

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,
July 14, 2014



3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

**Dee Dee Wilson Barton, Chair
David Brown
Jilaska Chandrasena
Janel Hunt**

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

Student Representatives

**Maddie Barton, Palm Springs High School
Maribel Wright, 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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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 4 p.m., July 7, 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. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
8. GUEST SPEAKER: This month's topic is religious intolerance. Reymundo Nour, an Imam with the Islamic Society of the Coachella Valley will speak on the issue of Islamophobia in the Coachella Valley.
9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 9, 2014 MEETING
10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / AND OR VOTE:
 - 10.A. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair
 - 10.B. Commission's retreat, Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to noon, Room B, Police Training Center
 - 10.C. Cooling centers in Palm Springs
 - 10.D Ongoing calendar review, topics and discussion
 - Senior issues/the stigma of ageism – Commissioner Newby
 - August -- No meeting
 - September – Commission retreat Sept. 27
 - October – Update on City's diversity/cultural humility training; City's recruiting, hiring and promoting of women and other minority groups; City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
11. STUDENT COMMENTS
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
13. STAFF COMMENTS
14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SEPT. 27, 2014 HRC PLANNING RETREAT/MEETING
15. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures:

1. Minutes from the June 9, 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.