



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission

## Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

### Subcommittee Members:

Subcommittee Chair Estela de los Rios  
Subcommittee Vice-Chair Eleanor Evans  
Commission Member Cinnamon Clark  
Commission Member Rodney Fowler  
Commission Member Sheriff Kelly Martinez  
Commission Member Christina Griffin-Jones  
Commission Member Dennis Hodges  
Commission Member George Khoury  
Commission Member Gina Roberts  
Commission Member Angela Elliott Santos

1. Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call
  - Present Commissioners:  
Estela De Los Rios, Eleanor Evans, Cinnamon Clark, Edith Sanchez, Dennis Hodges, Angela Elliot-Santos
  - Excused Absence:  
George Khoury
  - Absent Commissioners:  
Rodney Fowler, Christina Griffin-Jones, Gina Roberts
3. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Subcommittee on any subject matter within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, but not an item on today's agenda.
  - None
4. Subcommittee Member Updates: Opportunity for Subcommittee Members to provide updates on ongoing Subcommittee items.
  - Chairs of Public Safety, Legislative, and Ellen Nash to meet and follow-up to talk about legislative updates. Chair De Los Rios will reach out and coordinate a meeting. More to come.

- Commissioner Evans: How to be more effective, reorganization of our subcommittees
  - Chair De Los Rios will bring this up to Ellen Nash and Angela Elliott-Santos to further discuss and bring to HRC meeting

#### 5. Discussion Item: Initial planning for Town Hall on Jail Deaths

- Chair De Los Rios: What do you think about having a Town Hall? Makes more sense so we can address this. We've always wanted to work directly with the Sheriffs department, this would be a great opportunity to do so, because there is a lot of miscommunications, this could be a perfect communication bridge between Sheriff departments and the Public.
- Commissioner Evans: Can we combine future Meet and Greets with a Public Safety listening session/town hall?
  - Chair De Los Rios: I am open to it.
  - Cindy Jones: DA Summer Stephan (and her community outreach) and Cindy will be working to create a Community Townhall, perhaps Public Safety can do a collaboration? To educate on Human Trafficking and perhaps Jail Deaths. Cindy will follow up with DA.
- Commissioner Cinnamon Clark: Concur that working with the DA office would be better than a stand-alone Public Safety listening session, because the DA office has the infrastructure to act upon things versus us collecting data and feedback.
- Commissioner Edith: Is there consensus on moving forward with this? Did we vote?
  - Chair De Los Rios: Yes, it has been a consensus for a year now, we just have not had the opportunity to address and how we would proceed.
- Tom Packard (Member of the Public): I like these ideas; I think Sheriff should also be in attendance to address issues/questions and follow through at future meetings.
- There was a consensus among the Commissioners present to partner with the DA

#### 6. Discussion Item: Items for future agendas?

- Year-End Review
  - Janie will/can compile
  - Edith Sanchez: Can a link be posted to the website with all videos taken from meetings?
  - Chair De Los Rios: I would like to provide a year-end review to the whole commission
- Resource Directory for Reporting Crimes
  - Edith Sanchez: Reaching out to Regional Anti-Hate Crime Coalition
- Commissioner Hodges: What are we doing about homelessness? My church currently takes toiletries and such items to downtown and distributes quarterly throughout the year. Will let know subcommittee know of future dates so they can volunteer.
  - Chair De Los Rios: We did discuss and talk about it under the guise of Mental Health, is how we were addressing it since there are several homeless outreach programs currently. We can discuss this on a future agenda.
  - Commissioner Evans: What about others who are not experiencing mental health issues? Like families or people that cannot find housing versus someone that chooses to be homeless. Is this really the committee to be dealing with that issue?
  - Commissioner Clark: When we look at future collaborations with other subcommittees perhaps this can be a joint effort. What can we do as a commission? Do we have the capability to even broach except from an education standpoint?
    - Janie Regier: The County is currently working on Public Safety Group (PSG) and

Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) to come together and talk about data sharing for what kind of barriers exist for justice system and public, the report is still underway, but as information comes out, maybe as things arise it can be presented to this committee.

- Edit Sanchez: Perhaps the commission just being of support in what is already being done? If people know of events occurring, we can share and volunteer etc.
- Tom Packard (Member of the Public): There are already several other entities tackling homelessness, is this something you want to take on too?
- Tom Packard (Member of the Public): Posting minutes and videos within 48 hours since it is listed in the Strategic Plan. Look at the action steps on Strategic Plan and see what you've done already and/or what still needs to be done and what the priorities are.
  - Cindy Jones: Currently working with Clerk of the Board on uploaded minutes
  - Tom Packard (Member of the Public): Having it on your own website would be more helpful

#### 7. Action Item: Meeting schedule for 2023

- Janie Regier: Starting in March all meetings will be held in person, including subcommittee meetings. State legislature is what is governing moving back to in-person meetings.
- Chair De Los Rios: I would like the time to be moved due to driving and traffic. Where would we meet?
  - Janie Regier: Wherever the subcommittee decides, we can table the vote so subcommittee has time to think about it
  - Cindy Jones: COC is an option, libraries
  - Commissioner Hodges: My church in Lemon Grove is an option
- Commissioner Evans: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday works for me, can we re-evaluate Brown-Act? Zoom is much more effective, lets remember parking for whatever location we decide on
- Edith Sanchez: I agree changing time will be preferred once in-person goes into effect, perhaps mornings. Can Janie resend a survey on what locations people live in so we can better plan on a location?
  - Janie Regier: Yes, will resend
- Commissioner Hodges: 9.30a or 10a would be ideal
- Commissioner Clark: I may have to rethink being on the commission since I work full-time during the day. A lot of organizations are struggling to fill seats in person, and our commission may suffer with meeting quorum too. Can you send us information when the BOS talks about this? That way we can object or voice our opinion.

#### 8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM