

## **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	Linda Nguyen	D7	VACANT	MAY		
Adaeze Nduaguba	D4	VACANT	D8	Tiffany Maciel	SSDP		

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

# **Meeting Minutes**

prepared by: Sabrina Parra-García
Thursday, March 18, 2021

### VII. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The Human Services Commission of the City of San José convened for their regular meeting at 6:16 p.m. via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Fitzgerald, Dickinson Goodman, Nduaguba, Barocio, Johnson, Nguyen, Knight, Maciel, and Demers (6:19 PM).

Absent Commissioners: Dotsun and Pishdad.

#### II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for December 17, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Demers arrived – 6:19 PM

- **III. Public Record** None.
- **IV. Open Forum** None.

#### V. Reports and Information Only

- A. Chair Dickinson Goodman welcomed the new Commission liaison from Councilmember Arenas' office and Linda Nguyen, the new Commissioner for District 7.
- B. Commission Council Liaison Arenas' update Kiley Staufenbeil from Councilmember Arenas' Office introduced herself and expressed the Councilmembers deep interest in the issues before this Commission.
- C. Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Executive Analyst, City Manager's Office, provided an oral report on the following:
  - Update on the Human Rights Policy from 1986.
  - New police Chief Anthony Mata.
  - The Mayor's March Budget Message relating to direction to staff to investigate how to fund and begin an Office of Disability Affairs and a full-time ADA Coordinator staff position and COVID recovery.

#### VI. Old Business – None.

#### VII. New Business

**A.** Disability Chair update regarding the human rights of disabled residents' access public information, services, programs, and spaces – Commissioner Maciel

Action: With a motion by Vice Chair Fitzgerald and a second by Commissioner Barocio, the Commission voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to the City Council in support of funding a fulltime ADA coordinator and an Office of Disability Affairs with minor changes.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Nguyen and a second by Vice Chair Fitzgerald, the Commission voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to the City Council in support of sanctioned encampments with some minor changes.

**B.** Letter to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Emphasizing the Importance of Vaccinating Vulnerable Communities – Commissioner Barocio

Action: The Commissioner requested deferral until further notice because the circumstances at the State and County level had changed.

C. Women's Bill of Rights Ad Hoc - Chair Dickinson Goodman

Staff provided a high-level update on the contracting with the gender equity consultants, which is on-going.

Action: Discussion only.

**D.** Disability Commission Reboot ad hoc – Vice Chair Fitzgerald

Vice Chair Fitzgerald shared a brief report on the work of the ad hoc and how pleased they were to see the Mayor's message including a focus on ADA coordinator and a Disability Affairs office.

**E.** Healthcare Workers ad hoc – staff

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Demers, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, the Commission voted unanimously to defer additional action on this ad hoc position to the next Commission work plan process.

**F.** COVID-19 Impact on Domestic Violence Survivors ad hoc – Commissioner Demers

### VIII. Next Meeting

- **A.** Thursday, April 15, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom (until in-person meetings are approved).
- **IX. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.