

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 14, 2020, 11:00 A.M.



COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, California

MICHAEL REYNOLDS
Chair

DR. KERRY REYNOLDS
Vice Chair

AMY BUCH
Commissioner

M. FAREED FARUKHI
Commissioner

MIKE HAMEL
Commissioner

JANY LEE
Commissioner

JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA
Commissioner

ADEY NYAMATHI
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

JENNIFER S. WANG
Commissioner

VACANT
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Buch, Farukhi, Hamel, Lee, Matsuba, Nyamathi, M. Reynolds, Steinberg and Wang (participated via teleconference)

ABSENT: Commissioner K. Reynolds

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez (participated via teleconference)
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks

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 11:00; CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM
2. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities
PRESENTED

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OPEN FORUM

None

ACTION ITEMS: (Items 3 - 4)

3. Review, discuss and vote to support and provide assistance and/or referral services
Mercy2Humanity's effort to collect safety items for care kits for vulnerable populations
8612345789 10 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
A X *(Commissioner Farukhi abstained from voting on this matter.)*
4. Approve calendar of Human Relations Commission events for FY 20-21 to be submitted through
OC Community Services to the Board of Supervisors for approval
213456789 10 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
X

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (None)

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 5 - 9)

5. Discuss idea of opening meeting with quote/reflection pieces
C.O. **DISCUSSED; REQUESTED ITEM TO BE AGENDIZED FOR 6/11/20, 11:00
A.M., REGULAR MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
OPENING MEETING WITH QUOTE/REFLECTION PIECE ON A
ROTATIONAL BASIS AMONGST ALL COMMISSIONERS**
6. Commission Forums ad hoc update
**PRESENTED; COMMISSIONER FARUKHI PRESENTED AN
INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS HATE RELATED TO COVID-19**
7. Anti-Hate Campaign ad hoc update
PRESENTED
8. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff
PRESENTED
9. OCSD Interfaith Council Update
PRESENTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Farukhi – Oral Re.: Thanked Executive Director Norma Lopez and ad hoc committee team. Volunteered at Rotary Club in Fullerton making face shields.

Commissioner Nyamathi – Oral Re.: UCI email announcements and seminars regarding hate crimes and strategies to promote health and well-being,

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Commissioners Wang – Oral Re.: UCI is pro-active regarding COVID-19 backlash. May is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Expressed appreciation for Executive Director Norma Lopez and all members of Commission.

Commissioner Lee – Oral Re.: Mayor of Garden Grove passed a resolution condemning hate crimes.

Chair M. Reynolds – Oral Re.: Wished everyone well and to stay healthy and safe.

ADJOURNED: 11:46 A.M.

*** KEY ***

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1 Amy Buch	A = Abstained
2 M. Fareed Farukhi	X = Excused
3 Mike Hamel	N = No
4 Jany Lee	C.O. = Commission Order
5 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	
6 Adey Nyamathi	Reso = Resolution
7 Dr. Kerry Reynolds	Ord = Ordinance
8 Mike Reynolds	
9 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
10 Jennifer S. Wang	

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

/s/

MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Chair

/s/

Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission



DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2020

LOCATION: Online

TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

AGENDA

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| 1. Call the Meeting to Order | Michael Reynolds |
| 2. Overview of Monthly Summary of Commission Activities | Amy Buch |

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

ACTION ITEMS

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| 3. Review, discuss and vote to support and provide assistance and/or referral services Mercy2Humanity’s effort to collect safety items for care kits for vulnerable populations. | Fareed Farukhi |
| 4. Approve calendar of Human Relations Commission events for FY 20-21 to be submitted through OC Community Services to the Board of Supervisors for approval | Michael Reynolds |

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION

No presentations this month

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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| 5. Discuss idea of opening meeting with quote/reflection pieces | Jo-Anne Matsuba |
| 6. Commission Forums Ad-Hoc Update | Fareed Farukhi |
| 7. Anti-Hate Campaign Ad-Hoc Update | Rabbi Rick Steinberg |
| 8. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff | Chief Mike Hamel |
| 9. OCSD Interfaith Council Update | Rabbi Rick Steinberg |
| 10. Announcements from Commissioners | All Commissioners |
| 11. Adjourn Commission Meeting | Michael Reynolds |



Orange County Human Relations Commission

MISSION: *Seek out the causes of tension and conflict, discrimination and intolerance, and eliminate those causes*

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2020

FY JUL 19 - JUN 20 Commission Activities Matrix		
CONTRACT ACTIVITY	Goal	To-Date
A. Monthly HRC meetings	12	9
B. HRC Annual Report	1	0
C. Police-Community Reconciliation cases	20	30
D. Community-Police Meetings	4	2
E. Chief's Advisory Boards & Sherriff's Interfaith Council	8	11
F. Community Outreach & Relationship Building meetings	40	105
G. Police/Diverse Community Dialogues	2	1
H. Hate Crime Report & Network Meeting	1	3
I. Support to hate crime victims	8	39
J. Outreach efforts (speeches, presentations, etc.)	10	15
K. Community training on intergroup relations topics	4	6
L. Annual Awards program	1	0
M. Participate in community-based/outreach symposiums	2	1

As of March 16th, the Commission main office has been closed. Commission staff are working remotely doing extensive outreach and responding to acts of hate throughout the community.

Police-Community Relations

- PD Advisory Boards: Commission staff attended the Anaheim Chief's Advisory Board meeting this month.
- Commission staff created resource pages for law enforcement to distribute to front line officers and community.

Intergroup Relations & Relationship Building

- **Hate-motivated incidents, Community Conflict, & Crisis Response/Meetings**
 - A total of 3 hate-motivated events reported this month (0 Hate Crimes & 3 Hate Incidents).
 - Hate Crime Prevention Network met this month – Commission staff provided an update on hate activity in OC and efforts to increase reporting in targeted communities.
- **Relationship Building, Outreach, & Presentations**
 - Presented on difference between hate crime & hate incident.
 - Participated in live event to speak about Commission work & reporting hate.
 - Commission ad-hoc met this month to plan next forum.



April 30, 2020

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Husna Farukhi and I am a junior in high school. I am working on a project of Mercy2Humanity which I founded. We are giving over 2000 sanitary care packs that have a pair of gloves, a mask and hand sanitizer with a message of hope to needy individuals in our communities at shelters or in collaboration with various organizations and law enforcement and fire departments. I would like to welcome you to look at what we are doing and see how the Commission can be part of it or help in the project to care for others.

Who is Mercy 2 Humanity (M2H)?

M2H is a collaborative platform to promote social good through acts of kindness and compassion. We provide services

To families and individuals in need through partnerships with non-profits, community organizations and volunteer groups.

M2H facilitates the distribution of in-kind donations and assistance to the homeless community, economically disadvantaged families, the medically challenged and elderly population.

Our Focus:

To develop caring communities that make a difference in peoples' lives through service, one act at a time.

M2H Sustainable Model and Call to Action:

We hope to inspire and engage individuals and communities to act by identifying the processing needs of their community and provide much-needed help and support.

Current Project:

Under the current COVID-19 pandemic, M2H is providing sanitary care packages to the most vulnerable and needy in the community in OC and in LA.

We distribute these essentials in coordination with local police outreach departments, community-based organizations and homeless shelters.



We have thus far donated items to Access California in Anaheim, Buena Park Police Dept. Distributed in Crenshaw area in Los Angeles.

How Can You Help:

We request that the Orange County Human Relations Commission be part of this initiative either as a body or as individual Commissioner to sponsor and or to give out these essential sanitary care packs to shelters such as City Net or other entities that can benefit from these small acts of kindness.

The Commission can insert an information card with COVID-19 resources statement to direct the community or individual to report any hate incidence and other biases during this crisis as a tool to promote the good work of OCHRC for public benefit and how to receive the help.

Donate and Become an M2H Ambassador:

You can help put the packages together by sponsoring a box of 25 to assemble for \$75.

Or will give it for free to put together and hand out in your immediate neighborhood.

Donate online or in kind by calling 714-356-6102 and ask for Fareed.

Register and visit our webpage or Instagram - [mercy.to.humanity](https://www.instagram.com/mercy.to.humanity)

Link to site is: <https://www.givsum.com/opportunities/700708da4?ref=a2652a89050ef767bf3e4052c6d3ebd1>

Thanks for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Husna F.".

Husna Farukhi, Founder

Mercy2Humanity

Date (Month at a minimum)	Department	Event	Location	Organizer	Other County Agency/Dept. Participants	Financial Sponsorship (Yes/No)
August, 2020	OCCR	Kick-off Breakfast	TBD	OCIN	OCCS/HRC	No
October, 2020	OCCR	Open Mosque Day	Anaheim	Shura Council of OC		No
November, 2020	OCCR	CAIR Banquet	Anaheim Hilton	CAIR-LA		No