

**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, October 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at Groundswell, 1801 E. Edinger Ave., (Entrance Code 1351#), Santa Ana, 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, October 26, 2023, 10:30 A.M.



Groundswell
1801 E. Edinger Ave. (Entrance Code 1351#)
Santa Ana, CA 92705

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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.

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All supporting documentation is available for public review online at: <https://occr.ocgov.com/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.

10:30 A.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

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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.

ACTION ITEMS: (Item 2)

2. Review, discuss and vote on statement denouncing Hate and violence against Jewish & Palestinian people

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING:

November 9, 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: October 26, 2023

LOCATION: Groundswell

(1801 E. Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, CA)

TIME: 10:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order Jo-Anne Matsuba

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

ACTION ITEMS

2. Review, discuss and vote on statement denouncing Hate and violence against Jewish & Palestinian people. JoAnne Matsuba

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Adjourn Commission Meeting Jo-Anne Matsuba

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OC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION DENOUNCES HATE & VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWISH AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

Santa Ana, CA (10/26/2023) On September 21st, the 2023 Hate Crimes report was released, revealing a deeply troubling reality. The Jewish community continues to be the primary target of faith-based bias, a trend that demands our unwavering attention. In recent weeks, we've witnessed horrifying acts of cruelty, where Jewish individuals were ambushed and, tragically, lost their lives, whether at a music festival or in their homes. These acts are abhorrent, evoking profound sadness.

In the wake of these unspeakable attacks, the region has been engulfed in a distressing escalation of hostilities between Israel and Palestine, resulting in the tragic loss of countless innocent lives. Our hearts reach out to those who have been left to grapple with the agony of losing loved ones, and to those who must endure the suffering that accompanies ongoing violence. We offer deepest and most heartfelt condolences, particularly to the innocent children who are caught amid this uncontrollable whirlwind of international violence. This includes 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy, Wades Al Fayouma, who fell victim to a hate-based murder in our country.

The Commission is resolute and unwavering in its stance against hate and violence. We unequivocally condemn hate and violence directed at both Jewish and Palestinian communities. Every life deserves safety and peace. As Martin Luther King, Jr. wisely reminded us, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Let us unite in our efforts to build a future where fear and violence yield to understanding and coexistence.