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12 **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

13 **Thursday, July 10, 2008**

14 Council Conference Room

15 Palo Alto Civic Center

16 250 Hamilton Avenue

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21 **ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present:** Atito, Bacchetti, Khan, Mendoza, Mora, Savage **Council**

22 **Liaison:** Peter Drekmeier **Staff:** Kathy Espinoza-Howard, Amy Johnson  
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25 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

26 Mr. John Abraham, a Palo Alto resident commented on his analysis of the data presented at last month's  
27 HRC meeting. He commented that it had some new wrinkles which is good in some ways. He said that  
28 the report from last month's meeting needed some more work to be more understandable. He explained  
29 that he is trying to help the police department use more visual aids in their reports. He spoke about the  
30 data as it related to specific races.  
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33 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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35 Commissioner Mora made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected of the May 08, 2008 meeting.  
36 Seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. AYES: 5, Abstention: 1.  
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39 **AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:**  
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42 **BUSINESS**

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44 **1. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SENATE**  
45 **BILL 840.**  
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47 Ms. Carol Dalrymple a representative from Health Care for All California provided information to the  
48 commission since last month's meeting. She explained that City Staff Ms. Sharon Bosman, Manager of  
49 Budget responded to a letter that her organization wrote. Ms. Bosman verified that the figures are

50 correct. However, the State Legislative Analyst took a look at the tax structure to see if it is adequate to  
51 fund the bill in the year 2011 and the analyst found that it was not adequate. So Ms. Dalrymple said that  
52 she has to withdraw the figures that she presented at last month's meeting. She also said that this bill will  
53 most likely not be passed because of this new information. She asked that the HRC hold off moving  
54 forward on this bill until they have a new bill next year.

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56 Commissioner Mora asked about whether the HRC should support Bill HR 676 and asked about the  
57 similarities and differences. Ms. Dalrymple explained that there are efforts still moving forward at the  
58 federal level.

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60 Commissioner Bacchetti asked about where he could find additional information regarding justification  
61 of the cost increases.

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63 Ms. Dalrymple explained that 59% of physicians are in support of single payer insurance. She explained  
64 briefly that all fees would need to be negotiated.

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66 Ms. Dalrymple said that her organization Health Care For All California has a lot of information on its  
67 website, as well as PNHP.org to find more info on HR 676.

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69 Commissioner Mora said that the rest of what she wanted to say is now mute; however she spoke about  
70 the draft that she prepared. She discussed that maybe the HRC might still send it to City Council with  
71 modifications to support HR 676.

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73 There was a brief discussion about the its relevance to the City of Palo Alto and how to make this passed  
74 by City Council.

## 75 76 77 **2. DISCUSSION TO PLAN HRC RETREAT**

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79 The commissioners first discussed food for the retreat. Ms. Espinoza-Howard asked that everyone email  
80 her what they would like to eat, and she would go from there.

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82 Ms. Espinoza-Howard said that she hasn't received confirmation from last year's facilitator yet, and if  
83 she doesn't get confirmation in another week, then she will contact Commissioner Mora who will ask  
84 someone from Palo Alto Mediation Program to do it.

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86 The commissioners discussed what the agenda items would be: Roles and Responsibilities, past year  
87 challenges and successes, Next Year's priorities and HSRAP priorities because it is time to begin the  
88 next two year cycle.

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90 Commissioner Bacchetti asked that there be a discussion on how the HRC can be more proactive. It was  
91 agreed that it did not need a separate agenda item and would fit in with the existing agenda.

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93 He also suggested that the HRC might begin discussions with the new City Manager.

## 94 95 96 97 **3. DISCUSSION TO RECOMMEND AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 2.22.10** 98 **REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.**

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Commissioner Savage proposed her idea for asking the City Council to modify the administrative code to allow for one member of the HRC to be a non-resident but someone who works in Palo Alto to increase the pool of people who apply. She explained that only two people applied the last time.

Commissioner Mora said that she thought the problem was that it was not advertised well enough.

Many commissioners said that they would also like to see more people apply for openings, but did not support this as an option.

They all agreed that they would like to see more people apply.

**4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Commissioner Mora reported that she and Commissioner Bacchetti met regarding how to proceed with the collaboration between PAMP and PAGE to work on civic engagement.

Commissioner Bacchetti also commented on the meeting and spoke about the goal to make meetings better at building social capital.

**5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

**A. Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Mora reported that she attended the Policy and Services meeting to support the HRC recommendation for an amendment to the Mandatory Response Ordinance Program. She said that it passed Policy and Services unanimously.

**B. Council Buddy Reports:**

Commissioner Savage met with Vice Mayor Drekmeier and they discussed a broad variety of topics. It was a good meeting. Vice Mayor Drekmeier said he highly recommended it.

**C. Council Liaison Report:**

Vice Mayor Drekmeier reported on recent events of the City Council. He said that last Monday night the City Council voted in favor of a library bond measure to be on the ballot in November. According to a recent poll 65% of the residents were in support of it. He also reported that the BMR issue came up again to the City Council. Current BMR Owners want to make more profit when they sell. The City Council has concerns and wants to send the issue to Policy and Services for more research.

Commissioner Atito asked if Policy and Services might want to send it to HRC first. Kathy suggested maybe the HRC can work on it on their own and before Policy and Services discusses it again. Vice Mayor Drekmeier suggested that Adam speak to Mayor Kishimoto since she is the chair of the Policy and Services Committee. He also spoke about the Children’s Theater proposal about having the police auditor conduct a separate investigation. A motion was approved to create an AD HOC Committee to select specific questions to ask the Police Auditor.

**D. Staff Liaison Report:**

Ms. Espinoza-Howard passed out an outline of the HSRAP cycle and gave a brief explanation. She

148 asked if anyone wanted to visit any of the local non profits in preparation for the HRC determining the  
149 priority of needs and she could set up site visits instead of asking them to attend HRC meetings and  
150 giving presentations.

151 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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155 **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

156 Sept. World music Day

157 Sept. HRC award

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160 **ADJOURNMENT**

161 The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm