

Public Comment #9
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From: Katie Rutherford <katie.rutherford@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:40 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Human Rights Commission

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you fully support the Human Rights Commission. It is vital for our community to have a robust Human Rights Commission and that you make a commitment to the preservation of human rights in our community. Please vote to sustain the commission and provide the commission with adequate funding and support so it can be effective.

Thank you
Katie Rutherford, MD
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Janet Rossi <jrossij@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:41 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Human Rights Commission

Dear Supervisors,

I just learned of the proposed disbanding of the Human Rights Commission for this county and I am dismayed and apprehensive about this action. Our county is already known for its bias against and less than welcoming attitude, towards people of color and minorities and this would seem to support that perspective. That is exactly why there should be a Human Rights Commission.

It is of no great cost to the county and does not consume tax payer dollars. Even if it is at present, functioning less than efficiently (which I heard is the reason for disbanding), it still serves a purpose and has the potential for improving. Despite multiple political issues around other commissions, they were not disbanded.

What was the issue that sparked this decision? Was it the lawsuit involving an El Dorado High School minority student that was harassed? Was it the intent to try to keep this a primarily white community? That is the message you are sending by disbanding.

Please reconsider this action and move it to an agenda item, so your constituents can speak on the matter. Your duty is serve this community and not operate on your own biases.

Respectfully,

Janet Rossi
Placerville

From: Linda Shoemake <shoemakegastaldi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:19 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Please Keep the Human Rights Commission

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Dear Clerk of the Board/County Supervisors,

In order to protect the Human Rights of all of us please do not disband the Human Rights Commission.
Our Democracy depends upon respect and fair treatment for all.

Thank you,
Linda Shoemake

From: Mary Smith <marylsmi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:53 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Disband the HRC?

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I will plan to attend the meeting. I am quite surprised and do not understand the quick decision to remove the HRC without further review. I respectfully request and expect you have this decision open to your community for discussion. It only seems right to fully examine the needs of the community you serve in this important decision.
Mary Smith

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Sandra Gonzalez <slgon146@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:13 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Consent Calendar Item 23-0283/Human Rights Commission
Attachments: HRC.docx

Good afternoon!

Please distribute the attached letter to all El Dorado County Board of Supervisors prior to meeting on March 21, 2023.

Thank you.

Sandra Gonzalez, Resident
El Dorado Hills

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March 20, 2023

RE: Consent Calendar Item 23-0283

KEEP THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION!

To the Honorable El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

Here I am again with another letter, for the record, asking you, pleading with you, to reconsider eliminating the Human Rights Commission.

At your last meeting Supervisor Hidahl requested extending the conversation to allow time to meet with the Commission, to initiate discussion perhaps to restructure or reformat the Commission, to make sure it met the expectations of the Board.

But his request was denied.

Why? What harm is there in discussing options with the Commission members?

What are you afraid of? The truth? This county has a huge negative discrimination problem.

Everyone knows it. Unfortunately, too many have experienced it and been hurt by it.

You are not fooling anyone by comments such as: it's the Board's "responsibility... to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and goodwill..."

If that were true you would be actively supporting the continuation of the Human Rights Commission and making its success and awareness in the community one of your highest priorities.

Instead, you are hiding this item under the Consent Calendar to prevent the public from seeing your individual votes and having them put on record.

How cowardly! It follows your despicable cowardice in failing to recognize the vast needs of the marginalized people in all our communities to feel safe, seen, and understood by the County.

Give the Human Rights Commission an opportunity to defend their work.

Start a sincere and productive conversation to improve this Commission, not eliminate it.

Respectfully,

Sandra Gonzalez, resident
El Dorado Hills
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