

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, California

JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA
Chair



JENNIFER S. WANG
Vice Chair

ADA BRICEÑO
Commissioner

AMY BUCH
Commissioner

TANYA DOBY
Commissioner

M. FAREED FARUKHI
Commissioner

MICHAEL KENT
Commissioner

DOT LEACH
Commissioner

JANY LEE
Commissioner

DOROTHY O'NEILL
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Members Buch, Doby, Farukhi, Leach, Lee, Matsuba, Steinberg and Wang

ABSENT: Members Briceño, Kent and O'Neill

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks

The Orange County Human Relations Commission is an independent advisory body, and our positions do not necessarily reflect the positions of the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:03 A.M. BY CHAIR MATSUBA; CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM
2. Opening quote/reflection
COMMISSIONER DOBY SHARED A QUOTE REGARDING LOVE
3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities
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OPEN FORUM

Mary Urashima – Oral Re.: Fire at Wintersburg buildings being investigated to see if it was a hate crime. Threats directed towards her.

Felicity Figueroa – Oral Re.: Policies of DA have led to incarceration of low-level offenders. County budget office asking for public input regarding ARPA funds. Truth Act at 3/22/22, Board of Supervisors meeting.

David Duran – Oral Re.: 1255 homeless who have passed away recently. Unhoused should be protected class when it comes to harm done against them. 46 homeless passed away in February.

Pat Davis – Oral Re.: Homeless deaths. Policies of Orange County DA. Governor’s CARE Court proposal. Ukrainian crisis and refugees. Wintersburg fire.

Jamie Huber – Oral Re.: Heritage Museum of Orange County. Wintersburg fire. Supports investigation into whether fire was a hate crime.

Commissioners requested Mary Urashima be invited to a future Commission meeting to give a presentation on Wintersburg.

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (None)

ACTION ITEMS: (Items 4 - 5)

4. Review, discuss and approve Commission statement under Commission letterhead denouncing antisemitic flyers distributed in different Orange County cities

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5. Review and reconsider state of emergency under AB 361 and make findings to continue virtual meetings due to the proclaimed state of emergency arising from COVID-19 as required by Government Code subsection 54959(e)(3)

641235789 10 11 **APPROVED TO CONTINUE TO MEET VIRTUALLY**
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DISCUSSION ITEMS: (None)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (Items 6 – 9)

6. Bylaws ad hoc update
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7. Commission Staff Reports
 - a. Anti-Hate Expansion contract update
 - b. Responding to Hate: Roundtable with Elected Officials
 - c. Healing from Hate film screening
 - d. Responding to school-based hate incidents
PRESENTED; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOPEZ INTRODUCED NEW STAFF MEMBERS GINRICH MOUA AND SARA SHEIK-URVIZU; COMMISSIONER STEINBERG REQUESTED TO HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF NEW CONTRACT AT NEXT MEETING, 4/14/22
8. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff
NO REPORT
9. OCSD Interfaith Council update
PRESENTED; COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED YOUTUBE LINK FOR 3/9/22, INTERFAITH FORUM

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leach – Oral Re.: Announced candlelight vigil in support of Ukraine at Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo on Saturday at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Ivan Pitts was stabbed in his driveway in Long Beach. He is part of Interfaith Council. Would like for Commission to send a card to his family.

Chair Matsuba – Oral Re.: Requested item on special meeting agenda to allow Commission to send a card to family of Pastor Pitts.

Executive Director Lopez – Oral Re.: Memorial Service for Mike Penn will be Saturday at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioner Wang – Oral Re.: Attended Equity Initiative meeting yesterday.

ADJOURNED: 12:30 P.M.

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1 Ada Briceño	A = Abstained
2 Amy Buch	X = Excused
3 Tanya Doby	
4 M. Fareed Farukhi	N = No
5 Michael Kent	C.O. = Commission Order
6 Dot Leach	
7 Jany Lee	Reso = Resolution
8 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	Ord = Ordinance
9 Dorothy O'Neill	
10 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
11 Jennifer S. Wang	

(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

JO-ANNE MATSUBA
Chair

Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission



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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: MARCH 2022

FY JUL 21 - JUN 22 Commission Activities Matrix		
CONTRACT ACTIVITY	Goal	To-Date
A. Monthly HRC meetings	12	8
B. HRC Annual Report	1	0
C. Police-Community Reconciliation cases	20	23
D. Community-Police Meetings	4	3
E. Chief's Advisory Boards & Sherriff's Interfaith Council	8	16
F. Community Outreach & Relationship Building meetings	40	114
G. Police/Diverse Community Dialogues	2	2
H. Hate Crime Report & Network Meeting	1	2
I. Support to hate crime victims	8	52
J. Outreach efforts (speeches, presentations, etc.)	10	5
K. Community training on intergroup relations topics	4	2
L. Annual Awards program	1	0

Police-Community Relations

- Commission staff met with Chief Dunn of Fullerton PD to discuss the Hawkey case and complaint.
- Commission staff represented Tustin PD CAB during the Neighborhood Safety meeting with fellow community leaders to provide resources and support to community members.

Intergroup Relations & Relationship Building

- **Relationship Building, Outreach, & Presentations**
 - Commission staff planned and executed a dialogue on Equity for student staff members in the School of Humanities at UC Irvine.
 - Commission staff facilitated the Laguna Hills HS listening sessions.
 - Commission staff met with all CBO partners.



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- Hate-motivated incidents, Community Conflict, & Crisis Response/Meetings
 - Commission staff co-facilitated the roundtable with elected officials in Irvine responding to hate
 - Hate fliers distributed in Tustin, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach.

Hate-Motivated Incidents in Orange County

FEBRUARY 2022

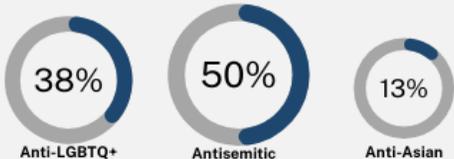


8 Total Hate-Motivated Events Reported

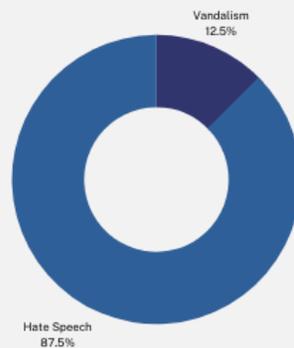
HATE CRIMES VS. HATE INCIDENTS



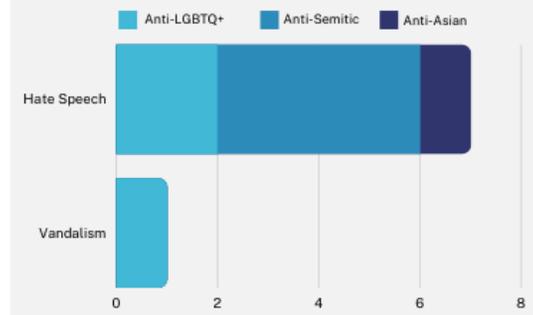
SENTIMENT



TYPE OF OFFENSE



COUNT OF TYPE BY OFFENSE AND MOTIVATION



Source: OC Human Relations Commission

Felicity Figueroa

<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/press-releases/aclu-reports-racist-unjust-district-attorney-policies-orange-riverside-counties>

<https://cfo.ocgov.com/page/arpa-comments> <https://cfo.ocgov.com/form/arpa-cares-act-reports-feedback>

<https://board.ocgov.com/sites/bos.egovoc.com/files/2022-02/Notice%20of%20Truth%20Act%20Community%20Forum-03222022.pdf>

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According to the **2020 Orange County Hate Crimes Report**, in 2019 there were 94 hate incidents and 12 hate crimes related to antisemitic discrimination. This is a 50% increase over the prior reporting period. Throughout history, during times of uncertainty, some individuals seek to cast blame. Recently, antisemitic flyers were distributed in neighborhoods in Orange County at the homes of our neighbors who are Jewish and are not. The flyers include language that blames the Jewish community for the ongoing pandemic. We have seen throughout history, including the Holocaust, when the Jewish community is stereotyped and thus have experienced hate, discrimination, violence, and death. Once again, hate was brought to the very places where we should feel safest, our homes.

Hate speech and hate incidents must not go unchecked. Such actions perpetuate feelings of vulnerability, misunderstanding and fear, not only for the Jewish community but for anyone who may have woken up to having the flyers placed at their homes which should be places of sanctuary and comfort. The pandemic has given rise to unprecedented numbers of incidents in which individuals are dehumanized and harmed. We must not let such acts go unnoticed or unaddressed simply because a hate incident is not a hate crime.

Once again, we pledge to work with the community to address the root causes of hate.

The mission of the Orange County Human Relations Commission is to “seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance and attempt to eliminate those causes.” We believe in everyone is right to live free of racism, hate, discrimination, and bigotry not only in Orange County but beyond. These types of repugnant acts of hate speech and racism demonstrate the need to assess our past, acknowledge past instances of hate, intolerance, and racism and recommit to the promotion of tolerance, equity and condemning all types of hate.

If you have been a victim or know someone who has been a victim of a hate incident, please call our confidential hotline 714-480-6580 or via our online portal at <https://www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime/report/>