

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 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

MIKE HAMEL
Commissioner

DOT LEACH
Commissioner

JANY LEE
Commissioner

DOROTHY O'NEILL
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Briceño, Buch, Doby, Farukhi, Hamel, Leach, Lee, Matsuba and Wang (all members participated via Zoom)

ABSENT: Commissioners 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
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:04 A.M. BY CHAIR MATSUBA;
CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM**
2. Opening quote/reflection
**OPENING QUOTE PROVIDED BY CHAIR MATSUBA FROM RALPH
WALDO EMERSON AND COMMISSIONER BUCH FROM RUTH BADER
GINSBERG**

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3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities

PRESENTED

OPEN FORUM

Felicity Figueroa – Oral Re.: Ethnic Studies discussion and its importance. Happy to see it on the agenda.

Pat Davis – Oral Re.: Pleased to see Dr. Montaña. Thanked Commission for their work.

Naz Hamid – Oral Re.: Support for Ethnic Studies in K-12. Commend Commission for their efforts.

Fatima – Oral Re.: Opposed to current Ethnic Studies curriculum.

Karen Hernandez – Oral Re.: Support for Ethnic Studies.

Paul – Oral Re.: Support for Ethnic Studies. Does not support current curriculum.

Fayaz Nawabi – Oral Re.: Opposed to current Ethnic Studies curriculum.

HEARING/SPEAKER PRESENTATION: (Item 4)

4. Ethnic Studies curriculum in K-12 education: What it means & what it doesn't mean

PRESENTED BY DR. THERESA MONTAÑO

ACTION ITEMS: (Items 5 - 8)

5. Review, discuss and approve Ethnic Studies Curriculum in K-12 Education Statement under Commission letterhead for immediate release

142356789 10 11 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

x x

6. Submit Ethnic Studies Curriculum in K-12 Education Statement to the County and request the County send out a media advisory

162345789 10 11 **APPROVED**

x x

7. Review, discuss and approve the statement regarding racist and hateful rhetoric directed at Chairman Do & Huntington Beach City Councilwoman Rhonda Bolton under Commission letterhead for immediate release

11 512346789 10 **APPROVED AS AMENDED: FIRST PARAGRAPH, FOURTH LINE – CAPITALIZE BLACK; SECOND PARAGRAPH, FIFTH LINE – CHANGE “NOBODY” TO “NO ONE”; THIRD PARAGRAPH, LAST LINE – CHANGE QUOTATION TO READ “NOT HERE, NOT TODAY, NOT EVER.”; LAST PARAGRAPH, FIRST LINE AMEND TO READ – “...WHO HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME OR HATE INCIDENT, REPORT TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PLEASE CALL OUR CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE...”**

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8. Submit statement regarding racist and hateful rhetoric directed at Chairman Do and Huntington Beach Councilwoman Rhonda Bolton to the County and request the County send out a media advisory

6 11 12345789 10 **APPROVED**
x x

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Item 9)

9. 2020 OC Hate Crimes Report
PRESENTED; CHAIR MATSUBA CREATED AD HOC FOR FUTURE HATE CRIME REPORT RELEASES TO CONSIST OF COMMISSIONERS BRICEÑO, BUCH, LEACH AND WANG

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 10 - 13)

10. Ad hoc update -Board of Supervisors proposal
PRESENTED
11. Commission staff reports
- a. 2020 Hate Crimes Report Release Event – 9/17 from 9 -10:30 AM
 - b. OC Together Dialogue – 8/24/21 from 5-7 PM
 - c. Commission meeting opening rotational schedule
PRESENTED; COMMISSIONER LEACH REQUESTED INFORMATION WHEN A HATE CRIME/INCIDENT OCCURS WITHIN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
12. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff
PRESENTED
13. OCSD Interfaith Council update
PRESENTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair Matsuba – Oral Re.: Thanked Commissioner Farukhi for stepping in a Chair over the last few months and thanked Commissioner Wang for her willingness to take on the leadership role as Vice Chair.

ADJOURNED: 12:42 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 Mike Hamel	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)

/s/

JO-ANNE MATSUBA
Chair

/s/

Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission



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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: JULY 2021

FY JUL 21 - JUN 22 Commission Activities Matrix		
CONTRACT ACTIVITY	Goal	To-Date
A. Monthly HRC meetings	12	1
B. HRC Annual Report	1	0
C. Police-Community Reconciliation cases	20	0
D. Community-Police Meetings	4	0
E. Chief's Advisory Boards & Sherriff's Interfaith Council	8	4
F. Community Outreach & Relationship Building meetings	40	14
G. Police/Diverse Community Dialogues	2	0
H. Hate Crime Report & Network Meeting	1	0
I. Support to hate crime victims	8	4
J. Outreach efforts (speeches, presentations, etc.)	10	1
K. Community training on intergroup relations topics	4	0
L. Annual Awards program	1	0
M. Participate in community-based/outreach symposiums	2	0

Police-Community Relations

- Commission staff attended the Tustin Police Chief Advisory board meetings this month.
- Commission staff has started to connect with different law enforcement agencies in and effort to reintroduce Commission work & staff to the departments.

Intergroup Relations & Relationship Building

• **Relationship Building, Outreach, & Presentations**

- Commission staff presented to Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Inequity group on the services Commission staff offer and programs.
- Commission staff participated in a Restorative Justice Dialogue on Racial Healing for the Huntington Beach community.
- Commission staff attended that RAINN Survivor Summit for Pride Month in Irvine, CA.
- Commission staff held 1:1 meeting with all the Hate Crime Prevention Network members to reconnect and reinvite to quarterly meetings.
- Commission staff were invited to meet and eat at UC Irvine to discuss potential partnerships and the new Center for Liberation, Anti-racism and belonging.
- Commission staff participated as a panelist at the Sheriff's Academy Training representing the Asian American community.
- Commission staff responded to hate activity and crisis at Cypress college and discussed ways Commission can support.



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- Hate-motivated incidents, Community Conflict, & Crisis Response/Meetings



Hate-Motivated Incidents in Orange County

JULY 2021



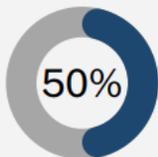
4 Total Hate-Motivated Events Reported

HATE CRIMES VS. HATE INCIDENTS

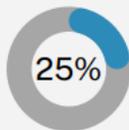


Out of the 4 hate-motivated events, zero hate crimes and four hate incidents were reported

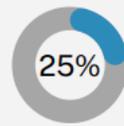
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Anti-Asian

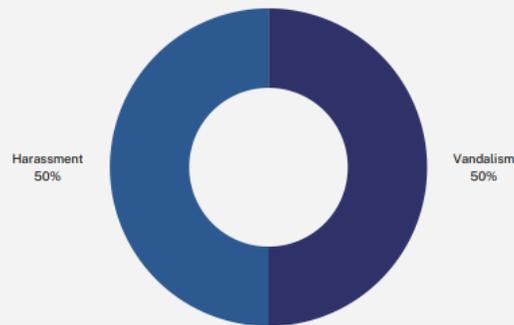


Anti-Semitic

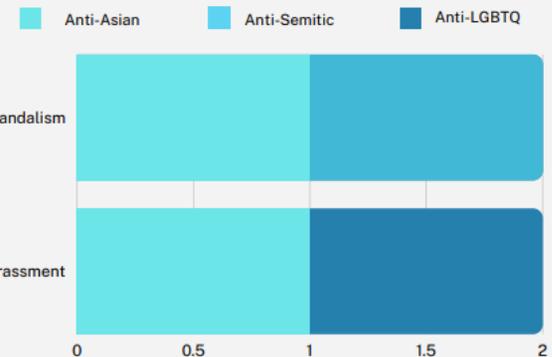


Anti-LGBTQ

TYPE OF OFFENSE



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Source: OC Human Relations Commission

Orange County Human Relations Commission endorses Ethnic Studies Curriculum in K-12 Education

In [2016, the Orange County Human Relations Commission \(OCHRC\) released a statement endorsing Ethnic Studies Classes](#) because it believed in affirming “the important, yet underrepresented, histories of our students and their communities as well as the contributions they have made to this country.” Today, this Commission continues to believe that there is value in ethnic studies courses especially since it cultivates a learning environment that promotes respect, understanding, and diversity of thought. Students of all ethnicities have an opportunity to learn about the experiences, cultures, and perspectives outside of their own and that is reflective of the diversity in the communities in Orange County and beyond.

COVID-19 laid bare a cascading crisis that revealed multiple vulnerabilities among and between communities that are deeply entangled, differentially distributed, and stretched across geographical borders. This moment in time has magnified and intensified racial animus as witnessed in the rise of anti-Asian hate since the start of the pandemic. The richness of American history lies within the woven fabric of all lives, cultures and histories that have contributed to its formation. Students engaging, connecting, and sharing experiences, histories, cultures - this enriches one's lives and expands one's worldview. Orange County Human Relations Commission believes that it is the key to building a better and more just future for all and thus supports Ethnic Studies curriculum to be taught in K-12 schools and that it be a required course for high school students.

DRAFT

Orange County Human Relations Commission condemns racist and hateful rhetoric directed at Chairman Andrew Do & newly appointed Huntington Beach City Councilwoman, Rhonda Bolton

Last week, our community bore witness to a torrent of racist and xenophobic rhetoric directed towards Chairman Andrew Do, who is of Vietnamese descent, at the Board of Supervisors meeting. The speaker's tirade was filled with anti-Asian tropes a true picture of the too commonplace hate activity taking place in our country today. Similarly, the first Black woman to be appointed to the Huntington Beach City Council, Rhonda Bolton, was welcomed by jeers and hateful comments by members of the public.

In a recent Statement of Solidarity, the OC Human Relations Commission committed to continue its mission to "seek out causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance and attempt to eliminate those causes." To do the difficult work of promoting respect, equity, and tolerance – the Commission believes it too must condemn and denounce all types of hate speech and racism. When an individual is a victim of hate, it is not only an attack on that one person but an entire community. No one should have to experience this type of vitriol regardless of who you are, skin color, language you speak, where you are from, who you love, or your religious beliefs.

Our country is reeling from the devastating effects of a pandemic that surges on. Our communities of color continue to survive the social and racial injustice and inequities that the pandemic uncovered and exposed. If there was ever a time for unity, it is now. If there ever was a time for respect and empathy, it is today. Orange County Human Relations Commission challenges all residents to look beyond our differences and celebrate the diversity that exists in Orange County. And next time hate knocks at our door – let us rally together and loudly shut it out with a resounding, "Not here, not today, not ever."

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/>



OC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION 2020 Orange County Hate Crimes Report

Save
THE
Date



September 17, 2021 at 9-10:30 AM PST

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More details to come at bit.ly/ochrc

LET'S TALK ABOUT
HOW WE CAN ALL BE
BETTER HUMANS



OC Together Dialogues on Race Relations

OC Human Relations invites you to participate in honest, powerful, and sometimes difficult but always respectful conversations!

August 24, 2021

Race & Geography

Realities of Living in OC

5pm to 7pm (PST)

RSVP Safely Online (FREE)

http://bit.ly/OCHR_30

OC HUMAN
RELATIONS



NOW & ALWAYS

FY 21-22 COMMISSION MEETING

OPENING ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE

NOTE: The calendar is subject to change if Bylaws or Contract changes are approved.

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER	COMMISSION MEETING DATE
Amy Buch	8/12/21
Jo-Anne Matsuba	9/9/21
Dot Leach	10/14/21
Rabbi Rick Steinberg	11/4/21 (Tentative Special Meeting)
Jennifer Wang	12/9/21
Chief Mike Hamel	1/13/22
Ada Briceño	2/10/22
Tanya Doby	3/10/22
Jany Lee	4/14/22
M. Fareed Farukhi	5/12/22
Dr. Dorothy O'Neill	6/9/22