council Liaison Carrasco's staffers, Jorge Casas – None.

C. Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Executive Analyst, City Manager's Office, provided an oral report on the following:

- Census 2020 efforts including date when enumerators will start knocking on doors.
- Office of Racial Equity and the plans up to this point to start that office.

VI. Old Business – None.

VII. New Business

A. Women's Bill of Right's Ordinance; staff

Public Comment:

- Kathryn Hedges, resident, spoke about the importance of including pre-existing conditions.
- Blair Beekman, resident, spoke about good community practices during COVID and

how that could impact women's issues.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Fitzgerald and a second by Commissioner Carvallon and a motion on the friendly amendment by Commissioner Knight, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance language with the following changes:

- replace "family, community" with "family, community, organization" in item G
- replace "disability" with "disability and pre-existing conditions" throughout the document
- replace "non binary" with "non-binary" in the title.

B. San Jose Displacement, Commissioner Barocio

Public Comment:

- Kathryn Hedges, resident, spoke in support of the anti-displacement/local preference policy.
- Gabriel Hernandez, resident, spoke in favor of the anti-displacement policy and importance of flexibility of documents to access affordable housing.

Action: Discussion only.

C. Commission role in police reform, BLM, and equity – Chair Dickinson Goodman

The Commissioners had a robust discussion on what role the Commission could have in responding to the public calls for police reform and equity.

Public Comment:

- Kathryn Hedges, resident, spoke in favor of the Commission engaging on police and carceral reforms and equity.
- Blair Beekman, resident, spoke about blending equity and community and how to bridge that work to the police.

Commissioner Pishdad left the meeting at 8 PM.

Action: Discussion only.

VIII. Next Meeting

- A.** Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom (until in-person meetings are approved).

IX. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.