

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

*(Hybrid-In Person and Zoom Meeting)*

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**Voting members of any committee, commission or board must meet in person in an open meeting. You may allow public comment or participation from remote locations, but the voting members must be in person.**

**Just Cause:**

- Can only be used **two times** per calendar year.
- Member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances related to their need to appear remotely. (No action of legislative body needed.)
- **“Just cause”** means any of the following:
  - (A) A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. “Child,” “parent,” “grandparent,” “grandchild,” and “sibling” have the same meaning as those terms do in Section 12945.2.
  - (B) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
  - (C) A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined in Sections 12926 and 12926.1 not otherwise accommodated by subdivision (g).
  - (D) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

**Emergency Circumstances:**

- “Emergency circumstances” means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
- Member must provide a general description regarding the need to appear remotely.
  - o This description does not need to exceed 20 words, no medical diagnosis, disability, or personal medical info exempt under the law required to be disclosed.
- Member makes request as soon as possible. Member must make a separate request for each meeting they intend to appear remotely.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

November 2, 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 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 with and follow the lead of local Indigenous communities as they steward the land and protect all of its natural resources.

One moment of silence

**II. Roll Call:** (1 min)**III. Agenda Adjustments:** (1 min)**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** (1 min)

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**V. Treasurer’s Report:** (5 min)**VI. Guest Speaker(s):** (10 min)

Maggie Kraft, Director of A1AA, speaking on the subject of senior housing. Presentation to be followed by questions from Commissioners.

## VII. 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](mailto:hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us).

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

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## VIII . Commission Communications: (10 min)

- a) Chair notes, Emails, Regular Mail
- b) Commissioner announcements
- c) Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)
- d) Message Line Report

Oct 1-15-Ellen

Oct 16-31-Erin

### **Future Scheduling of Message Line**

Nov 1-15

Nov16-30

Dec 1-15

Dec 16-31

**IX. Standing Committee Reports: (10 min)**

**SANCTUARY ORDINANCE**

[Aronoff, Glover]

Discussion / Possible Action

Discussion of Sanctuary Statement?

**X. Ad hoc Committee Reports: (25 min)**

**CULTURAL AWARENESS-ending date 12-31-2023**

**Purpose:** Facilitating of cultural awareness and activities in the county

**CURRENT ISSUE:** Open

**Committee Members:** (Larsen, Miller, Lochtie, Wiley)

Discussion/Possible Action

**HATE SPEECH VS FREE SPEECH FORUM-ending date 6-30-2024**

**Purpose:** Develop / plan a public event contrasting hate speech and free speech.

**CURRENT ISSUE:** Deteriorating level of civil discourse over important community issues.

**Committee Members (Botzler, Lochtie, Miller)**

Discussion/Possible Action

**HOMELESSNESS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ending date:12-31-2023**

**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

**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

Consideration of proposed letter to local tribes in order to increase collaboration with the County of Humboldt.

**YOUTH 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, Norman, Murphy]

Discussion/Possible Action

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

Proposed Donation Policy Action-Rick Botzler

It is moved that if a member of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HRC) makes a monetary contribution to the HRC treasury, that member need not recuse themselves from subsequently voting on motions calling for spending of money from that treasury.

Recommended changes to existing committee structure-Guy Aronoff.

Tour of Juvenile Hall Facility-Jim Glover

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

Behavioral Health Steps the Commission could endorse?-Aronoff

<https://www.madriversonion.com/articles/humboldt-must-go-big-on-upgrading-basic-services/>

What steps should the Commission take to provide language translations for message line and other situations?

What can the Human Rights Commission do to increase its visibility and role in the community?

**XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (1 min)

Proposed agenda items for December 7, 2023

**XII. 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. 105/120*