

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 11:00 A.M.



PLACENTIA CITY HALL
401 E. Chapman Ave., Council Chamber
Placentia, CA 92870

JENNIFER S. WANG
Chair

HEATHER CHAPMAN
Vice Chair

ADA BRICEÑO
Commissioner

ADELI DURON
Commissioner

LAUREN JOHNSON-NORRIS
Commissioner

MICHAEL KENT
Commissioner

JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA
Commissioner

NATALIE MOSER
Commissioner

REINA OBEID
Commissioner

RHONDA SHADER
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chapman, Kent, Matsuba, Moser, Obeid, Shader, Steinberg and Wang

ABSENT: Commissioners Briceño, Duron and Johnson-Norris

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Alessandra Esquivel, 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 11:15 BY CHAIR WANG
2. Opening quote/reflection
COMMISSIONER KENT REFLECTED ON SERVICE AND OFFERED A QUOTE FROM MAHATMA GANDHI – “THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.”
3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities
PRESENTED

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OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Don Wagner, Amy Buch, Martine Speckler, Diane Bucka, Jeremy, Shari Raskin, Gail Geffon, Malcom Geffon, Bonnie Praver, Lois Goren, Deborah Lurye, Jamie Dunn, Sue M., Marcia Labowitz, Sandi Lester, Myra Firth, Sharon Blindwell, Barbara Elter, Arie S. Marilyn Freedman, T., Joelle Stermann, Barabra Boarnet, Joe Colgate, Steve Raskin, Robbie Rosenberg, Barry Fast, Alyse Kirschen, Jack Selcer, Ilene Munzinger, Steve Munzinger, Lynn Friedman, Gail Krause, Mark Hyman, Cheryl Escoe, Bruce Gary and Dr. Dorothy O'Neill – Oral Re.: All expressed support for Commissioner Steinberg and provided examples of his commitment to tolerance.

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (Item 4)

4. Chief of Police for City of Placentia
PRESENTED

ACTION ITEMS: (None)

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (None)

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 5 - 7)

5. Commission staff reports:
- a. Clarification: Commission appointment authority
 - b. Listening Session opportunities
 - c. Engagement opportunity: Groundswell Shaping Tomorrow Series information
- PRESENTED; NOTED EMAIL WAS MISS-TYPED IN FLYER FOR ITEM 5B. SHOULD BE MAUREEN@WEAREGROUNDSWELL.ORG**
6. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff
PRESENTED
7. OCSD Interfaith Council update
PRESENTED; NEXT EVENT IS 4/24/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Obeid – Oral Re.: Wished everyone a Happy Ramadan; asked everyone to pray for peace.

Commissioner Steinberg – Oral Re.: Wished everyone a Happy Ramadan; thanked speakers and Commissioners; stated issues need to be discussed without hate.

Commissioner Moser – Oral Re.: Thanked speakers; mentioned Chief Kent's opening quote; noted positive experience working with Rabbi Steinberg; wished everyone a Happy Ramadan.

Commissioner Shader – Oral Re.: Thanked everyone for coming out to Placentia.

Commissioner Wang – Oral Re.: Thanked everyone for coming; requested everyone to take advantage of the Community Listening Sessions.

ADJOURNED: 1:23 P.M.

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*** KEY ***

Left Margin Notes

1 Ada Briceño	A = Abstained
2 Heather Chapman	X = Excused
3 Adeli Duron	
4 Lauren Johnson-Norris	
5 Michael Kent	N = No
6 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	C.O. = Commission Order
7 Natalie Moser	
8 Reina Obeid	Reso = Resolution
9 Rhonda Shader	Ord = Ordinance
10 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
11 Jennifer S. Wang	

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

/s/

JENNIFER S. WANG

Chair

/s/

*Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission*



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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: February 2024

CONTRACT ACTIVITY	12/14/22-3/31/23	4/1/23-6/30/23	7/1/23-9/30/23	10/1/23-12/31/23	1/1/24-3/31/24	4/1/24-6/30/24	TOTAL	GOAL
A. Organize meetings for the Hate Crime Prevention Network group and lead hate prevention efforts.	3	2	3	1	1		10	6
B. Monitor and offer support when intergroup relations or bias related community conflicts, tension or crisis arise.	3	4	4	1	3		15	12
C. Follow-up on hate activity reports referred from 211-OC.	4	2	5	3	13		27	18
D. Offer listening sessions or restorative community dialogues process to promote respect and understanding to diverse communities and/or to address tension, conflict, or crisis when it arises (i.e., law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, nonprofits, etc.)	4	4	2	2	2		14	6
E. Service on advisory committees for local city police departments, as well as assist the Orange County Sheriff's Department, to convene a countywide interfaith Advisory Council	4	3	3	1	1		12	12
F. Deliver multilingual, multicultural, & diverse community-based hate prevention through community outreach, relationship building efforts, collaboration and network meetings, and attending diverse community/law enforcement events	18	6	47	51	54		176	150
G. Provide monthly comprehensive Hate Activity Database & Reporting data reports	3	3	3	3	2		14	18

Contract Activity Examples for this Month

- Staff attended and supported several community events including Vigil for Ne Benedict, LA Network Against Hate meeting, Countering Hate Summit, TRUST Network, Walk in My Shoes event, and Cypress High Social Justice tabling event.
- Staff conducted several presentation and workshops on the Hate Hurts Us All campaign at places like Pretend City, Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center, and the National Urban Fellows.
- Staff have consulted about offering listening sessions and dialogues with Women for American Values & Ethics (WAVE), CSU-Fullerton, OC Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC), and Hate Prevention Network members.
- Staff has sent out its first request for 2023 Hate Data to law enforcement, community organizations, K-12 districts, and higher ed institutions.



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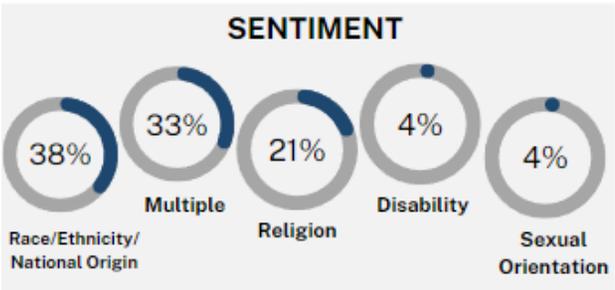
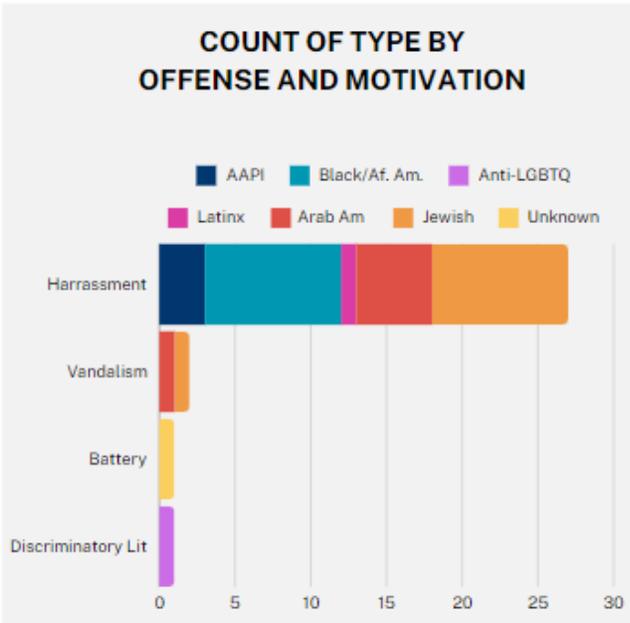
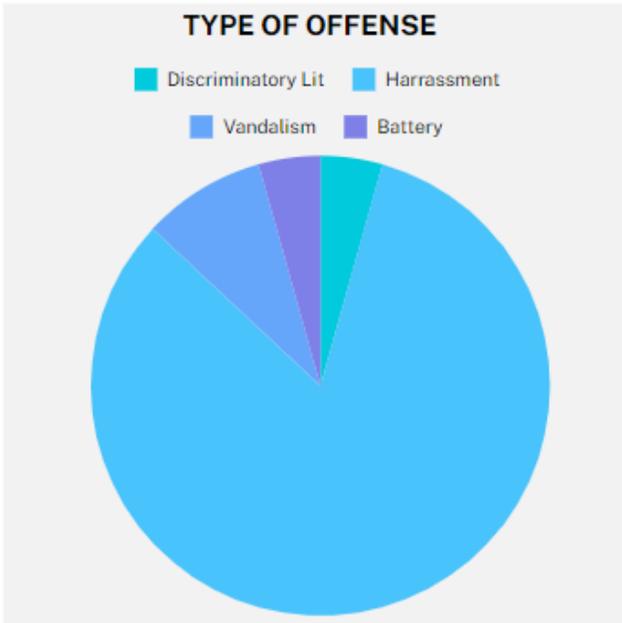
Hate-Motivated Activities in Orange County

February 2024



 **24 Total Hate-Motivated Activities Reported**

 • 211-OC - Community members
• Direct calls to Groundswell office
• Huntington Beach PD



Source: OC Human Relations Commission



IMPACTED COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

If your community has been affected by the humanitarian crisis, we are here to offer our support.



Virtual & in-person sessions



Time: 2 hour min per session

Groundswell is offering free Listening Sessions to ALL impacted community members. We convene people to share your experiences and build connections as we come together to create both a brave and a safe space for communities to share, grieve and process the impact of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle-East is having on our community in Orange County. We want to hear from parents, students, clergy, leaders and more.

For more information, please email Maureen Dadabhoy:



maureen@wearegroundswell.org



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