

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 10:30 A.M.



Groundswell  
1801 E. Edinger Ave.  
Santa Ana, California 92705

**JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA**  
Chair

**JENNIFER S. WANG**  
Vice Chair

**ADA BRICEÑO**  
Commissioner

**HEATHER CHAPMAN**  
Commissioner

**ADELI DURON**  
Commissioner

**LAUREN JOHNSON-NORRIS**  
Commissioner

**MICHAEL KENT**  
Commissioner

**DOT LEACH**  
Commissioner

**JANY LEE**  
Commissioner

**RHONDA SHADER**  
Commissioner

**RABBI RICK STEINBERG**  
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chapman, Duron, Johnson-Norris, Matsuba, Steinberg and Wang

ABSENT: Commissioners Briceño, Kent, Leach, Lee and Shader

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 10:45 BY CHAIR MATSUBA; IT WAS DETERMINED THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT**

### **OPEN FORUM**

None

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## ACTION ITEMS: (Item 2)

2. Review, discuss and vote on statement denouncing Hate and violence against Jewish & Palestinian people  
**NO ACTION TAKEN; CHAIR MATSUBA APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS CHAPMAN, DURON AND JOHNSON-NORRIS TO AN AD HOC TO CREATE TWO SEPARATE STATEMENTS REGARDING JEWISH AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND RETURN TO COMMISSION AT 11/9/23, REGULAR MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF STATEMENTS**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Executive Director Lopez – Oral Re.: Attended Woman Drivers presentation last night; announced Commissioner Leach is not seeking reappointment and relayed her thanks and appreciation to fellow Commissioners.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:22 A.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 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.