

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

(Hybrid-In Person and Zoom Meeting)

We resume meeting in-person on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings will be in the courthouse at 825 Fifth Street, Room 1-A and available on Zoom for public participation and presentations

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 2, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm

I. Call to Order: (2 min)

As we gather today, we acknowledge that Eureka, California is ancestral territory of the Wiyot people. We also honor all Indigenous people and territories and Sovereign governments that share governance within Humboldt County, California. We gather with respect and gratitude to these Indigenous People.

We thank and honor the Indigenous Caretakers of this land who continue to cherish and protect it. Their elders have instructed the young to consider the seven generations ahead as they continue to protect the rights of the land and all people who live on it. We encourage all to align and follow the lead of local Indigenous communities as they steward the land and protect all of its natural resources.

One moment of silence

Reminder of our function: to aid in eradication of discrimination in housing, employment, education, public accommodation, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or other factors.

Ours is an advisory commission whose primary purpose is to recommend actions to the Board of Supervisors that may address issues related to human rights in our county.

II. Roll Call: (1 min)

III. Agenda Adjustments: (1 min)

IV. Opening Notes: (5 min)

Introduction of newest Commissioners, Erin Degenstein and Nazanin Szanto.
Emphasis and challenges of adhering to the Brown Act.
Protocols of using Zoom in this room.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes: (1 min)

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VI. Treasurer's Report: (5 min)

VII. Guest Speaker(s): (15 min)

Patte Rae, Southern Humboldt homeless advocate and citizen concerned with the economic downturn in the local economy due to Cannabis collapse. Also present is Izzy Vanderheiden of Lost Coast Outpost.

VIII. Public Comment: (10 min)

*Public is invited to speak regarding matters **not** on the agenda. Comments are limited to **three minutes**. Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item **not** appearing on the agenda. Comments received by email will be presented by the Chair.*

If a member of the public speaks and requests assistance on a non-agenda subject, the Commission may not take any action or propose any solutions, but the citizen(s) may be given a resource card for contact information relevant to their issue, the citizen(s) may be given a complaint intake form for purposes of adding to a future agenda of the next regular HRC meeting, and finally an individual commissioner may speak to the citizen(s) apart from the meeting and recommend steps they might take.

*Members of the public will each be allowed to speak on **agenda items once** during discussion, usually at the end of commissioner comments and prior to any action or vote by the commission. Time to speak will be closely monitored. (3 minutes per person)*

To join the meeting Pursuant to the Brown Act.

The commission may not act on an item that does not appear on the agenda. The public will be allowed to address agenda items in these methods:

1. To submit comments to the Commission please email

hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us.

2. Join Zoom Meeting [Zoom Link](#)

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IX . Commission Communications: (10 min)

- a) **Emails, Regular Mail**
- b) **Commissioner announcements**

- c) **Message Line Report**
- d) **Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)**
 - Future Scheduling of Message Line**
 - February 1-15–Larsen
 - February 16-28–Miller
 - March 1-15–Mary Lyons
 - March 16-31–Ellen Murphy
 - April 1-15–Jim Glover
 - April 16-30–Kim Wiley
 - May 1-15–
 - May 16-31–

X. Standing Committee Reports: (10 min)

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE

[Aronoff, Glover]

Discussion / Possible Action

Discussion of Sanctuary Statement?

HUMAN TRAFFICKING EDUCATION AND ERADICATION

[Glover, Wiley, Lochtie, Sundberg]

Discussion/Possible Action

Report of February 9 committee meeting and actions recommended.

XI. Ad hoc Committee Reports: (25 min)

CULTURAL AWARENESS-ending date 12-31-2023

Purpose: Tracking of cultural awareness and activities in the county

CURRENT ISSUE: Open

Committee Members: [Larsen, Miller, Lochtie]

Discussion / Possible Action

HOMELESSNESS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ending date:06-30-2023

Purpose: To monitor actions and issues that will improve housing/shelter options and living situations for all residents.

CURRENT ISSUE: Open

Committee Members: [Aronoff, Larsen, Glover]

Discussion/Possible Action

NEW COMMISSION LOGO-Committee ending date: 02-28-2023

Purpose: Develop an HRC logo.

CURRENT ISSUE: Select winner of LOGO design contest

Committee Members:[Perkins, Glover]

Discussion/Possible Action

HUMAN RIGHTS PSA-Committee ending date: 5-31-2023

Purpose: Develop, produce, and disseminate public service announcements countering disinformation regarding LGBTQIA+, Jewish, Indigenous, Immigrant, Homeless, and other vulnerable populations.

CURRENT ISSUE: As noted above

Committee Members: Lyons, Norman, Glover with assistance-Tracy Barnes Priestley
Discussion/Possible Action

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES-Committee ending date: 12-31-23

Purpose: To assure respect of indigenous peoples and promote their safety and rights within the county.

CURRENT ISSUE: Murdered and missing Indigenous People.

Committee Members: [Sundberg, Aronoff, Miller, Larsen]

Discussion/Possible Action

JUNIOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-Committee ending date: 12-31-23

Purpose: To explore and possibly establish high school level participation in the subject of human rights throughout the county.

CURRENT ISSUE: Exploring the options and mechanics of such a project.

Committee Members: [Jensen, Lochtie, Lyons]

Discussion/Possible Action

XII. Unfinished Business: Discussion/Possible Action (10 min)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Possible Action (15 min)

Title IX issues related to Hoopa Tribe

XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (1 min)

Proposed agenda items for April 6, 2023

Chiefs of Police, Brian Ahearn-Arcata and Todd Jarvis-Eureka

Proposed agenda items for May 4,2023

Arcata House presentation

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

As officials appointed by a legislative body (Humboldt County Board of Supervisors), members of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) have an obligation to understand, follow and abide by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and to ensure that everything the HCHRC does is open and available to the public for review. It is important for the HCHRC and all commissioners to follow the intent of the law as well as any legal rulings. To that end, the HCHRC has adopted guidelines for the use of any technology, especially email. The

entire email policy is available upon request. **106/120**