



Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Wednesday, February 2, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, **THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING** WITH NO PHYSICAL LOCATION AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. **PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE WITHIN TEN MINUTES OF THE MEETING START TIME.**

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93442710226?pwd=N2ZtVVdVRldTQTd0Q1VSQ01iRzIBZz09>

or

Phone : +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: **934 4271 0226**

Passcode: **988226**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

2. Approve *December 1, 2021 Minutes*

3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on an issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

4. New Business/Action Items:

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

4.2. Consider 2022 Strategic Action Plan

5. Commissioner District/City Reports

5.1. District 1

5.2. District 2

5.3. District 3

5.4. District 4

5.5. District 5

5.6. Santa Cruz City

5.7. Watsonville City

6. Staff Report

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting Scheduled for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

TIME: 6:05 PM

LOCATION: Meeting held remotely

PRESENT: Fe Silva-Robles (3rd District), Leo Gomez (5th District), Diana Alfaro (City of Santa Cruz), Rebecca Hernandez (City of Santa Cruz), Rebecca Garcia (City of Watsonville), Sylvia Mendez (City of Watsonville)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Abbygale Gonzalez (2nd District), Christina Granados (4th District),

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

GUESTS: Sven Stafford (Principle Administrative Analyst) and no members of the public were present

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM.

Commission welcomed Commissioner Fe Silva-Robles representing District Three.

2. Approve August 4, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes

Motion/Second: Garcia/Gomez

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items

4.1. CARES Justice Advisory Group Update

Stafford updated the Commission on the CARES Justice Advisory Group including their decision to continue as an advisory body rather than forming a Commission. Instead, they will focus on project-based work within the County Public Health Division, supporting the County Health Equity Officer's efforts to address health care inequities in Santa Cruz County. Community guidelines for projects are being established which may increase opportunities for Commission engagement.

4.2. Consider Approving the 2020-2021 Biennial Report

Commission reviewed the 2020-2021 Biennial Report, amended to include December meeting attendance, revise language and modify the goals and recommendations.

Motion to Approve the 2020-2021 Biennial Report as amended

Motion/Second: Garcia/Hernandez

Motion passed unanimously.

4.3. 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

Motion/Second: Garcia/Mendez

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.4. Consider Advocating for Implementation of Grand Jury's broadband Recommendations
Commission considered advocating for implementation of the Grand Jury's broadband recommendations beyond the recommendation included in the Biennial Report.

Motion authorizing the Chairs to send an advocacy letter to the Board advocating for implementation of the Grand Jury's broadband recommendations.

Motion/Second: Garcia/Silva-Robles

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Ongoing Business:

5.1. Affordable Housing

Alfaro reported on recent unprecedented funding awards and tax credits (\$14M/year for 10 years) in the wake of the CZU Lightning Complex wildfires. Five affordable housing developments from Santa Cruz City to South County have been allocated the funds resulting in 300+ units of affordable housing starting construction in 2022.

6. Commissioner Reports

6.1. District 1 Report: No Report

6.2. District 2 Report: No Report

6.3. District 3 Report:

Silva-Robles reported that Senderos is recruiting for an Executive Director. Community continues to recover from the impact of the COVID-19.

6.4. District 4 Report (Granados): No Report

6.5. District 5 Report (Gomez):

Gomez reported that redistricting redrew the District 5 boundaries to include Scotts Valley.

6.6. Santa Cruz City Report (Hernandez):

Hernandez attended two events downtown welcoming UCSC students back. Staff will look into the possibility of creating Commissioner name tags to identify Commissioners at community events.

6.7. Santa Cruz City Report (Alfaro):

Alfaro reported that Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments gave a presentation on the process by which State leaders set the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA: home-building minimums required for each region to address the state's housing shortage) for an eight-year period. Santa Cruz City is establishing design standards to streamline the permitting process for affordable multi-housing developments. New Santa Cruz City Manager Matt Huffaker was formerly Watsonville's City Manager. Chair Alfaro announced her resignation (effective December 2, 2021), expressed her appreciation for the Commission's work and encouraged Commissioners to continue monitoring affordable housing.

6.8. Watsonville City Report (Garcia):

Garcia provided an update on ongoing redistricting efforts in five jurisdictions: Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Cabrillo College, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, County Supervisors and Watsonville City.

6.9. Watsonville City Report (Mendez):

Mendez reported no large school outbreaks and Watsonville City beginning to allow outdoor community events including the annual tree lighting.

7. Staff Report:

The EEO/CC Plan data is being updated with estimated publication in Q1 2022. No meeting room for 2022 has been established. Staff is working with County staff to establish fundraising parameters.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission held its initial videoconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 2nd day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Leo Gomez

Vice-Chair, Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel

Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission

2022 Strategic Action Plan

Objective #1:

Monitor and assess issues impacting the Santa Cruz County Latino community, and advocate to address barriers and inequities.

Ad Hoc Advocacy Subcommittee:

ACTION 1A:

Prioritize, research and make recommendations as needed to the Board of Supervisors on issues that impact the Latino community in Santa Cruz County.

ACTION 1B:

Receive and review communications from the community on matters of interest to the Latino community and make recommendations as needed.

ACTION 1C:

Monitor County cooperation with other agencies and community partners and make recommendations as needed to promote the interests of the Latino community.

ACTION 1D:

Monitor regional plans, programs, and funding and make recommendations as needed to promote the interests of the Latino community.

Objective #2:

Promote the Interests of the Santa Cruz County Latino Community through Outreach and the Provision of Resources.

Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittee:

ACTION 2A:

Provide resources and referrals to services that support the Latino community in Santa Cruz County.

ACTION 2B:

Invite community partner reports and presentations on matters of interest to the Santa Cruz County Latino community.

ACTION 2C:

Host, support or participate in community events and exhibits that promote the interests of the Santa Cruz County Latino community.

ACTION 2D:

Monitor local redistricting efforts and promote civic engagement, voter education, voter registration and voter participation in the Santa Cruz County Latino community.

Objective #3:

Monitor and Promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Santa Cruz County.

Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee:

ACTION 3A:

Monitor County implementation of embedded equity principles in County policy, programs and legislation and make recommendations as appropriate.

ACTION 3B:

Monitor *CARES Justice Advisory Group* activities and engage where appropriate

ACTION 3C:

Monitor *County Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan* implementation and outcomes.

ACTION 3D:

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Objective #4:

Promote Affordable Housing for the Santa Cruz County Latino Community.

Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Subcommittee:

ACTION 4A:

Monitor affordable housing efforts of local government agencies and make recommendations as needed.

ACTION 4B:

Share information about affordable housing and promote affordable housing events online, through social media and at events.
Participate in Affordable Housing Month events.

ACTION 4C:

Advocate for policy, programs and legislation that creates or maintains affordable housing stock in Santa Cruz County.

ACTION 4D:



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Latino Affairs Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: First (1st) Wednesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County (unless held remotely)****
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scclatinoaffairs.org as soon as information becomes available.

2022 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 2, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
April 6, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
June 1, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 3, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 5, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 7, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined