

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MEETING AGENDA

**LOCATION: PALM SPRINGS CITY HALL – City Council Chamber
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way**

Monday,
Jan. 12, 2015



3 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

**Dee Dee Wilson Barton, Chair
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**Maddie Barton, Palm Springs High School, Josh Rodriguez, alternate
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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: Palm Springs High School AFJROTC Cadets
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., Thursday, January 8, 2015. A courtesy website posting of the Agenda may be found at the City's website 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. PRESENTATION: Community Service Awards to be presented to:
 - Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Desert, a one-on-one mentoring program that matches an adult volunteer with a child who is missing a role model or parental figure in their lives.
 - Timothy Bradley, WBO welterweight champion who donates his time and resources to numerous charities throughout the Coachella Valley.
 - Tere Romero Britton, the volunteer director of Coachella Valley BookPALS (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools), which has given away nearly 15,000 books to children from low-income families in the Coachella Valley.
 - Carolyn Caldwell, CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center, is being honored for her championing of Get Tested Coachella Valley; the Unity Center in the Desert Highland Neighborhood and commitment to affordable, accessible, high-quality healthcare to everyone in the Coachella Valley.
 - Get Tested Coachella Valley, a region-wide public health campaign dedicated to dramatically reducing HIV by making voluntary HIV testing standard and routine medical practice and ensuring linkage to care.
 - Martha's Village and Kitchen, one of the largest providers of homeless services in the Coachella Valley and Riverside County.
 - Mika Moulton, founder of Christopher's Clubhouse in La Quinta after her 10-year-old son was kidnapped and murdered in 1995. Christopher's Clubhouse is dedicated to teaching children safety and self-defense, and in doing so, empowering them to avoid exploitation.
 - NestEgg Food Bank (flagship initiative of the Palm Springs LGBT Center), provides free groceries for up to 275 low-income Riverside County households each week.
 - Dio Ramirez, MD and Liz Ramirez, RN, who have donated more than 1,400 hours of professional clinical services at the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine free clinic in Indio over the past two years.
 - Daniel Reynolds, a volunteer at the Braille Institute, which provides education and technology assistance to its clients.

- Michael Weems, who collects needed items for the homeless, and with the help of many volunteers, distributes Care Bags to those living on the streets around Palm Springs.
 - Thomas Smith, president of the Palm Springs Rotary Club, who has more than 30 years of active community service focusing on literacy, youth with disabilities, HIV/AIDS education and prevention, and senior citizen assistance.
8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FEB. 9, 2015, HRC MEETING:
 9. ADJOURNMENT

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