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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting of July 5, 2011
Community and Senior Services (CSS)
3175 W. Sixth Street, Room 304 – Teamwork Room
Los Angeles, California 90020

PRESENT:	Susanne Cumming	William Lambert
	Kathay Feng	Eleanor Montaña
	Lea Ann King	Sergio Paz
ABSENT:	Donna Bojarsky	Grandmaster Tong Suk Chun
	Rev. Zedar E. Broadous	Michael Gi-Hao Cheung
	Vito Cannella	Adrian Dove
	Mario Ceballos	Sandra E. Thomas
STAFF:	Cynthia Banks	Grace Löwenberg
	Summer Brown	Robin S. Toma

1. **Call to Order/Flag Salute and Moment of Silence:** The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Paz at 12:14 p.m.
2. **Presentation:** USC Professor, Dr. Dowell Myers, gave an excellent presentation on “the New Demographics of LA County.” A copy of the Power Point presentation will be available to commissioners upon request.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Tabled to the September meeting due to lack of quorum.
4. **Public Comment:** Staff member, Juan Carlos introduced his two summer interns, Rujuta Gandhi of UCLA and Sara Wexler of UC Berkeley.
5. **President’s Report:** President Paz thanked the commissioners for allowing him to be their new President
 - 5.1 **Mission Statement of the HRC:** President Paz announced that the Mission Statement is now incorporated into the agenda.
 - 5.2 **Thoughts on the New Fiscal Year:** President Paz expressed his wishes to have more involvement with the staff and for commissioners to be more involved with the events

that the commission is hosting. Lastly, he stated that he would like the commissioners to fully support the programs and objectives of the commission.

6. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Toma presented the following report:

- 6.1 Calendar of Meetings of Commission and Committees:** Executive Director Toma reviewed the calendar of events and highlighted upcoming events of interest for the commissioners.
- 6.2 Strategic Plan Updates:** Executive Director Toma stated that they will be making changes to the Strategic Plan and will be presented at the September meeting for discussion. He also indicated that the update on strategic plan implementation will be sent out to commissioners.
- 6.3 Community Corrections Partnership:** Executive Director Toma reported that there has been realignment in responsibilities between state and local (county) governments. One of the major changes is that adults convicted of non-violent/non-sex offender/non-serious crimes will no longer be sent to state prison. Instead, they will remain in the counties they are prosecuted. In order to create a new plan and structure for each county, the Community Corrections Partnership was created. The Probation Department will be the lead in this collaboration and CSS is part of the Partnership with regards to employment and reentry through the Workforce/Employment and Human Relations branches.
- 6.4 Recent Adoptions of County budget and HRC Programs:** Executive Director Toma reported on a seven percent cut in NCC funds for FY 2011-12. As a result, HRC has lost one Senior HRC position that was needed for the Homeless Program. Executive Director Toma stated that he would like to continue the work of the Homeless Program even though there is insufficient staff to do so now. Currently HRC is seeking for CEO approval to fill two other vacancies within the Department.

7. For Discussion/Action:

- 7.1 John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards:** Commissioner Cumming gave a progress report regarding the planning of the October 11, 2011 Awards Event.
- 7.2 International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies:** It was moved by Commissioner Lambert and seconded by Commissioner Cumming to recommend the approval of use of JAF funds to be used for President Paz to travel to and attend the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference in August, 2011. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- 7.3 Committee Structure and Membership:** It was moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Cumming to recommend the continuation of the committee structure and membership from the previous FY 2010-12 as amended (amendment: Commissioner Cumming is no longer on RGVPI and Commissioner Dove wishes to be added to that committee).

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Ad Hoc Leadership Committee: No report given.

8.2 Youth Committee: No report given.

8.3 Racialized Gang Violence Prevention Committee: No report given.

8.4 Crisis Response Committee: Commissioner Feng provided a written report on the arrest of Azusa 13 Latino gang members and emphasized that this is an HRC-related issue as African Americans were brutalized as a form of initiation for gang members. Commissioner Feng stated that the 10th year anniversary of "9/11 Attack" is approaching and the commissioners should have an official stance to be prepared by community members. She also recommended to have some type of community forum like a KPCC panel as a platform to discuss developments since "9/11 Attack." Lastly she closed by stating that the commissioners and the staff should be developing solutions rather than reporting them as an effort to be more proactive.

8.5 John Anson Ford (JAF) Human Relations Award Committee: Previously covered early in the meeting under Discussion/Action Items.

9. Commissioner's Comments/Announcements: No comments given.

10. Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Cumming and seconded by Commissioner King, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne L. Cumming, Esq.
Vice-President/Secretary