



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 19, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: January 19, 2023 / 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pam Kraushaar, led the Pledge of Allegiance

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER PAM KRAUSHAAR**

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, swore in new Human Relations Commissioner Pam Kraushaar

Chair Freeman read the Human Relations Commission's Civility Statement

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Patricia Acuna; Christopher Paulson, Stephanie Harris, Enisha Clark, Corrina Lesser, Lisa Crespo and Linda Kyriazi

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. The Chair approve the agenda as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022.

2. Resolution of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same.  
Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Human Relations Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

MOTION by Nisim, SECONDED by Freeman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, and Vice Chair Margo,  
Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Police Department

Captain Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- The Golden Globes took place January 10, 2023 with no significant incidents.
- Thanked staff in the police department for their work in apprehending individuals at large.
- Introduced Police Sergeant Jeffrey Newman, who is replacing Police Lieutenant Jesse Perez's as Community Relations officer. Perez has been promoted to a Lieutenant and Watch Commander.

Beverly Hills Unified School District

Beverly Hills Board of Education member, Dr. Amanda Stern, provided an update on the following:

- Kosher lunches are now being offered to students from LA Kosher Grill.
- The schools were closed in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Noah Margo is the new Board President with herself being the Vice President.

## PRESENTATIONS

3. Hate Crime Report

Marshall Wong, Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, will be providing a report.

- Marshall Wong, from the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, presented the findings of the 2021 Hate Crime Report. Mr. Wong is the Commission's Hate Crime Coordinator and principal author of the annual Hate Crime Report.
- The executive summary of the 2021 Hate Crimes Report highlights the overall increase in hate crimes reported. The full report is available at <https://hrc.lacounty.gov/>.

## NEW BUSINESS

4. 2023 Human Relations Commission Work Plan

The Commission was asked to review the status of the existing work plan for adoption at the February 2023 Commission meeting. New work plan items that require funding must be included in the 2023-24 budget process and therefore must be added to the City Council Priority setting exercise in early spring.

The Commission has ongoing City Council priorities, ongoing Commission agenda items, and successful ongoing community programming that were developed through prior work plans. Staff is asking the Commission to review the current (2022) work plan and any newly proposed work plan items and prioritize the 2023 work plan to no more than five items. It is advised that commissioners evaluate the work plan using the SMART goals framework. Consider if the plan in its entirety is **Specific** and well defined, **Measurable**, **Achievable**, **Realistic**, and **Timely**.

After much discussion, the Commission made the following motions:

MOTION by Nisim, SECONDED by Kraushaar to add an Anti-Hate Initiative to our 2023 Work Plan. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, and Vice Chair Margo,  
Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim to consolidate Tab 6 Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project into the new Anti-Hate Initiative. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, and Vice Chair Margo,  
Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Kaiserman to consolidate the Commissions Tabs as follows: 1) Civility, which is Kindness Week, Kindness Matters, Civility Month. 2) Anti-Hate Initiative, which is DEI, Embrace & Celebrate Culture. 3) Community Assistant Grant Fund (CAGF), & 4) Homeless Initiative & Mental Health. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, and Vice Chair Margo,  
Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

Chair Freeman reviewed and updated the ad hocs and assigned Commissioners.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 5. FY 2023-24 Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF)

Enisha Clark, Human Services Specialist, reminded the Commission of the CAGF process and the approaching January 23, 2023 at 5pm deadline for submission.

- Applications can be located online at: [www.beverlyhills.org/cagf](http://www.beverlyhills.org/cagf)

- Next Steps include meeting with the CAGG ad hocs to review the program proposals.
- The Charitable Solicitations Commission will be reviewing the financial components.
- A joint ad hoc session will then be scheduled to fully review the program proposals.

**6. 2023 Kindness Week Planning**

Vice Chair Margo and Commissioner Kaiserman updated the Commission on the scheduled events of Kindness Week that runs from Sunday, February 12, 2023 through Friday, February 17, 2023.

- Sunday, February 12, 2023: Kickoff at the Farmers' Market: Kindness for a Cause. 9am - 1pm. Collecting donations for Cancer Charities.
- Monday, February 13, 2023: Be Kind to Seniors. Senior Valentines Dance from 1pm - 3pm at the Roxbury Community Center.
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Be Kind and Connect. The Human Relations Commissioners will distribute cards designed by local children in addition to roses sponsored by Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHHAC) to older adults in senior living communities.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Teach Kindness to Kids. Walk to School Wednesday at Horace Mann & Hawthorne Elementary. Students are encouraged to walk to school and participate in a kindness themed community art project.
- Kindness Story Time in the Beverly Hills Public Library at 10:30am in Library Auditorium.
- Thursday, February 16 & 17, 2023: Be In The Business of Kindness. Support local establishments participating "In The Business of Kindness" during this 2-day event where participating businesses will spread kindness by offering special discounts to customers.
- Friday, February 17, 2023: National Random Acts of Kindness Day. "In the Business of Kindness" continues with the Human Relations Commissioners inviting the public to support the participating Beverly Hills businesses who will be offering a Kind gesture to customers who patronize their business on these days

**7. Mental Health Awareness**

Lisa Crespo & Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisors, will be providing an update on the January 29, 2023 Youth Mayor's Mental Wellness Event.

Lisa Crespo and Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisors, presented information on the upcoming Mayor's Youth Mental Wellness Event that will be held in partnership with the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC).

- The event is scheduled on Sunday, January 29 2023 from Noon to 3pm and will be held outdoors on the Crescent side of City Hall. The event is free to attend.

**8. Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project**  
Tabled.

**9. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

- Enisha Clark, Human Services Specialist, reminded the Commission, along with Community members to contact the centralized unhoused hotline number if they encounter someone in need at (310) 285-BHOT (2468).

- Staff is preparing for the 2023 Los Angeles Homeless Count being held in the City of Beverly Hills on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Internal staff, Police, Rangers, BHOT and Ambassadors will be participating.
- Community Services procured a software system to track data on homelessness in Beverly Hills and is moving forward with Apricot 360. Staff anticipates deploying the software on mobile devices to outreach teams in March 2023.

**10. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative**

Chair Freeman and Commissioner Nisim updated the Commission on the details of the next Critical Conversations Speaker panel scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 7pm – 8pm in City Hall.

**11. Kindness Matters**

- Commissioner Kraushaar gave a shout-out to a colleague who returned from a pilgrimage to India and informed the Commission of the Kindness she provided to a child.
- Chair Freeman gave a shout-out to Dion Jackson, who runs a fitness program, a kind heart & soul who remembers and acknowledges everyone's birthday.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**12. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

- Johnthor Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, updated the Commission on the following:
- The Ambassador Team had several outreach referrals in December 2022.
- Typically during the holiday season staff sees an increase in panhandling activity. These referrals were families, including children, being involved. Since staff interactions, those families are no longer panhandling.
- The third referral was an elderly woman in need of services. Staff provided her with a tap card for bus services in addition to a food voucher.
- Chair Freeman requesting providing an update or feedback to the caller the result of the interaction of the person they called or texted about; such as "handled."
- Vice Chair Margo suggested placing the success stories at some location. Staff informed the Commission that these success stories have been printed in the quarterly Community Services newsletters, department newsletters and will be including more.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**13. Chair Report**

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
  - Reviewed
- b) Ad Hoc Committees
- c) Review Commission Meeting dates
- d) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**14. Administrator's Report**

Christopher Paulson, Interim Administrator, updated the Commission on the following;

- Mayor's Initiatives

- Business with Bosse:

- Thursday, January 26, 2023, 11:30am – 12:30am, Mr. Brainwash Art Museum, 465 N. Beverly Drive

- Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 5pm – 6:30pm, L'Restaurant at "L'Emitage Beverly Hills, 9291 Burton Way

- Monday, February 27, 2023, 5pm – 6:30pm, Hideaway Beverly Hills, 421 N. Rodeo Drive

- Live with Lili:

- Monday, February 13, 2023, 7pm – 8pm, City Hall Municipal Gallery

- Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Youth Live With Lili, 7pm – 8pm, City Hall Municipal Gallery

- If you cannot attend in-person, Live with Lili can be watched at [beverlyhills.org/live](https://beverlyhills.org/live)

- Community Services Events

- Art Walks – Sunday, February 5, 2023, 11am, Beverly Gardens Park Lily Pond

- Valentine's Day Dance – Monday, February 13, 2023, 1pm, Roxbury Community Center

## ADJOURNMENT

January 19, 2023 at 11:33 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 16th day of February, 2023

  
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Noelle Freeman, Chair