

## LEGAL ACTION SUMMARY

**Human Relations Commission**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

**Virtual**

Microsoft Teams meeting

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### **Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Human Relations Commission and the general public that the Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00pm for the purpose of discussing matters on its agenda.

This meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Click here to join the meeting](#) or by dialing the conference number and entering the ID listed above. Public comments may be submitted to Jonae Harrison by email or phone no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2021.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Public Appearances**

The Human Relations Commission welcomes public comment at this time. There is a five-minute time limit per person. \*\* Please note we encourage the community to attend, participate and contact us. If we can assist or partner with you on an issue, we ask you to place the topic on the agenda for the next meeting. In this way, the Commission will serve notice to the community of our discussion, consideration, and possible action on the topic. Please feel free to speak with any Commissioner or Commission staff member so we may assist you.

### **4. 2021 Chair/Vice Chair Officer Elections**

**Commissioner Rojas nominated Commissioner Tapia for Vice Chair; Second by Commissioner Donati-Grayman. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Ayes: Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Michelle Donati-Grayman, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, Hugo Tapia, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz. Commissioner Powers nominated Commissioner Vawter for Chair; Second by Commissioner Rojas. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Ayes: Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Michelle Donati-Grayman, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, Hugo Tapia, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz.**

### **2. Consideration of Minutes: HRC – December 8, 2020**

**Motion made by Vice Chair Tapia to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020; Second by Commissioner Donati-Grayman. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Michelle Donati-Grayman, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, Joe Rojas, and Peggie Simmons. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz.**

### **3. Introduction of New Commissioners – Melissa Farling, Peggie Simmons DISCUSSION**

5. **Dolores Huerta 2021 Award and Social Justice and Advocacy Day**  
Motion made by Vice Chair Tapia to approve the following application verbiage, two essay questions, and the criteria for ranking the applicants. Application verbiage: Name/Contact Info, School/Graduation Year, Reference Letter #1 (Character), Reference Letter #2 (How relate work to Dolores Huerta), B Average – desired, and Direct applicants to Dolores Huerta Foundation link ([www.doloreshuerta.org](http://www.doloreshuerta.org)). Two essay questions: #1 - Describe how your projects or activities are in alignment with the Dolores Huerta Foundation in a. Community Organizing, b. Leadership Development, c. Civic Engagement or Policy Advocacy (500 words). #2 - Describe why you are passionate about your social justice work and how you hope to continue this work in the future. (500 words). Criteria for ranking the applicants: Connectivity between student work and DH Foundation – 30 points available, Passion about and desire to sustain their social justice work – 30 points available, Reference letter #1 – 15 points available, Reference letter #2 – 15 points available, Grade – 10 points available. Total points available - 100; Second by Commissioner Ortega. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Michelle Donati-Grayman, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, Joe Rojas, and Peggie Simmons. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz.
  
6. **BLM Presentation of Updated Proposal**  
**DISCUSSION**
  
7. **Proposed Future Agenda Items** – Opportunity for Commission members to raise potential future agenda items. No discussion or legal action will be taken on items requested for future agendas.  
**DISCUSSION**
  
8. **Upcoming Meeting – Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
**DISCUSSION**