

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Friday, May 20, 2022, 10:00 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

**ADELI DURON**  
Commissioner

**M. FAREED FARUKHI**  
Commissioner

**MICHAEL KENT**  
Commissioner

**DOT LEACH**  
Commissioner

**JANY LEE**  
Commissioner

**DOROTHY O'NEILL**  
Commissioner

**RABBI RICK STEINBERG**  
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Duron, Farukhi, Leach, Lee, Matsuba and Wang (all Members participated via Zoom)

ABSENT: Commissioners Briceño, Buch, Kent, O'Neill and Steinberg

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez (participated via Zoom)  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks (participated via Zoom)

*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 and Roll Call  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:10 BY CHAIR MATSUBA; CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORMA LOPEZ INTRODUCED NEW COMMISSIONER ADELI DURON**

**OPEN FORUM**  
None

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## ACTION ITEMS: (Item 2)

2. Review, discuss and approve Commission/County statement to be issued regarding Hate Crime at Laguna Woods church

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**APPROVED AS AMENDED: CORRECTED NAME OF CHURCH TO “IRVINE TAIWANESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH”; LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH TO READ “THESE INCREASES SPAN THE RACIAL/ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENT HATE GAMUT.” CORRECTED LAST SENTENCE IN SEVENTH PARAGRAPH “...CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR HEALING, AND LEADING THE CONVERSATIONS...”; AND LAST PARAGRAPH, SECOND SENTENCE TO READ “THE COMMISSION REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE DIFFICULT WORK OF PROMOTING RESPECT...”**

ADJOURNED: 10:34 A.M.

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### *Left Margin Notes*

1 Ada Briceño	A = Abstained
2 Amy Buch	X = Excused
3 Adeli Duron	
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)

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JO-ANNE MATSUBA  
Chair

/s/

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Jamie Ross, Deputy  
Clerk of the Commission

# Commission Statement

RE: Laguna Woods Church Shooting

When we hear about senseless acts of violence such as the ones that took place in Dallas, Houston, and Buffalo, our hearts hurt and feel for the lives that were lost and affected. It is another thing entirely when we hear that it's happened in our own backyard – it becomes more nuanced and real. On Sunday morning, the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods became a target of hate, and the impact of this shooting has reverberated throughout the County specifically the senior Taiwanese American community. The hate activity in Orange County has steadily been on the rise nationally and locally. In Orange County, there has been an overall 42% increase in hate crimes since 2014. The [Orange County 2020 Hate Crimes](#) report indicated a 1800% increase of incidents motivated by anti-Asian hate. Truth be told, these increases span the racial/ethnic, sexual orientation, religious, gender and sexual orientation gamut.

“We all have a responsibility to stop hate in its tracks,” said Chairman Doug Chaffee, Fourth District Supervisor. “When we witness hate, we must call it out and put an end to it.”

“Our places of worship are a sanctuary and should be free of hate,” said Vice Chairman Donald P. Wagner. “The acts of heroism by innocent bystanders will always be remembered, especially hero Dr. John Cheng, who tragically lost his life while defending his fellows.”

“Hate crimes and discrimination in any form cause long-lasting injuries on victims and the community at large,” said Supervisor Andrew Do. “And we must denounce it loudly and stand resolutely against it at every turn. No less than our children’s future demands that we do this.”

“We will not tolerate hate in our places of worship, schools, or in our community spaces. We must root it out of Orange County and take bold stands against hate in every corner of this country,” said Supervisor Katrina Foley, Second District.

“I am thankful for our first responders who serve without hesitation to protect us during these violent acts,” said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District. “I am committed to working with the community and the Human Relations Commission to free us from these incidents of hate and fear.”

The Human Relations Commission (“Commission”) offers its condolences to the parishioners of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, to the Taiwanese community, and all of those who has been impacted by this tragic hate crime. We remain steadfast in our mission to eliminate the causes of discrimination, intolerance, and hate. We are committed to bring support to those in need, creating safe spaces for healing, and lead the conversations on reimagining the ways we fight hate as a community.

It is time that we show up in solidarity with our Taiwanese American neighbors and prove that Orange County will not tolerate hate. The Commission will continue committed to the difficult work of promoting respect, diversity, and equity. If you have been a victim or know someone who has been a victim of a hate crime or hate incident, please call your local law enforcement agency. Additional ways to report, call our confidential hotline 714-480-6580 or report via our online portal at <https://www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime/report/>