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3 **SPECIAL MEETING**

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5 **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

6 **Thursday, October 11, 2012**

7 Council Conference Room

8 Palo Alto Civic Center

9 250 Hamilton Avenue

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14 **Commissioners Present:** Ray Bacchetti, Theresa Chen, Claude Ezran, Diane Morin, Jill O’Nan, Daryl
15 Savage

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17 **Commissioner Absent:** Sunita Verma

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21 **Staff Present:** Minka van der Zwaag, Amy Johnson

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23 **I. ROLL CALL CONDUCTED BY:** Amy Johnson

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25 **II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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27 **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

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29 **IV. AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, and DELETIONS:** None

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31 **BUSINESS**

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33 **1. PRESENTATION ON PROJECT SAFETY NET BY CHRISTINA LLERENA, PROJECT**
34 **DIRECTOR**

35 Ms. van der Zwaag introduced Ms. Christina Llerena, Project Director for Project Safety Net (PSN) who
36 has been on board for 6 months and has made great strides in a short time, working with the coalition
37 members. Ms. Llerena briefly spoke about the history of the coalition that began as a response to a
38 cluster of suicides in Palo Alto. Her first task was to conduct an audit. She has met with 87 different
39 members of the coalition. . They are working on a communication plan and building relationships
40 between the coalition partners and others in the community. She’s been working very closely with three
41 subcommittees. She spoke about QPR (question, persuade, refer) training. She invited all the
42 commissioners to attend the next PSN meeting because they will be discussing the results of the
43 countywide analysis of suicide data from 2009-2011. She announced a upcoming Pancake Breakfast at

44 Palo Alto Fire Station 6. All proceeds will benefit PSN. The chefs at Facebook are preparing the food at
45 the event. Ms. Llerena also spends two days a week on campus at the District's two high schools. She
46 finds it very helpful to understand the culture at the school and hear from the students directly.

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48 Vice Chair O'Nan thanked Ms. Llerena for the presentation and reminded all the commissioners that
49 they committed at the retreat to participate in a future QPR training. Vice Chair O'Nan said that the
50 youth survey conducted previously showed a gap between middle school and high school youth and
51 asked Ms. Llerena how PSN was dealing with this. Ms. Llerena said PSN is working to create
52 awareness within the community of the results of the survey and its implications for community
53 responses, particularly regarding those among the 41 Developmental Assets where Palo Alto youth are
54 at risk. She spoke about a report by Lucile Packard Children's Hospital which showed the relationship
55 of past suicides in Palo Alto to national trends regarding who is more susceptible.

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57 Commissioner Chen asked for ways the HRC can help with PSN efforts. Ms. Llerena explained that
58 PSN is about "one teen at a time".

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60 Commissioner Savage asked about staffing the railroad track crossings at Alma and East Meadow, and
61 Alma and Charleston. Ms. Llerena said that PSN is covering the cost but the staffing has been reduced.
62 It is currently funded through June 2013.

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64 Vice Chair O'Nan commented that two victims were mentally ill or suffered from domestic violence.
65 Ms. Llerena said there is more work to do at large, but PSN understands it is important to have an
66 understanding of these epidemics. The family system is such a vital component to the lives of the youth.

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68 Commissioner Morin asked about the Developmental Assets. Ms. Llerena explained the history of the
69 assets and how it provides a framework for seeing youth and adults as partners. It does not require
70 special education or funding to understand or apply them to in daily lives.

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72 There was a brief discussion about creating a special QPR training for the commissioners. It was
73 decided that each commissioner would attend other trainings already planned.

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75 Chair Ezran asked about deliverables from PSN. Ms. Llerena said PSN is working on the following:

- 76 • Develop a plan for a Youth Impact Statement
- 77 • Youth Leadership Summit.
- 78 • Outreach to the business community to promote youth friendly business models
- 79 • Neighborhood Block Party Kit
- 80 • More QPR training with an emphasis on youth training youth

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82 Commissioner Bacchetti commented that it is hard to believe that Ms. Llerena has done so much in just
83 6 months. She has done a wonderful job and has brought order and energy to the project.

84 85 **2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED EXTENDED TERM FOR CHAIR AND** 86 **VICE-CHAIR**

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88 Chair Ezran explained that in an effort to have the election of chair and vice chair coincide with the
89 expiration of commissioner terms (in order to prevent vacancies of those in a leadership role if their term
90 expires before the next scheduled election) the suggestion was made by staff to extend the existing term
91 of chair and vice chair until March 2013.

93 Commissioner Savage made a motion to extent the terms of current Chair and Vice Chair until March
94 2013 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chen. Amendment to motion made by Commissioner
95 Bacchetti that the term for Chair and Vice Chair will run from April to March each year.

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97 ***Motion: The Human Relations Commission approved the extended terms of Commissioner Ezran as***
98 ***Chair and Commissioner O’Nan as Vice Chair until March 2013. The terms for Chair and Vice***
99 ***Chair of the HRC will run from April to March each year thereafter. PASSED 6:0 (Commissioner***
100 ***Verma absent).***

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103 **3. PRESENTATION ON THE FAMILY ODYSSEY PROJECT BY THE MIDPENINSULA** 104 **MEDIA CENTER**

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106 Mr. Elliot Margolies, Executive Director of Mid Peninsula Community Media Center (AMY, YOU
107 SHOULD CHECK THIS. I DON’T THINK ELLIOT IS THE ED.), explained that they started writing
108 grants in 1990 that would benefit the community. They have an internship program for high school and
109 college students. They are also involved with PSN. They have programs with the Day Workers Center
110 in Mountain View. He asked for support for the Silicon Valley Communication Association for a
111 program called Immigrant Integration. They received a grant for \$20K. The program is designed to
112 broaden the focus and celebrate people’s own immigration stories and will be including the entire
113 Silicon Valley. 36% of people in Silicon Valley are foreign born. People will be able to upload videos,
114 photos or text of their immigration stories. They are beginning to develop a website as well as other
115 activities. It will prompt the visitor to see other stories from people from similar origins. He asked for
116 HRC Co-sponsorship, for an HRC member to join the advisors group, and for the commissioners to post
117 a story and participate in the project.

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119 Commissioners asked questions about technical support and how the website would function for the
120 visitors as well as who else has been asked to co-sponsor the project.

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122 Public Comment:

123 Ms. Cody Lavy, a Stanford student asked about when the site will be available. December is the
124 anticipated date for visitor participation. She suggested that Mr. Margolies seek resources or partnership
125 with Stanford University. Mr. Margolies said he is still in the early planning stages, but that it was a
126 great idea.

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128 Commissioner Savage made a motion to co-sponsor the project. 2nd by Commissioner Morin.

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130 ***Motion: The Human Relations Commission agreed to be a co-sponsor of the Media Center’s***
131 ***Immigrant Integration Project. PASSED 6.0 (Commissioner Verma absent).***

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133 Commissioner Bacchetti said he had previously agreed to be on the advisory committee. Commissioner
134 Morin said she would also like to participate.

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136 Chair Ezran made a motion to nominate Commissioner Bacchetti as a member of the advisory
137 committee, seconded by Commissioner Morin.

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139 ***Motion: Commissioner Bacchetti will represent the Human Relations Commission on the advisory***
140 ***committee for the project. PASSED 6:0 (Commissioner Verma absent).***

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142 Commissioner Chen excused herself from the meeting at 8:05pm.

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145 **4. REVIEW OF THE HRC'S ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND FUTURE ACTION STEPS**

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147 The commissioners reviewed and briefly discussed the draft list of action items developed at the retreat.

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149 Chair Ezran excused himself from the meeting at 8:15pm. Vice Chair O’Nan led the remainder of the
150 meeting.

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152 Staff van der Zwaag reported that staff is working on the Human Services Resource Allocation Process
153 (HSRAP) application process and will have it available for review by the HRC’s HSRAP application
154 sub committee next week and will schedule a meeting with subcommittee to discuss any changes.

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156 Commissioners were asked to attend a QPR training within one year. It was suggested to staff that the
157 draft action items list also contain a timeline.

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159 **5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

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163 **B. Council Buddy Reports:**

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167 **C. Council Liaison Report:**

168 Staff van der Zwaag said that Councilmember Holman could not be here tonight, but provided at places
169 a copy of the resolution to ban the death penalty which was recently approved unanimously by city
170 council.

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172 **D. Staff Liaison Report:**

173 Staff van der Zwaag reported that the Citizen’s United resolution is scheduled for City Council on
174 October 22. She expects that it will be pulled from the consent calendar because there will be questions
175 from City Council and that the HRC will need to be present at the meeting to answer questions. She
176 also announced that the Office of Human Services is planning to move back to the Cubberley
177 Community Center as early as next week.

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179 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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183 **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

184 Presentation on merger between Inn Vision Shelter Network
185 Presentation on Police Department Crisis Intervention Team training
186 Introduction of new CSD Asst Director
187 Selection of HSRAP/CDBG Liaisons for next cycle.

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189 **ADJOURNMENT**

190 The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm