



City of Mountain View

Agenda

Human Relations Commission

Commissioners Batton, Romero, Stone, Sylvester, Vice Chair Sharma and Chair Solomon

Saturday, April 6, 2019

1:00 PM

Mountain View Senior Center

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting on non-agenda items.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Civility Roundtable Community Dialogue

Recommendation: Civil Discourse: A Training on How to Have Civil Conversations About Important Community Issues

Negative, destructive and confrontational approaches to communicating seem to be the norm today, creating division and inhibiting practical problem solving in our country. The Civil Discourse movement is aimed at reviving civility in our public discourse and addresses the need to change the tone of our current politics.

Facilitator:

Marieann Shovlin, League of Women Voters Cupertino/Sunnyvale

Judy Pogue, League of Women Voters Cupertino/Sunnyvale

Engage in a community training and conversation to:

- Learn about civil discourse techniques you can apply to many important community issues, in person, and even online.
- Learn techniques that enable productive conversations with people of differing points of view, and work collaboratively towards agreement.
- Practice civil discourse techniques, using the current community issue of affordable housing (including the issue of housing insecurity and homelessness).

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Human Relations Commission on Thursday, May 2, 2019, in City Hall, 500 Castro Street. Meeting date, time, and venue are subject to change. Please check online at www.mountainview.gov as an agenda will be posted the Friday prior to the HRC meeting.

AGENDAS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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- Questions and comments regarding the agenda may be directed to the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or city.mgr@mountainview.gov.
- Interested persons may review the agenda and staff reports at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, beginning the Friday evening before each meeting and at the City Manager's Office, 500 Castro Street, Third Floor; the Monday morning before each Commission meeting. Staff reports are available during each meeting.

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- The Board, Commission, or Committee may take action on any matter noticed herein in any manner deemed appropriate by the Board, Commission, or Committee. Their consideration of the matters noticed herein is not limited by the recommendations indicated herein.

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- Interested persons are entitled to speak on any item on the agenda and should make their interest known to the Chair.
- Anyone wishing to address the Board, Commission, or Committee on a nonagenda item may do so during the "Oral Communications" part of the agenda. Speakers are allowed to speak one time on any number of topics for up to three minutes.