

**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
Karlee Clark
Bhavin Parikh

Absent:

Dr. Tristan Buzzini-

**Tuesday, January 20, 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 -Called at 6:04pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MTA Approve, Teresa P. 2nd, Jessica C., All in Favor

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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:

Trina Lee- Elk Grove Resident for last 20 years-brought up concerns to council regarding immigrant community regarding ICE raids and incidents throughout the country. Requesting city to take public stance and prepare plan in case incidents would happen to take place here.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Sydney Robertson-

- MLK walk- Thank you for attending
- Vision in motion- concerns regarding foodbank and need to move forward on collaboration
- Future homeless shelter- 1/21/26 at 3pm, 6pm at District 56
- Community development block grants open for non-profits 2/20
- Event sponsorships grant- nonprofits- due 2/20
- Florin High School 2/13 @ Sheldon High- Vietnamese Culture Night- Performance Awakening of the Lotus put on by Vietnamese student association
- Creative space- Lunar New Year event 2/7 10am-3pm
- Cherry Blossom Festival- 3/21 10am-3pm

Vacancy for commission- TBD but soon, looking to fill at last council meeting in February 25th

Erin Montgomery-

- Citizens academy full for spring but will have new applications for fall later in the year
- Diversity Month Subcommittee will be overseen by Erin vs Jodie

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jinky-

- **2/14 & 2/15 Lunar New Year**
- **Chinese New Year- Luther Burbank 2/7**

Brent-

- **Seat at the table building quiet room**

Jessica-

- **Future agenda item- Strategy for Immigrant community, to know your rights**

Jenny-

- **ALPFA Meet the Board 2-2-26 6pm at Tacoa**

Tristan-

- **Project with Community Engagement**
- **MLK community breakfast- great turnout**
- **Elk Grove activism and mutual aid, requested to meet with commission**

Tina-

- **Elk Grove Chamber event- good turnout for business community**

Karlee-

- **Family Fun Day coming up... More to come**

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 SUBJECT: Decide on New Apparel for 2026

- Prefer v-neck for women (black sample)- buttons/unisex for men
- Material of blue
- Hunter green is popular

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

MTA Approve, Jessica, 2nd Tina, All in Favor

7.2 SUBJECT: 2026 Proclamation Planning

7.2.1 Black History Month

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Approved with edits:

2nd Whereas- “A Century of Black History Commemorations,” explores current conversations and reminds us that Black history continues to play a crucial role in advancing equality; and...

5th Whereas- “initiatives from holiday giveaways to support families...”

MTA Approve with edits, Jessica, 2nd, Bhavin, All in Favor

City Council to present 1-28-26

7.2.2 Women’s History Month- Teressa & Tina

Jenny mentioned “Rise” Monica in public audience is a part of the organization.

7.2.3 Autism Acceptance Month- Jenny & Bhavin

2025- was general verbiage, Jenny & Bhavin will work to find out if any groups/individuals to spotlight.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION: Request for February agenda item to review full year of proclamations to add others.

7.3 SUBJECT: Stars of Service Awards

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Nominations opened 1/20- 2/25 for volunteer awards

- Residents, neighborhood, etc.
- Social & Community Service
- Arts category
- Culture and Heritage category
- Sports and Rec category
- Service Organizations/Faith Based Groups
- Youth Volunteer (under 25)

7.4 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Updates

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Jodie agreed to go back to (1) day format- 9/12/2026
- Music, Food, Dance, Art
- Community Partners can do their own (city could sponsor)
- Commission could have a pop-up event
 - If non-profit interested in applying for grant, can express interest in working with the commission

7.5 SUBJECT: Subcommittee Updates

7.5.1 Cultural Connections – Jenny, Jessica, Brent, Teresa-

7.5.2 Civic and Community Engagement – Teresa, Carlese, Tristan, Brent

7.5.3 Diversity Month – Jinky, Bhavin, Tina, Tristan

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

8 ADJOURNMENT at 7:35pm

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