

Wednesday, May 09, 2012

Hi Josh,

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the May 17, 2012 San Jose Human Rights Commission meeting so I'd like to inform you by email of my input from activities and observations since the last meeting.

Please feel free to summarize and share during the meeting as you feel appropriate. These are just my views and not set in stone.

Possible Commissioner tasks:

- Look at other Commission work plans.
- Look at MOU between Santa Clara County and Consulate General of Mexico
- Review weekly City Manager updates
- Regularly meet with City Council Members
- Use social media: Website? Facebook? Google?
- Reconnect with city agencies (Vanessa)
- Share SJHRC contact list with other HRCs (Ernest to check on confidentiality clause)
- Help Independent Police Auditor (IPA) recruit for the IPA Teen Leadership Council. Deadline is May 31.

Application:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ipa/IPA-TLC%20Application%20deadline%2005%2031%2012.doc>

Update from Regional HRC Meeting on 4/5/2012:

- Joshua, Wendy, Vanessa, Robin and myself represented SJHRC
- Good chance to share best practices with Commissioners from various county and city HRCs
- Add other local HRC meetings to SJHRC meeting calendar (Wendy)
- Perhaps San Jose can host a future regional HRC meeting
- Explore voting drivers/get out the vote initiatives

Update from 4/5/2012 Mountain View HRC meeting:

- Great enthusiasm and chemistry among Commissioners
- Agenda items included entities which get funding from the City of Mountain View such as the YWCA Abused Women's hotline
 - Is taking a more active part in City funding of HRC related institutions something SJHRC should consider?
- MVHRC sponsored a very successful "Civility Roundtable". Topic was "Undocumented Workers" and included well known people from all sides of the issue. Attendance was 150+ and discussion was reported as lively.
 - Fostering community involvement and discussion around HRC issues is another great idea that SJHRC could consider emulating.

There's a lot here to digest but my main desire is for the SJHRC to exit 2012 and enter 2013 stronger and more relevant to the citizens of San Jose.

Any and all comments encouraged and welcome!

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