



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION - Minutes

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

Date approved: June 7, 2022

ACTION MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 7:00 PM

Commissioners present: Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Lindsay, and Rai, Zapata

Commissioners absent: Beynon, Kenoly

Staff present: City Clerk Anne Hsu, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director Isabelle Leduc

The Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement was read as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 1, 2022

Motion to approve the draft minutes for the March 1, 2022 meeting as presented was made by Commissioner Grossman and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.

AYES: Commissioners Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Lindsay, Rai, and Zapata

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Beynon, Kenoly

Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Albany 2023-2031 Housing Element Presentation

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax – Commission will discuss recommendation for presentation at the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Council Study Session

Motion to recommend that City Council mandate programs that will be administrated through an equity lens, specifically to target lower-income areas/people, and to include cultural variety programs with serious and determined outreach to lower-income communities and language minorities was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Grossman.

AYES: Commissioners Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Lindsay, and Zapata

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None



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ABSENT: Beynon, Kenoly, Rai
Motion passed.

6-2. Subcommittee Reports

A. Racial Equity Subcommittee (Lindsay, Kenoly, Zapata)

- Recommendations on specific policies and practices based on Racial Equity Impact Plan
- Opportunities for reparations to racial groups
- Resolution to recognize and honor Lisjan Ohlone Tribe

B. Mental Health Subcommittee (Grossman, Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo)

- Recommendations regarding the availability and quality of effective mental health services

Motion to recommend that City Council hold a mental health listening session and/or workshop at the Community Center in April or May 2022 was made by Commissioner Garret-Pinguelo and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.

Substitute Motion to recommend that City Council hold a listening session/community forum on mental health when the City is ready to consider alternatives to the mental health services that the City provides was made by Chair Zapata and seconded by Commissioner Rai.

AYES: Commissioners Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Lindsay, Rai, and Zapata

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Beynon, Kenoly

Motion passed.

C. Housing Subcommittee (Kenoly, Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo)

- Creation of a housing forum
- Explore creation of a homeless task force

Motion to extend the meeting to 9:40 was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Grossman.

Substitute Motion to extend the meeting to 10:00 was made by Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo and seconded by Commissioner Rai.

AYES: Commissioners Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Rai

NOES: Lindsay, Zapata

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Beynon, Kenoly



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D. Aging/Disabled/Homebound Subcommittee (Grossman, Lindsay)

- Recommendations regarding actions based on prior SEJC Strategic Plan on Aging in Place

E. Youth Leadership Subcommittee (Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo)

- Explore creation of a youth task force

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommendation for an Equity Officer for the City of Albany, acknowledge social justice holidays/current issues every month,

8. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00 PM

9. ADJOURNMENT: 9:54 p.m.