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11 **SPECIAL MEETING**  
12 **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
13 **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**  
14 Council Conference Room  
15 Palo Alto Civic Center  
16 250 Hamilton Avenue  
17 7:00 PM  
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21 **ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present:** Bacchetti, Bernardo, Ezran, Savage **Staff:** Greg Hermann,  
22 Linda Larson  
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24 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

25 Mr. Abraham spoke of his concern about the demographic data program being discontinued due to  
26 budgetary reasons. Mr. Abraham would like the HRC to recommend to City Council to continue  
27 collecting and reporting demographic data.  
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29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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31 **Commissioner Bacchetti made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected of the March 11,**  
32 **2010 meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Ezran, AYES: Unanimous.**  
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35 **AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:**  
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38 **BUSINESS**  
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40 **1. UPDATE ON WORLD MUSIC DAY**

41 Commissioner Ezran described and reviewed World Music Day which will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>,  
42 in downtown Palo Alto. This event has now joined forces with the Palo Alto Recreation  
43 Department. So far, 38 groups have signed up. Publicity is working well. He would like to have a  
44 team organized in order to spread out the duties of putting the World Music Day event together.  
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46 **2. UPDATE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROJECT**

47 Commissioner Bacchetti gave an update on the diversity and inclusion project and its objective:  
48 Raise the profile of community and promote inclusion. He said he would like to create a  
49 discussion arena in order to lay a better foundation for the long run. Discussion followed

50 concerning other areas that can be included in the project and how it could be presented to City  
51 Staff as well as Council Members. Greg Hermann spoke of how Project Safety Net could be a  
52 model to start a target of finding youth assets in our community where success could be  
53 expanded. Commissioner Bacchetti offered to look at the 41 developmental assets and propose  
54 ideas on how to promote the project to the City Council. Commissioner Ezran volunteered to  
55 participate in putting together a panel discussion along with Commissioner Savage. After  
56 discussing different ways to promote the program, Commissioner Bacchetti said he would like to  
57 see what tools are available before the next HRC meeting.

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59 **3. UPDATE ON CONSIDERATION OF ADDING STUDENT MEMBER TO HRC**

60 Commissioner Bacchetti spoke about the results after researching past minutes of the HRC  
61 concerning adding a student member to the HRC. He found that there are provisions already  
62 made for accepting a youth on the HRC and recommended the HRC provide a liaison to the  
63 Youth Commission meetings.

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65 Commissioner Savage noted that this idea could mesh with item number 2 on tonight's agenda.

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67 Mr. Herb Borock spoke to this agenda item. He read quotes from the roster reviewing the HRC's  
68 participation with the Palo Alto Youth Council which was created in 1979. He suggested  
69 restoring to the way things were and felt that it is a good idea to designate a Commissioner to  
70 attend the youth council meetings. He stated that the HRC needs to create a historic relationship  
71 with the Youth Council. Commissioner Ezran wanted to know if the Youth Councils provides  
72 minutes. Commissioner Savage would like to know more information about the Youth Council  
73 meetings. Commissioner Bacchetti will contact the Youth Council and talk to them about  
74 attending their meetings.

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76 **4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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79 **5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

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81 **A. Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Bacchetti updated the HRC on the Citizens advisory  
82 group meetings. Amongst other items the group discussed if the meetings should be open or  
83 closed to the public and ultimately decided that the CAG meetings would be closed to the public  
84 but an annual meeting may be created. He also provided a handout describing the Tipnow  
85 Program. He concluded by giving an update on the 2-person attended Mandatory Response  
86 Meeting, and the Camp Anytown for High School kids which bring kids together to confront  
87 diversity and inclusion.

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89 Commissioner Ezran attended the poverty simulation. He felt the simulation was extremely well  
90 run and gave details of the simulation.

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92 Commissioner Bernardo discussed a phone call she received about the City letting go of  
93 programs concerning the low income or disabled. She would like the HRC to encourage the City  
94 Council to maintain the crime analyst position. Commissioner Savage said that this could be an  
95 agenda item for the next meeting where a motion can be made at that time.

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97 Commissioner Savage spoke of a group getting more fencing along railroad tracks and a sign  
98 with the suicide hotline number. She also reported on attending 3 finance committees Meetings.

99 During one of the meetings it was decided that the HSRAP program will be reinstated and there  
100 will be no loss of funding.

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102 **B. Council Buddy Reports:**

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105 **C. Council Liaison Report:**

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108 **D. Staff Liaison Report:**

109 Greg Hermann reported that he is looking into the status of recruitment of the new HRC  
110 commissioners. He said that the Community meeting last Saturday went well. He said that if the  
111 budget cannot be adopted on June 28<sup>th</sup> then there will be more meetings on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He  
112 gave dates for the Finance Committee Meetings and told the HRC of neighborhood group  
113 meetings that can be visited by City Council and the City Manager.

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116 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

117 Change the date of next months meeting.

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120 **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

121 Items 2 and 3 will be revisited

122 Discussion regarding budget cuts to Public Safety in respect to collecting demographic data (first  
123 item on next months agenda).

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126 **ADJOURNMENT**

127 The meeting adjourned at: 8:23pm.