

**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  
Jinky Dolar  
Carlese Laurent  
Karlee Clark  
Bhavin Parikh  
Dr. Tristan Buzzini-

Absent:

Brent Burfield  
Teresa Plammoottil

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
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 6:02pm**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

\*Moving 7.1 to March

Motion to approve with amendment: Jessica Carter- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jinky Dolar, All in Favor

**3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

MTA Jessica Carter- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jinky Dolar, All in Favor

**4. Public Comment for Items not non the agenda**

- Monica Patel- Color Run 2/28 at 9:15am – at William Land Park \$40 p/person  
Holi is welcoming of spring season, run begins at 10am

## **5. General Admin Updates**

Sydney-

- Homeless Shelter- East Stockton facility- recommend to watch the 2/11 council meeting
- Al-Mitsbaah & City Food bank distribution on Wednesdays-10:15am Bartholomew Sports Park
- Tarviya- Interfaith Iftar- Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm- sign up link if interested in attending
- State of the City- 3/31 at 10am at District 56- Commission invited (open to community)
- Annual volunteer reception- 4/27 at 6pm- Save the Date

## **6. Commissioner Comments/Reports/Future Agenda Items**

Karlee-

- 2/21 Future Forward event at District 56 – College and Career Readiness Event
- 4/18 Family Funday- Time approx. 12-4pm at Old Town Plaza
  - Tina to offer Zumba session
  - D&I Commission Booth pending
  - Youth Commission meetings take place 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm

Jinky-

- 3/7 Sacramento County Woman & Girls festival at SHCC- 10am-2pm

Bhavin-

- Shout out to Jenny for installation as President with ALPFA Greater Sacramento
- Recommended to sponsor the Everbloom Foundation Autism Acceptance Month Event

Jenny-

- 3/14 Women of ALPFA Brunch- 10am- Old Sugar Mill

Tristan-

- Autism Acceptance Month Event- Everbloom- April 12<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm

Tina-

- Reminder about Commission applications close 2/18

## **7. Regular Agenda Action Items/Recommendations**

7.1 Subject: Strategizing Support for the Immigrant Community  
Committee Discussion/Action: **On hold for March Meeting**

7.2 Subject: 2026 Proclamation Planning

7.2.1 Women's History Month

MTA Bhavin P.- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tristan B., All in favor

7.2.2 Autism Acceptance Month

MTA Jessica C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jinky D., All in favor

7.2.3 Review 2026 Observances

Committee Discussion/Action:

- Lunar New Year
- 3/31- Transgender day of visibility
- June- Immigrant Heritage Month
- October- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- 10/10- World Mental Health Day
- 10/11- National Coming Out day
- 11/11- Veterans Day?

7.3 Subject: Stars of Service

Committee Discussion/Action:

- Tristan- Recommending- Indivisible Elk Grove- Community Organization
- Bhavin- Recommending- Anti Trash group but believe they have already gotten recognized in the past
- Tina-
  - ASSATT & Indivisible Elk Grove- for Stars of Service
    - Motion- Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup>- Tristan- All in Favor

7.4 Subject: Subcommittee Updates:

7.4.1 Cultural Connections-Jenny, Brent, Teresa, Jessica

- Mental Health Awareness Month Event around October World Mental Health Awareness Day- 2026 Theme "Mental Health in an unequal world"- 10/8 or 10/15
  - Music, Art, Food
  - Mental Healthcare system
  - 2 speakers
  - 2 performers

7.4.2 Civic and Community Engagement-Teresa, Carlese, Tristan, Brent

- Carlese shared that Teresa reached out to Compassion Elk Grove- no response yet
- Tristan mentioned Koranne Foundation inviting us for 2/28 10am-12pm event to share about commission

#### 7.4.3 Diversity Month- Jinky, Bhavin, Tina, Tristan

- Tina-
  - Medium Diversity Day Festival- September 12<sup>th</sup>
    - Global Feast Fest- Mobile Food Section
    - Dancing/Performance Component
  - Commission works on different events throughout the month

Bhavin shared idea of doing a festival of colors-

Jenny shared idea- lowrider community to tie in with Hispanic Heritage Month

Committee Discussion/Action:

#### 8. Adjournment at 7:23pm

Motion- Jessica C 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jinky D- All in Favor