

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## 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

**JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA**  
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**MICHAEL KENT**  
Commissioner

**DOT LEACH**  
Commissioner

**JANY LEE**  
Commissioner

**RHONDA SHADER**  
Commissioner

**RABBI RICK STEINBERG**  
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Briceño, Chapman, Johnson-Norris, Kent, Matsuba, Shader, Steinberg and Wang

ABSENT: Commissioners Duron, Leach and Lee

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

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1. Call the Meeting to Order  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:08 A.M. BY CHAIR MATSUBA**
2. Opening quote/reflection  
**NONE**
3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities  
**PRESENTED; NEW COMMISSIONER HEATHER CHAPMAN WAS INTRODUCED**

**OPEN FORUM**  
None

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### HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (Item 4)

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

**PRESENTED**

### 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

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

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**APPROVED STATEMENT SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND DENOUNCING HATEFUL RHETORIC DIRECTED TOWARDS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LGBTQ+ ALLIES (FULL STATEMENT ATTACHED)**

### DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Items 7 - 8)

7. Establish ad hoc committee for members to serve on Report Analysis Workgroup

**COMMISSIONERS KENT AND WANG TO SERVE**

8. Reestablish bylaws ad hoc committee to readdress bylaw revisions for BOS consideration

**COMMISSIONERS LEACH AND STEINBERG TO SERVE**

### INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 9 - 11)

9. Commission staff reports:

- a. Attorney General Bonta Hate Crime Roundtable
- b. New staff updates

**PRESENTED**

10. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff

**PRESENTED**

11. OCSD Interfaith Council update

**PRESENTED; NEXT EVENT IN IRVINE ON 6/20**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wang – Oral Re.: Pride parade and festival in Santa Ana on 6/24.

Commissioners Matsuba, Briceño, Johnson-Norris and Wang – Oral Re.: Expressed disappointment with BOS vote on 6/6, regarding flying of Pride flag.

Commissioner Shader – Oral Re.: Stated flag vote doesn't mean BOS doesn't support LGBTQ+ community.

Commissioner Wang – Oral Re.: January BOS resolution regarding hate and inequity as a public health crisis.

**ADJOURNED:** 12:57 P.M.

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## *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 Dot Leach	C.O. = Commission Order
7 Jany Lee	
8 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	Reso = Resolution
9 Rhonda Shader	Ord = Ordinance
10 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
11 Jennifer S. Wang	

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

/s/

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*JO-ANNE MATSUBA*  
*Chair*

/s/

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*Jamie Ross, Deputy*  
*Clerk of the Commission*

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### OC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION SUPPORTS PRIDE MONTH & STANDS WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Santa Ana, CA (6/9/2023) The Orange County Human Relations Commission stands with our Orange County LGBTQ+ community during Pride month and every other month of the year. We are troubled by the increase in harmful rhetoric, harassment and institutional acts of discrimination and hate toward the LGBTQ+ community. The 2021 OC Hate Crimes report showed an 83% increase in hate crimes against the LGBTQ+ community in 2021. Since 2021, we have only seen the prevalence of hate toward the LGBTQ+ community increase.

We also denounce the threatening and hate filled attacks on elected officials and allies to the LGBTQ+ community. No member of our rich and diverse community deserves to be threatened or harassed for who they are or who they love.

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’s right to live free of racism, hate, discrimination, and bigotry no matter where you live. We are committed to fight racism and bigotry with love, empathy, compassion, and strength while promoting equity, inclusion, diversity and belonging for all.

If you have been a witness to an hate act or have been victimized, please report via the following ways: Online: <https://hatecrime.211oc.org/>; Call: 211, press #6; Text: OCHATEACTIVITY to 898211.

References: 2021 OC HATE CRIMES REPORT (<https://www.occommunityservices.org/sites/occs/files/2022-09/2021%20OC%20Hate%20Crime%20Report.pdf>)

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**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).

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"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.

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“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](http://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:





• • WOMEN FOR AMERICAN VALUES AND ETHICS • •

[wave4all.org](http://wave4all.org)

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



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**Mayor Ashleigh Aitken** @AshleighAitken  
Happy Pride Month Anaheim! Today we mark Harvey Milk Day. The pride flag will fly in front of city hall during the month of June. 🇺🇸🏳️‍🌈🇺🇸



8:22 PM · May 22, 2023 · 13.3K Views

21 Retweets 13 Quotes 268 Likes

**Oh Well** @AngelsBallFan · May 22  
And you're wearing a cross. Oh the irony. 🙄

**John Peart** @JohnPeart19 · May 22  
How dare you wave the pedophile flag like that. That's disgusting 🙄

**Patriot First** @DeePatriot712 · May 23  
Disgusting but you cant fly a Christian Flag or #LAPD cant fly a flag to honor cops. You people are a damn Joke! @Target #targetboycott is right with this scum of a person not even a lady because shes trying to fit into society not becuz she has voice of her own.

**Bay Area 415** @jsf415 · May 23  
Clown flag 🙄

**Mychal Perez** @ramscupshalos · May 23  
Wow. Just wow. you are a groomer..... 🙄

**OTCzzz** @DuckRodgers · May 23  
you are a disgrace, may God have mercy on your soul. 🙄

**Elena Plasek** @EPlasek · May 23  
I'm keeping you in my Prayers Seek Jesus Christ and repent. 🙏🏻🏳️‍🌈 Love is kind Love is Patient and Love is to help others 🙏🏻 in knowing right from wrong.

**Ruthe Kay** @ruthe\_kay · May 23  
It's not June.. how about we wait till then! it's bad enough they get Recognition in the month of June 🙄

**Kevin Hawn** @KCHawn83 · May 23  
Fake Christian mayor says what? 🙄

**John Tuttle** @itsgruden · May 22  
your words and invitation have hurt our community. Would love to see you meet with Bishop Vann or Bishop Freyer and apologize on behalf of yourself and the city of Anaheim. You ought to meet the Carmelite Nuns of Alhambra and then you will realize your error.

**RooRoo** @RubaRooRoo3 · May 23  
Disgrace 🙄

**Johnny** @NYCkid1975 · May 23  
Another reason why no one should ever want to visit California. How's about you cancel this and Issue an apology to Catholics and Christians nationwide...then go to the Bishop and ask for reparations. Pure evil!

**Caleb Denton** @CalebDenton19 · May 23  
Degenerate 🙄

**Anna Bettencourt** @Annamb26131 · May 22  
I'm sure all the homeless, hungry people in your town will be thrilled. Or if they are real lucky, you and Harvey might share a fate. 🙄

**Kathleen AmethystMistArts** @amethystmistart · May 23  
No need to pay me for your diagnosis... Sociopathy, is a mental health condition in which a person consistently shows no regard for right and wrong and ignores the rights and feelings of others. 🙄

**Joseph Smithe** @thejoesmith11 · May 23  
@LogCabinOC @LogCabinLA 🙄

**A.G.** @Agabean0125 · May 23  
White liberal women are sick. Do not trust them. Literally a threat to the republic. 🙄

**RickTheStick** @RickJohn777 · May 23  
Sicko. 🙄

**18 U.S. Code § 242 - Deprivation of rights ...** @CLee1111 · May 22  
Is that an inverted cross you are wearing? It would be appropriate. Do you remember Fr Bob? You are disgusting. 🙄

- Greg Hall** @GregorioHall91 · May 23  
Harvey milk. The lefts pedo king

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- Jennifer Harris** @thsuburbanmommy · May 22  
Harvey Milk was a pedophile who kept his victim vulnerable by drugging him with barbiturates.

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- JG knight templar** @JgTemplar · May 22  
Let's celebrate confused people!

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- Bethan Nodwell** @BethanNodwell · May 22  
So sick of this 🤢🤢

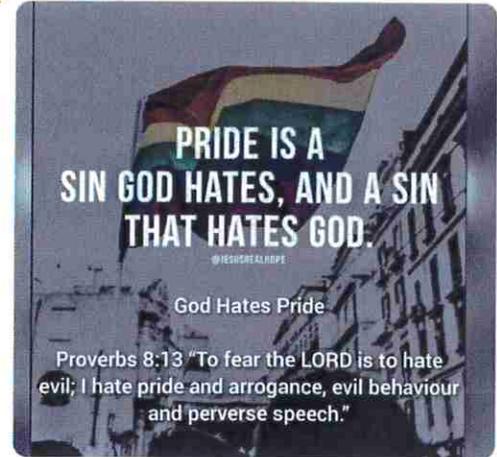


- Jesus is Lord** @ZEAL · @BelovedAntioch · May 23  
Ironic you wear a cross on your neck, then go against Gods word.

#Hypocrite

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- Ohm** @NamasteChica · May 23



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- Joey Postlewaite** @JoeyPostlewaite · May 23  
Groomer



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- Greg** @gregvegas · May 22  
Until you actually lick box, you're just pandering