# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Chief Operating Officer

## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Monday, January 9, 2012

Blue Room 333 S. Beaudry Ave. Room 122 Los Angeles, CA 90017

> Meeting Agenda 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes December 2011

**Commission Members Items** 

Discussion Items

Village Nation

Update on LGBT Resolution

Chairperson's Report

Council Members Announcements

Public Comment (2-minutes)

Review Action Item

Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, January 9, 2012

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## LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Chief Operating Officer Office of Human Relations Diversity and Equity

#### **Commission on Human Relations**

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS **Tuesday, January 9, 2012** 

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PRESENT		ABSENT	
Alba, Dan	selected	Abelsson, Mark	selected
De la Rosa, Gary	selected	Cruz, Sheldon	LA City/Alt
Germaine Watts, Joy	ce selected	Figel, Cathy	UTLA
Hopwood, Michael	LaMotte (1)	Greene, David	Vladovic (7)
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent	Halpert-Schilt, Elena	Co HRC/Alt
LeMay, Beverly	selected	Horton, Jeff	Zimmer (4)
Salazar, Gerardo	AALA	Slamon, Obie	Galatzan
Semark, Doug	selected	Narcho, Charles	selected
Toma, Robin	LACoHRC		
Vega-Olds, Eva	selected/ADL	VACANT	
Wittig, Michele	Martinez (6)	LACOE	
		Kayser (5)	
STAFF		Garcia, (2)	
Chiasson, Judy		SIEU	

Meeting open at 6:10 pm, chaired by Beverly LeMay

Introductions of new commissioner appointed by AALA, Gerardo Salazar

Minutes from December 2011 approved without change.

### Discussion of Village Nation's December presentation

The commissioners had a lengthy and in-depth discussion about the specific strategies that contributed to Village Nation's success in reducing the academic gap for African Americans and how such strategies could be applied to in all schools.

Among the many suggestions and ideas proposed was to invite teams from schools for a full day training on effective strategies for working with African American students.

The commissioners also reflected on the broader problems of the prevalence of assaults, thefts, abductions, shootings, sexual abuse, sexual battery, gang shootings, etc., in the community.

The commission requested presentations from critical stakeholders:

Earl Perkins and/or Jaime Aquino on the OCR ruling on disproportionality of African American students in suspension data;

LA Sheriff department to discuss crime and violence in the community;

Nancy Franklin on School Wide Positive Behavior Support – desirable behavior is defined, modeled and recognized.

Public Counsel who conducted the OCR investigation.

Action item: presentations on the consent decree by the Public Counsel or a district representative.

Motion to create Ad Hoc group to assure implementation of those parts of the consent decree related to the commission's discussion on disproportionality of suspension rates for African American students. Joyce Germaine Watts, Michele Wittig, Eva Vega Olds

#### **Announcements:**

Last weekend of January free admission to museums MLK celebrations are happening around the city. Empowerment conference at USC, with Al Sharpton Next Tuesday NO Haters kick off at Washington Prep

Next awards ceremony, Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Museum of Tolerance

Website Judy & Mark will work together on the website.

#### **Action Items**

JC call LaMotte's secretary to find out where she transferred the money Cathy requested an update from the superintendent on the LGBTQ Board Resolution JC send out adopted LGBT Resolution to all

#### Consent Decree on disproportionality

Presentation on the consent decree is critical. The chair or cochair will formally contact Monica Garcia, requesting a presentation. Desired presenters: Earl Perkins, Nancy Franklin, Rene Gonzalez. and/or Jaime Aquino.

Separately invite Public Counsel.

# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Chief Operating Officer

### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Monday, February 6, 2012

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> Meeting Agenda 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes January 2012

**Commission Members Items** 

- Presentation by Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendant School Operations on District response to disporportionality in African American suspension data (to be rescheduled)
- Presentation by Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline, on District suspension data and protocol (to be rescheduled)
- Presentation by W.I.N. Safe Schools/Healthy Students project, by Joel Cisneros, Acting Project Director of LAUSD Local District 8, and Gustavo Guerra Vasquez, Lead staff for LA County HRC on the project (to be rescheduled to March.

#### **Discussion Items**

- Update on LGBT Resolution
- Rodney King Anniversary

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