

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MEETING AGENDA

**LOCATION: PALM SPRINGS CITY HALL – Large Conference Room
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way**

Monday,
March 10, 2014



3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Dee Dee Wilson Barton, Chair
David Brown
Jilka Chandrasena
Elena Chvany
Janel Hunt

Jack Newby, Vice Chair
Deborah Sutton-Weiss
Wes Rankins
Les Zendle

Student Representatives

Maddie Barton, Palm Springs High School
Sunny Rolfs, Raymond Cree Middle School

Staff Liaison:

Lee Bonno
Director of Neighborhood & Community Relations

City of Palm Springs Vision Statement: Palm Springs aspires to be a unique world-class desert community, where residents and visitors enjoy our high quality of life and a relaxing experience. We desire to balance our cultural and historical resources with responsible, sustainable economic growth and enhance our natural desert beauty. We are committed to providing responsive, friendly, and efficient customer service in an environment that fosters unity among all our citizens.

Pursuant to G.C. Section 54957.5 the designated office for inspection of public records in connection with the meeting is the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California.

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(Please **TURN-OFF** all cell phone ringers during this meeting - thank you!)

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. FLAG SALUTE:
3. MISSION STATEMENT: "The Mission of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission is to promote and protect the diversity of our community and to improve human relations through education and community awareness."

4. ROLL CALL:
5. POSTING OF THE AGENDA: This Agenda was available for public access at the City Hall exterior bulletin board (west side of Council Chamber), the City Clerk's office, and Planning Services counter on or before 6:00 p.m., March 6, 2014. A courtesy web site posting of the Agenda may be found at the City's web site www.palmsprings-ca.gov. Pursuant to the Government Code Section 54957.5, the designated office for inspection of public records in connection with the public meeting of the Human Rights Commission is the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, at 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Three (3) minutes per speaker
7. GUEST SPEAKERS:
 - Octavio Gonzales, District Policy Director from Congressman Raul Ruiz's office will speak about immigration and education
 - Jose Simo, a counselor at College of the Desert, will speak about the Dream Act.
8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEB. 10, 2014, MEETING
9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / AND OR VOTE:
 - 9.A Participation in the Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee's Picnic & Community Expo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014, in Ruth Hardy Park and review of handout materials
 - 9.B Update on mediation training
 - 9.C Ongoing calendar review, topics and discussion
 - April – Women's issues – Chair Wilson Barton
 - Senior issues/the stigma of ageism will be addressed at an offsite event and not during an HRC meeting – Vice Chair Newby
 - May – Human trafficking – Commissioner Sutton-Weiss
 - June – Homelessness/poverty – Commissioner Brown
 - July – Religious intolerance – Commissioner Zendle
 - 9.D Review of participation in the Black History Month Parade
10. STUDENT COMMENTS
11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
12. STAFF COMMENTS
13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE APRIL 14, 2014 HRC MEETING
14. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures:

1. Minutes from the Feb. 10, 2014 HRC meeting

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETINGS at 3:00 p.m. THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.