



Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: Meeting held remotely

PRESENT: Yadira Flores-Martinez (*1st District*), Gregory Peinado (*2nd District*), Cesar De Santos (*4th District*), Leo Gomez (*Chair, 5th District*), Rebecca Hernandez (*City of Santa Cruz*), Pablo Velasquez (*City of Santa Cruz*)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Fe Silva-Robles (*3rd District*), Sylvia Mendez (*Vice Chair, City of Watsonville*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Jenny Van Natta (*Spanish Language Interpreter*)

GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

2. Approve October 5, 2022 Minutes

Minutes amended to correct an error.

Motion to approve minutes as amended.

Motion/Second: De Santos/Peinado

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

4. New Business/Action Items

4.1. Consider Adopting the AB-361 Statement of Findings Allowing Remote Meetings

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 if allowed.

Motion/Second: Peinado/De Santos

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Commissioner Reports

5.1. District 1 Report (Flores-Martinez):

Flores-Martinez reported the grand opening of the community health center and Dientes in Live Oak. County Park Friends hopes to partner with new health center providers to establish a "Park Rx" program similar to the one they have with Salud Para La Gente in South County. Partner providers prescribe outdoor activities in nature to patients.

5.2. District 2 Report (Peinado): No Report

5.3. District 3 Report (Silva-Robles): No Report

5.4. District 4 Report (De Santos):

De Santos will meet with new District 4 County Supervisor, Felipe Hernandez.

5.5. District 5 Report (Gomez):

Gomez encouraged Commissioners to share information with their communities about the PG&E Backup Generator Transfer Meter Program that provides free transfer switches to qualifying residents. The switch allows residents to switch between grid power and their backup generators during outages. Applicants can email their requests for consideration to:

PG&Ebackuppowertransfermeterrequest@pge.com

5.6. Santa Cruz City Report (Hernandez):

Hernandez encouraged Commissioners to attend a December 18th celebration for families on the wharf. She plans to meet with new District 3 Supervisor, Justin Cummings.

5.7. Santa Cruz City Report (Velasquez): No Report

5.8. Watsonville City Report (Mendez):

Flores-Martinez reported that Measure R passed, enacting a one-half cent sales tax to provide \$5M in locally controlled funding for Watsonville's essential services.

6. Staff Report:

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is on the consent agenda for the December 13th Board of Supervisors meeting. County EEO Officer, Mitsuno Baurmeister is bringing the results of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Employee Survey to the County's Data Equity Workgroup this week.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*