

## Human Rights Commission

July 17, 2008

DRAFT Minutes

### Commissioners Present

Robert Sippel  
Robert Bailey  
Raji Bains  
Karen Elaine Davis  
David Parker  
Qi Deng  
Edward Walker

### Commissioners Absent

Vanessa Thanh Dao Burbach (Excused)  
Raj Bhanot (Excused)  
Dr. Calvin Gill (Excused)  
Tahir Anwar (Excused)  
John Marienthal (Excused)

### Council Liaison

Kathy Duong – Present  
Edesa Bitbadal - Present

### Staff

Margarita Mendoza – Present

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

#### 2. Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval

The Chair requested that item 6b be heard before 6a. Commissioner Parker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to change the order of the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved with the changes (Yes: 7; No: 0).

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Parker clarified that the final vote on tem 6c was 8 to 2 in favor; Commissioners Parker and Bains voted 'No.' Commissioner Parker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bains to approve the minutes with corrections. The minutes were unanimously approved with corrections. (Yes: 7; No: 0).

#### 4. Oral Petitions

None.

#### 5. Standing Reports

**a) Council Liaison Report** – None.

**b) Human Relations Liaison Report** – None.

**c) San Jose Police Department Liaison Report** – None.

**d) Public Safety Oversight Committee** –

**e) Staff Report** – Let the record show that staff received 5 emails and two phone calls from the community regarding tonight's item titled "Resolution of 'Opposition to Limit on Marriage' Amendment.

#### 6. Discussion and Action Agenda Items

**6 a. Resolution of Opposition to Limit on Marriage Amendment.**

[Attachment 1](#)

[Attachment 2](#)

The Chair made brief opening comments explaining the process for tonight's meeting. Assistant City Attorney was invited to present to the Commission a brief presentation on the HRC's role, responsibilities and duties as

outlined in the Municipal Code, HRC Ordinance and Resolution. Mr. Moran also reviewed with the Commission Policies 0-4 and 0-36 and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Parker introduced 2 new draft resolutions for a total of 3 draft resolutions for the Commission's discussion and consideration (see attached).

Commissioner Parker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, for the HRC to discuss and consider Resolution – Draft 2, with changes outlined by Commissioner Parker. Mr. Moran also commented on the proposed resolution and made suggestions for the Commission.

Let the record show that there were 5 speakers on this item.

Let the record show that the revised resolution (attached) passed 5 votes to 2. (Yes: Bains, Walker, Bailey, Sippel, Parker; No: Davis, Deng).

#### **6 b. Discussion and Action – Municipal Identification Cards**

Commissioner Parker requested that this item be continued to the August meeting for discussion. No vote was taken. Also, let the record show that the Commission decided to return to hold regularly scheduled HRC meetings at City Hall and suspend future planned offsite meetings for the mean time.

7. **Standing Committee Reports:** None

8. **Commissioner Updates:** None.

9. **Community Events:** None

#### **10. Future Agenda Items**

August:

- HRC Website
- Internet Filtering (Invite Councilmember Constant)
- Municipal ID Cards

September

- New Sunshine Reform Requirements
- HRC Bylaw Training

#### **11. Adjournment**

Upon Commissioner Parker's motion, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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