



City Hall  
555 Santa Clara Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

# AGENDA

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

### January 28, 2009

**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers**

**CHAIRPERSON**  
Mustafa Abdul-Ghaneer

**VICE CHAIR**  
Marie Nelson

**COMMISSION**  
Maria Bitagon  
Donald Chun  
Earnestine Lawson

This AGENDA contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The posting of the recommended actions does not indicate what action may be taken. If comments come to the Commission without prior notice and are not listed on the AGENDA, no specific answers or response should be expected at this meeting per State law.

Those wishing to address the Commission on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the AGENDA but which is within the jurisdiction of the Commission to resolve may come forward to the podium during the "COMMUNITY FORUM" portion of the AGENDA. Those wishing to speak on a "PUBLIC HEARING" matter will be called forward at the appropriate time during the public hearing consideration.

Copies of written documentation relating to each item of business on the AGENDA are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are available for public inspection. Information may be obtained by calling (707) 648-4527, TDD (707) 649-3562, or at our web site: <http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us>.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

**Notice:** *Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on Consent Calendar Items are requested to submit a completed speaker card to the Staff. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Requests for removal of Consent Items received from the public are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Commission. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard immediately after approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that I caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Human Relations Commission at the time and manner prescribed by law and posted in an area freely accessible to members of the public on January 21, 2009.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Notice:** All Consent Calendar items are approved under one motion unless requested to be removed by the Commission Chairperson or staff.

### A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2008

## 6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

**Notice:** Written communications received from the public and not added to the agenda by the Chair or a member of the Commission will be filed unless referred to the staff for a response. A written request to address the Commission on a subject not scheduled for discussion will be considered at the same time "Written Communications" is before the Commission.

## 7. STAFF REPORT (Interim Human Resources Director Debora Boutté)

## 8. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

## 9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT (Councilmember Barteel)

**Notice:** No action or discussion will take place with respect to the brief announcements and oral reports.

## 10. VCUSD SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT (Dr. Susan Craig)

## 11. COMMUNITY FORUM

**Notice:** Anyone wishing to address the Commission on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the agenda, and which is within the jurisdiction of the Commission to resolve, may step to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record. The Community Forum shall be limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and five (5) minutes for individuals representing a group.

## 12. POLICY ITEMS

None

## 13. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### A. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AN INTERIM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR 2009

Due to the City of Vallejo bankruptcy and staffing issues there was minimal support for completion of the Human Relations Commission Work Plan for 2008. Additionally,

the Council has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to meet and report back with recommendations regarding the future of City commissions. With that in mind, the Commission will review the 2008 Work Plan and select one or two items to work on, which were not completed in 2008 or decide on one or two other items to work on pending the Council's final determination regarding the future of City commissions.

Proposed action: Review the Human Relations Commission 2008 Work Plan. Discuss options for 2009 work and direct staff regarding an interim work plan for 2009.

**B. STATUS OF CLAIMS –CHAIR ABDUL-GHANE**

Commissioner Abdul-Ghane and/or staff will provide a written or verbal report regarding the status of claims.

Proposed Action: Receive the report and provide direction to follow-up on any recommended action from the Commission regarding claims.

**14. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

The Commission will discuss past and upcoming community activities and possible participation in community events related to human relations and positive interactions with the citizens of Vallejo.

Proposed Action: Provide staff with direction in signing up for upcoming events and what level of participation to provide.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**