



AGENDA
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
6:00 PM



City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California 93030

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

B. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from April 17, 2017 - Regular Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At a regular meeting, a person may address the Community Relations Commission on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments that is not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, persons wishing to speak on items on the agenda should do so during the public comments for the agenda item.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Safe City Resolution.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss, provide the Police Chief with feedback regarding proposed resolution, and send the item to the City Council for adoption.
2. SUBJECT: CRC Community Recognition Awards program for 2017.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the outreach, set deadlines, presentation of award winners, and review the application. Provide staff with direction.
3. SUBJECT: Review of annual 2016 CRC report to City Council.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction on when the annual report will be given at a future City Council meeting.
4. SUBJECT: Juneteenth Celebration 2017.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss possible participation by the CRC to host a Multicultural Festival information booth at the event.
5. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival 2017 fundraising efforts.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction.
6. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.

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7. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee – Commissioners Quintana, Becerra
Fair Housing Subcommittee – Commissioners Sorkin, Tiffany Lopez, Quintana
Public Safety Subcommittee – Commissioners Adam Lopez, Moreno
Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – Commissioners Tiffany Lopez, Stallion, Moreno
Bylaws Subcommittee – Commissioners Stallion, Adam Lopez

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners may individually report on items of interest or concern outside of sub-committee reports. The CRC cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during these reports.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California, at 6:00 PM.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF OXNARD REAFFIRMING THE PUBLIC SAFETY
FUNCTION OF THE OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMIGRANTS TO THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard devotes resources to law enforcement for the purpose of ensuring the safety of all persons who reside in or visit our community;

WHEREAS, the federal government, through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security, has the power to enforce immigration law;

WHEREAS, the Oxnard Police Department (OPD) does not enforce federal immigration law;

WHEREAS, the OPD does not have the training or expertise to enforce federal immigration law;

WHEREAS, the OPD is committed to valuing the public's trust, practicing fair and impartial policing, and enhancing its community partnerships;

WHEREAS, the OPD recognizes that every contact with members of the community is an opportunity to invest in its community partnerships and public trust;

WHEREAS, communities that are hardest hit by crime often have vulnerable populations that are distrustful of the police;

WHEREAS, it is essential to public safety that every person who is a victim of or a witness to a crime is not afraid to report that crime or aid in the investigation of such, regardless of his or her immigration status; and

WHEREAS, any perception that the OPD is involved in the enforcement of immigration law would undermine police-community relationships and impair the ability of the police to keep the community safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD FINDS:

I. That more than one-third of our community is foreign-born persons, approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the City's population is of Latino heritage, and immigrants are vitally important to our families, schools, businesses, industry, agriculture, restaurants, health care, child care, elder care and more.

II. That a safe community needs an effective police department, and the OPD can only be as effective as the level of trust it has with the residents it is sworn to protect.

III. That a safe community requires citizen involvement and residents that are willing to cooperate with the police.

IV. That the OPD's involvement in immigration enforcement will harm community policing efforts because immigrant residents who are victims of or witnesses to crime are less likely to report crime or cooperate with law enforcement when any contact with law enforcement could result in deportation.

V. That communication and cooperation between the OPD and the Department of Homeland Security is appropriate and necessary in the furtherance of legitimate law enforcement purposes, such as in conducting criminal investigations. This includes but is not limited to investigations involving serious and violent crimes, trans-national gangs, organized crime, human trafficking, and other crimes that cross jurisdictions.

THUS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD DIRECTS THE OXNARD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- I. To comply with federal and state immigration laws.
- II. Not to inquire into the immigration or citizenship status of an individual, except where the inquiry relates to a legitimate law enforcement purpose or where required by federal or state law.
- III. Not to authorize or engage in any surveillance of a person or group based solely or primarily upon his or her actual or perceived national origin, religion, ethnicity, race, or immigration status
- IV. Not to interrogate, arrest, detain, or take other law enforcement action against an individual based solely upon that individual's perceived or actual race, national origin, religion, language, or immigration status.
- V. Except as necessary for public safety as determined by the Police Chief or designee, as required by state or federal law, or for a legitimate and legal law enforcement purpose, not to undertake any law enforcement action intended for the purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented persons.
- VI. Not to enter into any agreement with ICE related to Section 287(g) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for the purpose of permitting the OPD officers to perform immigration enforcement functions.

FURTHERMORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD URGES:

- I. Both the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to work towards comprehensive immigration reform, which is desperately needed by the City of Oxnard and its families and businesses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Tim Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney