

Draft MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
July 21, 2025

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:04 p.m. the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Chair Khalilah Durias, Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez, Commissioner Tiffany Lopez, Commissioner Helaine Stallion, and Commissioner Meaghan Salas were present. Staff member present was Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary. Saluted the Flag

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2025 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 21, 2025.

MOTION: Chair Cynthia Gonzalez called a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2025 and Commissioner Helaine Stallion seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

D. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Citizen Advisory Group (GAP) Bylaws Updates.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission review the proposed updates to the CAG Bylaws and recommend approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez motion to approve the amended bylaws and Commissioner Meaghan Salas seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the August regular meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission discuss and approve the cancellation of the August 18, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Helaine Stallion moved to cancel the regular August Community Relations Commission and Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

E. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from Community Recognition Awards Ad-Hoc Committee on program details, deadlines, and outreach. Sunset date: October 13, 2025. Members: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez and Commissioner Helaine Stallion.

MOTION: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez and Commissioner Helaine Stallion directed staff support to move forward with the Community Recognition Awards application.

2. SUBJECT: Annual Report Ad-Hoc Committee Review of Draft CRC Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC review the draft 2025 CRC Annual Report scheduled for September 16, 2025, and provide feedback to the ad hoc committee. Sunset date: September 22, 2025. Members: Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez and Commissioner Vice Chair Khalilah Durias.

MOTION: Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez and Vice Chair Khalilah Durias were in agreement with the draft CRC Annual Report. Staff support requested they take one more look to make sure we were not missing anything. Will follow up in August.

3. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival Ad-Hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive an update from the Multicultural Festival Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2025 event. Members: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez, and Commissioner Meaghan Salas.

MOTION: Staff secretary combine her update and report of the commission regarding the 2025 Multicultural Festival. Staff secretary shared her feelings of what happened at the Camarillo Glasshouse a few weeks ago and felt that the community was going through a lot at the moment. She asked the CRC Commissioners how they felt about holding off this year with the Multicultural Festival? She shared that a few MCF vendors had asked if we would be prepared to protect them if immigration was to approach them during the event. Unfortunately, police would not be able to protect them. The MCF is held in an open space and anyone can stop by during the event. All CRC Commissioners agreed that the safety and well being of our community came first. CRC Commissioners went into a detail discussion and all of them were concerned if ICE was to stop by during the MCF Festival? The MCF would not be able to protect the vendors and participants. The CRC Commissioners felt that as much as we didn't want to, we would postpone the MCF until 2026. Chair Durias will be providing the staff support with a statement to be displayed stating why this year's MCF would be postponed.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary had no report to share.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Tiffany Lopez shared the announcement of the upcoming Banana Festival, September, and asked everyone to support local non-profits.

Chair Khalilah Durias shared about the VCAC "Delta Boots on the Ground" and Juneteenth celebrations.

Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez would like to have the Public Defenders as a guest speaker and will discuss at the upcoming September CRC meeting.

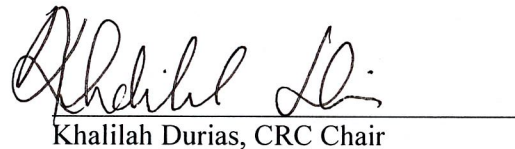
G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:54 p.m. Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez motion to adjourn. Commissioner Meaghan Salas seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.



Martha Guillen, Secretary



Khalilah Durias, CRC Chair