

**City of Elk Grove
Diversity and Inclusion Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

COMMISSIONERS- Roll Call

Present:

Tina Lee-Vogt, Chair
Jessica Carter, Vice Chair
Jenny Rodriguez, Recorder
Brent Burfield
Jinky Dolar
Carlese Laurent
Teresa Plammoottil
Dr. Tristan Buzzini
Kevin Mantilla

Absent:

Bhavin Parikh

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
6:00 P.M.**

The City of Elk Grove Diversity and Inclusion Commission welcomes, appreciates, and encourages participation in the Meetings. The Diversity and Inclusion Commission requests that you limit your presentation to three (3) minutes per person so that all present will have time to participate.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL -Called at 6:06 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MTA Approve, Jessica Carter, 2nd, Jinky Dolar , All in Favor

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MTA Approve, Brent Burfield, 2nd, Tristan Buzzini, All in Favor
Abstain, Jessica Carter, Jenny Rodriguez

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may comment on matters that are not included on the

agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised under “Public Comment” until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. If a member of the public wants a response to a specific question, they are encouraged to contact any member of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission or City staff.

Public Comment:

- None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Sydney Robertson-

- Kudos for Cultural Connections
- EG Speaks received Above & Beyond award
- City in proposal process for DEI consultant
- Resource and Immigration page has been established on city website, thanks to D&I commission
 - If we have further resources continue to send to Sydney
- Monday, November 3rd, will be raised in front of city hall at 10am
- Elk Grove 25th anniversary contest photo reception Saturday, November 8th 10am-12pm at fine arts center
 - Finalists will be recognized at the event
- Commission annual update will take place November 12th council meeting-

Erin Montgomery-

- Hallopalooza- Trunk or Treat- District 56 w/explore Elk Grove Friday, Oct 24th 5-8pm

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tina Lee-Vogt- Recognized Kristyn for speaking on behalf of City of Elk Grove

Teressa- Recognized Tristan for advocating at EGUSD Board Meeting

Theresa mentioned on behalf of Bhavin- Data for latest Diwali event, over 900 boxes of Indian meals, 90 volunteers, raised over \$2,500 in fundraising that they were able to donate. D&I Commissioners in attendance: Tina, Jessica, Teressa, Jenny, Youth Commissioner in attendance.

Jenny- Dia de Los Miles- Sunday, October 26th 7am- Code: ALPFA15 for \$15/off registration

Jinky- My Sisters House- Saturday, October 25th

Tina- Friday, October 24th 6-9pm Run for Rhett- Sutters Fort- Code Boardbuddy \$15/off ticket, food tastings/live bands, wine (midtown restaurants), supports fitness goals for children

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 SUBJECT: Receive Presentation from Compassion Elk Grove Paul Merrill, Bill Myers, Greg McAvoy-Jensen, presenting-refer to document

*Compassion Award- Awarded to the first responders (Covid)

* Resolution to reaffirm commitment- January of 2026- of it being adopted

- Recommendations of organizations to get awarded
- Seeking Volunteers to meet 2nd Tuesday 6:30pm- Elk Grove Presbyterian church

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Commission to adopt resolution to reaffirm commitment-
- MTA Approve, Tina Lee-Vogt, 2nd, Teresa Plammoottil, All in Favor

7.2 SUBJECT: Review Annual Council Update Presentation

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Reviewed presentation and gave suggestion

7.3 SUBJECT: 2025 Proclamation Review

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Review: Native American Heritage Month (November)
 - MTA Approve with edits as directed, Brent Burfield, 2nd, Jinky Dolar, All in Favor
- Review: Sikh Awareness & Appreciation Month (November)
 - MTA Approve with edits as directed, Jessica Carter, 2nd, Brent Burfield, All in Favor

7.4 SUBJECT: Discuss Holiday Meeting Schedule

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- November-
 - Cultural Connections Meeting
 - Committee Assignments on Community Outreach
 - Multi-Cultural Connections
- Recess in December

MTA Approve to cancel December meeting, Jessica Carter, 2nd, Jinky Dolar, All in Favor

7.5 SUBJECT: Subcommittee Updates & Reassignment

7.5.1 Cultural Connections – Jenny, Jessica, Brent, Tina

7.5.1.1 Discuss Event & Collect Feedback

- Kudos
- Lighting was helpful to feel more intimate

- Marketing was tough since we could not share much
- Pick a date that works best for community
- Make plan to decide what days work best
- Food truck was good but tough to communicate with
 - Mentioned about the ease in ordering, notifications
- Tristan shared loved having the green room

7.5.2 Civic and Community Engagement – Teressa, Carlese, Jinky, Tina

- Carrie Whitlock will be reaching out for the Equality Index
 - Will be brought to larger commission later on

7.5.3 Diversity Month – Jinky, Bhavin

- Tabled discussion to next month

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

8 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn Meeting at 7:32pm

MTA Approve Jessica Carter 2nd Jinky Dolar, All in Favor