

Alameda County Human Relations Commission-HRC

HRC Annual Presentation:
Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Social Services Committee
May 24, 2021



HRC MISSION:

To preserve human rights and work to foster mutual respect for all people who live or work in Alameda County.

HRC Purpose:

The Human Relations Commission's purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors on community issues including, but not limited to, education, employment, and public safety. The commission is charged to conduct studies on current intergroup conditions, provide recommendations for volatile situations, and propose long term solutions to promote acceptance of diversity.

Policy Priorities:

- Engage in listening sessions with each member of the Board of Supervisors to understand and incorporate their policy platforms into commission initiatives, when possible.
- Engage in legislative and policy discussions within the County.
- Serve as an advocate on social justice and human rights issues.

2021-Accomplishments:

- Planned and prioritized goals for coming year in two-day virtual retreat in April 2021.
- Met with Board President, Keith Carson during retreat to identify opportunities for the HRC to contribute to the County's Vision 2026 process.
- Sponsored virtual Tri-City Interfaith Council 'Day of Harmony' Event (February 6, 2021).

Accomplishments-continued:

- Collaborated with Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless to provide COVID-19 vaccines and other services at a Walk-up Community Care Site at Raimondi Park, Oakland (May 17, 2021).
- Presented first virtual Excellence in Human Relations Award (March 18, 2021).

Fifth Annual Excellence In Human Relations Awards Ceremony (Premiere: March 18, 2021)

Watch the Presentation: <https://bit.ly/2021ACHRC Awards>

Congratulations to the Awardees

Meet a Muslim
Moina Shaiq

La Familia
Aaron Ortiz

1951 Coffee Company
Doug Hewitt

Building Futures
Liz Varela

East Oakland Collective
Candice Elder

Daily Bowl
Paddy Iyer



HRC – Current & Future Goals:

Identified during 2-day April 2021 Retreat

- Identify and support efforts to achieve affordable housing while concurrently addressing housing insecurity and homelessness throughout the County.
- Identify and support efforts to improve health and safety by addressing social and economic disparities that impact both.
- Increase community knowledge and footprint of the HRC throughout the County.

HRC – Current & Future Goals:

Identified during 2-day April 2021 Retreat-continued

- Continue to work with advocacy organizations and community groups to address the social and economic disparities that impact communities of color.
- Identify and support issues related to unincorporated areas of the County and its citizens.
- Continue the annual Excellence in Human Relations Awards program to draw attention to efforts to address social issues in the County.
- Continue and expand homelessness feeding program.

HRC – Committees:

Housing & Homelessness

Works with local communities to address affordable housing, housing insecurity, and homelessness.

Health & Safety

Focuses on issues of health and safety policy, marginalization of communities of color, incarceration, local government response, and community support

Policy/Advocacy & Equity

Focuses on increasing visibility and implementation of the Anti-Racism in Public Health Act of 2021. Conducts listening sessions and works to identify areas of greatest disparity.

Community Engagement

Increases profile and understanding of the HRC. One example: coordinating the Annual Excellence in Human Relations Awards event.

QUESTIONS

Thank you!

