



# SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting  
Albany, CA 94706

Date approved: July 7, 2022

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 7:00 PM**  
Commissioners present: Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, Dostie  
Commissioners absent: None  
Staff present: Laura Scaglione
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2021**  
Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo requested the minutes reflect his statement that a report from the homeless subcommittee was not included in the agenda.  
  
**Motion** to approve the draft minutes for the May 4, 2021 meeting as amended was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Zapata.  
AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Commissioners Garrett-Pinguelo and Grossman  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **PRESENTATION – None**
6. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
  - 6-1. **Review of Commission Workplan** – Commission will continue to select and prioritize work plan items.  
Commissioners shared their interests in previously proposed work plan items and prioritized the items discussed.  
  
**Motion** to include in the 2021-2023 Work Plan an item for housing affordability, specifically a housing forum, COVID-19 responses around rent relief, and review of new proposals for affordability, equity, and reparation opportunity for previously redlined groups was made by Commissioner Grossman and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.  
AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Grossman, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo



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Motion passed.

**Motion** to form a housing affordability subcommittee that will address a housing forum, COVID-19 responses around rent relief, and review of new proposals for affordability, equity, and reparation opportunity for previously redlined groups was made by Commissioner Grossman and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.

Motion withdrawn.

**Motion** to include creating a diversity report card and inclusivity survey, developing a positive relationship with the Lisjan Ohlone tribe, monitoring the Albany CARES program and making recommendations for same, reviewing mental health services and programs and making recommendations for same, and developing an aging/homebound in place strategic plan in the 2021-2023 Work Plan was made by Commissioner Grossman.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

The Commission determined the 2021-2023 Work Plan items are Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax recommendation, Housing Element review, recommendation for public outreach regarding tax exemption, Rent Review Program updates, Albany CARES and Project HOPE quarterly reports, a diversity report card and inclusivity survey, a positive relationship with the Lisjan Ohlone tribe, recommendations for the Albany CARES Program, mental health services and programs, an aging/homebound in place strategic plan, a Homeless Task Force including public showers, youth issues and civic engagement, equalizing the tax burden in existing and future measures, and an anti-racism subcommittee.

**6-2. Racial Equity Survey Subcommittee Report** – Subcommittee will present report to the Commission.

Commissioners discussed the subcommittee's proposals.

**Motion** to extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo and seconded by Commissioner Grossman.

AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Lindsay, and Dostie

NOES: Commissioners Kenoly and Zapata

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

**Motion** to recommend the City Council approve the proposed Racial Equity Survey or a similar survey and direct staff to work with the SEJC survey subcommittee to distribute it within 60 days and to obtain the requested data within 30 days was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Zapata.

AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie



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NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed.

### **6-3. Homelessness Subcommittee Report** – Subcommittee will present report to the Commission.

Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo shared information regarding unhoused people living in Albany.

**Motion** to recommend the City Council direct staff to implement a public shower program within 30 days or as soon as possible was made by Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo and seconded by Commissioner Kenoly.

AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Garrett-Pinguelo, Grossman, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed.

### **6-4. Mental Health Services Update** – Commission will discuss available information on the state of mental health services in Albany.

**Motion** to extend the meeting to 10:06 p.m. was made by Commissioner Zapata and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.

AYES: Commissioners Grossman, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie

NOES: Commissioners Beynon, Kenoly  
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed.

**Motion** to postpone Item 6-4 to the next meeting of the SEJC was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Kenoly.

AYES: Commissioners Beynon, Grossman, Kenoly, Lindsay, Zapata, and Dostie

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garrett-Pinguelo  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passed.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Prioritization of the 2021-2023 Work Plan items, mental health services update, completion of the aging in place report, quarterly updates from Albany CARES and Project HOPE, Golden Gate Fields, a public shower program, and the free laundry program



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8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 (due to Monday holiday), 7:00 PM, virtual meeting
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** 10:05 p.m.