

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MEETING AGENDA

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

Monday,
Feb. 8, 2016



3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Dee Dee Wilson Barton, Chair
Jack Newby, Vice Chair
Eduardo Carriazo
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Denise Chappell

Janel Hunt
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Student Representatives

Angelina Pinkney, Palm Springs High School
Kelli Martin, 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., February 4, 2016. 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. PRESENTATION: Community Service Awards to be presented to:
 - American Legion Post 519, a volunteer veterans service organization which provides community center services and also sponsors a local Boy Scout troop
 - Thomi Clinton for her educational and awareness activities throughout the community on issues specific to those who are transgender
 - Olive Crest for its 40 years of working with families and at-risk youth in the prevention of child abuse
 - Dimitri Halkidis, founder of Boo2bullying Inc, for his work in the community to educate students and faculty
 - Incight for its work in assisting people with disabilities in the areas of education and employment training and adaptive athletics.
 - Hank Plante, Emmy award winning journalist serving on the Editorial Board of the Desert Sun, for his support and reporting on human rights
 - Safe House of the Desert for providing emergency shelter, intervention and outreach to youth in crisis. It also educates the community on human trafficking and offers help to the victims of human trafficking
 - Mark Walthour for his work in Desert Highland/Gateway Estates and the Clinton Day of Action and Community Block Grant Program
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 IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM IN CITY HALL, 3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY.