

Kern County Human Relations Commission
Kern County Administrative Complex – Third Floor Multi-Purpose Room
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 PM
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Present: Amy Angeli (Ang), Brady Bernhart (Ber), Michael Caves (Cav), Louis Medina (Med), Jewelle

Scales (Sca), Joseph Snyder (Sny), David Vivas (Viv), Marcus Mitchell

Others Present: Michael Goulart, Mona Sidhu

Agenda Items: Called to Order at 5:30 Pm

1. Flag Salute

2. Public Presentations:

Mona Sidhu: Interested in social justice and hate crimes issues in Kern County. Concerned that there does not seem to be an infrastructure for prosecuting hate crimes in Kern County.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Tuesday November 1, 2016. **MOTION to approve with corrections:** CAV **2nd:** SNY **Vote:**

Aye - (Ber, Cav, Sca, Med, Viv) Abstain –Mit

4. New Business:

A) Report from Commissioner Medina regarding his participation in a panel discussion with the Kegley Institute of Ethics at California State University Bakersfield.

Med: Participated in discussion panel on December 5, 2016, hosted by Kegley Institute of Ethics at Cal State Bakersfield. Four panelist including Commission Medina. Event was well attended, approx. 100 people. Theme of discussion was recent presidential election “how did we get here?” Panelists discussed different aspects of the election. **40:00**

(Sca) Discussed role of social media in development of new structure.

(Cav) Stated that HRC can continue to create ad-hoc committees.

(Sca) Would like to explore creating small groups.

5. **Old Business:**

a) **Planning Matrix.**

(Sca) Will bring reports to December meeting.

6. **Committee Reports:**

Community & Media Outreach –

(Med) Discussed Kern County Veteran’s Stand Down and ride along with Bakersfield Police Department, and article that he wrote for Bakersfield Californian – Faith in the Valley.

Law Enforcement –

(Sca) Discussed law enforcement simulation and having speakers for January meeting to discuss bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement.

7. **Staff Report: None**

8. **Commission Member Presentations or Announcements: None**

9. **Adjournment: Motion: Sca 2nd: Sny Vote: all ayes 6:29 p.m.**