



# Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

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MINUTES  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Executive Committee Meeting of August 1, 2011  
Community and Senior Services (CSS)  
3175 W. Sixth Street, Room 304 – Teamwork Room  
Los Angeles, California 90020

PRESENT: Rev. Zedar E. Broadous      Lea Ann King  
Michael Gi-Hao Cheung      William Lambert  
Susanne Cumming      Eleanor Montaño  
Adrian Dove      Sergio Paz  
Kathay Feng

ABSENT: Donna Bojarsky      Grandmaster Tong Suk Chun  
Vito Cannella      Sandra E. Thomas  
Mario Ceballos

STAFF: Anahit Damlamanyan      Grace Löwenberg  
Ava Gutierrez      Robin S. Toma  
Elena Halpert-Schilt

1. **Call to Order/Flag Salute and Moment of Silence:** The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Paz at 12:18 p.m. The flag salute and moment of silence were led by Commissioner Dove.
2. **Preventing Prejudice and Discrimination in LA County arising from the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11:** Executive Director Toma introduced two guest speakers, Salam Al-Marayati, Executive Director of Muslim Public Affairs Council and Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director of South Asian Network, to address concerns and developments since the 9/11 Attacks. There was extensive discussion among guests and commissioners. Ms. Kulkarni stated that they will be having a community hearing on August 20, 2011 to raise awareness for community members as well as policy makers about some issues that have impacted the South Asia Community.

Executive Director Toma reported that a popular radio show is still considering our proposal to co-host an event that can be broadcast to engage the population about the human relations concerns related to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks. (During this discussion, several commissioners arrived, forming a quorum.)

3. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Commissioner Cumming, and seconded by Commissioner Lambert, to approve both sets of minutes, the minutes from meetings of June 6, 2011 and July 5, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment:** No comment.

5. **President's Report:** President Paz reported on the following report:

5.1 **HRC Staff Meeting:** President Paz thanked Executive Director Toma for allowing him the opportunity to sit in on the HRC Staff Meeting that was held in June. President Paz was impressed on the great work by the HRC staff members.

5.2 **Special Presentation:** Will be tabled to a future meeting when that commissioner is present.

5.3 **Highlight on a Commissioner:** Commissioner Paz would like to give an opportunity at each meeting to a commissioner to share a little about her/himself and the work they do, aside from participating the commission.

6. **Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Toma presented the following report:

6.1 **Calendar of Meetings of Commission and Committees:** Executive Director Toma reviewed the calendar of events and highlighted upcoming events of interest for the commissioners.

6.2 **Strategic Plan Updates:** Executive Director Toma discussed some of the upcoming and recent activities in furtherance of the Strategic Plan, one being the "Respect 101 Tour" and the other being the Bricks performance at some of the Probation campuses and Juvenile Hall.

6.3 **Community Corrections Partnership:** Executive Director Toma reported on the realignment in responsibilities between the state and local governments. He stated that the County is mandated to come up with a plan, created by the Community Corrections Partnership that will soon be handling a section of population who used to be supervised by state parole and state prison system. HRC staff are working diligently to ensure a realignment plan that incorporates the input of the community to ensure that a much more cohesive plan is created to serve offenders within L.A. County.

7. **For Discussion/Action:**

7.1 **John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards:** It was moved by Commissioner Cumming and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the 2011 JAF Award Nominees as proposed by the JAF Committee, and approved by all seven Commissioners attending the Human Relations Commission Executive Committee Meeting on May 2, 2011.

**7.2 International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA):** It was moved by President Paz and seconded by Commissioner Lambert to authorize President Paz to attend the IAOHRA Conference on August 28, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.3 Committee Structure and Membership:** It was moved by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Feng to approve the Commission Committees and their Membership as amended.

**7.4 Funding for Final Recordings of the Bricks Human Relations/Social Justice Music:** It was moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Feng to approve \$5000 plus \$200 from the JAF Trust Funds for editing and mastering of the Bricks five songs. The motion carried with Commissioner Lambert and Commissioner Dove opposing, and Commissioner Cheung abstaining.

**8. Committee Reports:**

**8.1 Ad Hoc Leadership Committee:** No report.

**8.2 Youth Committee:** No report.

**8.3 Racialized Gang Violence Prevention Committee:** No report.

**8.4 Crisis Response Committee:** No report.

**8.5 John Anson Ford (JAF) Human Relations Award Committee:** Commissioner Cumming, Chair, indicated that the report was included in the previous action item.

**9. Commissioner's Comments/Announcements:** It was moved by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Lambert to move the next Commission Meeting to Tuesday, September 6, 2011 due to a holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Dove and seconded by Commissioner Lambert, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. in memory of Civil Rights Activist Clara Lupe and Lillian Mobley.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne L. Cumming, Esq.  
Vice-President/Secretary