

**Notice and Call
of a
Special Meeting
of the
Orange County Human Relations Commission**

A Special Meeting of the Orange County Human Relations Commission will convene on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at City of Mission Viejo, Norman P. Murray Community Center, Room B, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, California.

The items of business to be conducted at this meeting are:

As outlined on attached agenda

Opportunity will be provided before or during the consideration of each item of business for members of the public to directly address the Commission regarding that business.

/s/

JO-ANNE MATSUBA

Chair

A G E N D A

SPECIAL MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 11:00 A.M.



City of Mission Viejo
Norman P. Murray Community Center, Room B
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

Executive Director
Norma Lopez

Clerk of the Commission
Jamie Ross, Deputy

The Orange County Human Relations Commission welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak during Open Forum, please complete a Speaker Form and deposit it in the Speaker Form Return box located next to the Clerk. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. Speaker Forms are available at the entrance of the Multipurpose Room. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.

****In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for this meeting should notify the Clerk of the Board's Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (714) 834-2206****

All supporting documentation is available for public review online at:
[http://www.occommunityservices.org/oc human relations commission](http://www.occommunityservices.org/oc_human_relations_commission) and in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North, 400 W. Civic Center Dr., 6th Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701 during regular business hours,
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

11:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Opening quote/reflection
3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities

OPEN FORUM

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission or Chair may limit the length of time each individual may have to address the Commission.

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (Item 4)

4. Student to Student Program Members Presentation – Jewish Federation of Orange County

ACTION ITEMS: (Items 5 - 6)

5. Review, discuss and vote to sign on to, and join support of, statement issued by Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) & Human Rights Council (HRC) condemning hateful rhetoric directed at Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, which is attached hereto as Attachment A
6. Discuss and draft written statement to be issued by the Orange County Human Relations Commission approving and joining the statement referenced above issued by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) & Human Rights Council (HRC) condemning hateful rhetoric directed at Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, approve statement, and approve Orange County Human Relations Commission's issuance of the statement

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Items 7 - 8)

7. Establish ad hoc committee for members to serve on Report Analysis Workgroup
8. Reestablish bylaws ad hoc committee to readdress bylaw revisions for BOS consideration

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 9 - 11)

9. Commission staff reports:
 - a. Attorney General Bonta Hate Crime Roundtable
 - b. New staff updates
10. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff
11. OCSD Interfaith Council update

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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NEXT MEETING:

- July 2023 No Meeting
August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting, 11:00 A.M.



Orange County Human Relations Commission

Commissioners

Jo-Anne Matsuba, Chair
 Jennifer S. Wang, Vice-Chair
 Ada Briceño
 Adeli Duron
 Dot Leach
 Heather Chapman
 Jany Lee
 Lauren Johnson-Norris
 Chief Mike Kent
 Rabbi Rick Steinberg
 Rhonda Shader

DATE: June 8, 2023

LOCATION: City of Mission Viejo – Norman P. Murray Community Center
[24932 Veterans Way Mission Viejo, CA 92692](https://www.missionviejo.org/24932-Veterans-Way-Mission-Viejo-CA-92692)

Room: Sycamore B

TIME: 11:00 AM

AGENDA

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| 1. Call the Meeting to Order
Welcome new Commissioner Heather Chapman | Jo-Anne Matsuba |
| 2. Opening Quote/Reflection | Rhonda Shader |
| 3. Overview of Monthly Summary of Commission Activities | Jennifer Wang |

OPEN FORUM: *Members of the Public may address the Commission on human relations issues*

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION

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| 4. Student to Student Program Members Presentation
- Jewish Federation of Orange County | Rabbi Rick Steinberg |
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ACTION ITEMS

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 7. Establish an ad-hoc committee members to serve on Report Analysis workgroup | Jo-Anne Matsuba |
| 8. Reestablish the bylaws ad hoc committee to readdress bylaw revisions for BOS consideration. | Norma Lopez |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 9. Commission Staff Reports
a. AG Bonta Hate Crime Roundtable | Commission Staff |
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MISSION: *Seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance, and eliminate those causes.*

b. New Staff Update

10. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff	Chief Mike Kent
11. OCSD Interfaith Council Update	Rabbi Rick Steinberg
12. Announcements from Commissioners	All Commissioners
13. Adjourn Commission Meeting	Jo-Anne Matsuba

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**05.26.2023****Contact:**

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The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Orange County/Long Beach, and Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) condemn hateful rhetoric directed at Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aitken.

Anaheim, CA – Prominent Southern California advocates for civil and human rights announce their unified support for Mayor Ashleigh Aitken of Anaheim for her courage in publicly inviting an LGBTQ+ Community Service Organization to Pride Night at the Los Angeles Angels game in Anaheim on June 7.

Aitken invited the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to Anaheim after the Los Angeles Dodgers rescinded their Pride Night invitation to the group. The Dodgers have since re-invited the group. Civil and human rights groups supporting Aitken include The Anti-Defamation League of Orange County/Long Beach, community leader and human rights worker, Michael Sean Wright and Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE).

"We are concerned with the level of hateful messages aimed at Mayor Aitken following her support of LGBTQ+ attendance at Angels Pride Night at Anaheim Stadium. As we all know, the rising rhetoric particularly against the LGBTQ+ community now by extremists normalizes hate that all too often harms marginalized groups. We stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and do not waver in supporting their civil liberties in all spaces," said Peter Levi, Regional Director of the ADL Orange County/Long Beach.

"We join together with the ADL Orange County/Long Beach in condemning the troubling and vitriolic online harassment of Mayor Aitken," said Michael Sean Wright, Founder of the Medical Relief Agency, WoundWalk.org. "We know what it feels like to have targets placed on us by a growing number of far-right nationalists. They have never been shy or masked their hatred for the queer community here, but now feel even more emboldened to focus on harassing an already marginalized community. We also see in Orange County, California, the direct effects of the increase in targeted attacks on our trans community nationwide. What Mayor Aitken did with her invitation was an offer of inclusion; her reward by some is to threaten her because they feel threatened somehow?" Wright said.

“WAVE fully supports Mayor Ashleigh Aitken – she is courageous and forward-thinking, and is not afraid to demonstrate inclusion, equality, and openness in how she leads,” said Ali Monge, executive director of WAVE.

About ADL:

ADL is the leading anti-hate organization in the world. Founded in 1913, its timeless mission is “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” Today, ADL continues to fight all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens, ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

More at www.adl.org.

About WAVE:

Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) is a diverse, nonpartisan organization with a mission to engage, educate, and empower its members and the community to advance progressive American values and ethics.

Signatories:



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Peter Levi, Regional Director **ADL**
Orange County/Long Beach



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