

EL DORADO COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

PURPOSE

To promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135.

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote human rights for all people in El Dorado County and appreciate our community's diversity by means of education, advocacy and action.

SUSAN SIMPKIN - District 4 (2018)

Lori Parlin

- Board member El Dorado County Round Table on Human Rights;
- Cadre Trainer – Breaking the Silence (advocating for LGBT students), California Teachers Association;
- Teacher and school counselor at Mother Lode School District from 1987 to 2014 where she implemented original anti-bullying curriculum and was the district-wide Safe Schools Coordinator;
- Psychotherapist in private practice specializing in youth, bullying, school challenges and LGBTQ issues;
- Committee member of the team that produces the yearly Placerville MLK event;
- Current Commission Chair.

LARA GULARTE - District 3 (2018)

Wendy Thomas

- Believes that Human Rights means advocating for everyone's rights and freedoms;
- Agrees with Eleanor Roosevelt's statement, "Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.";
- Worked as a Deputy Public Guardian, a Probate Court Investigator, and as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Mental Health Criminal Justice Unit in Santa Clara County;
- Works as a poetry and creative writing instructor for Arts in Corrections at Mule Creek Prison;
- Current Poet Laureate of El Dorado County 2021 through 2023.

ROBIN VALICENTI she/her/hers - District 1 (2021)

John Hidahl – sits on commission

- Licensed professional counselor, board certified art therapist, Climate Reality Project leader, practicing artist, and a published author;
- Identifies as a white, cis-gendered woman of European heritage and is a committed practitioner of anti-racism;
- Has taught and lectured for academic institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, University of Evansville and Mount Mary College;
- Served as a member of the boards of the California Association of Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors and the Northern California Art Therapy Association;
- Supports and leads community outreach projects in the Northern California region and in El Dorado County;
- Current Commission Secretary.

CARLA CARR - District 2 (2021)

George Turnboo

- Woman entrepreneur for over 30 years;
- Member of non-profit organizations engaged in homelessness, domestic abuse and human trafficking;
- Community leader in anti-graffiti efforts, art teacher to troubled kids, beautification of the community, work with women and children in prisons and shelters;
- Member of Human Rights Commission for city of the San Jose.

BILL MARTINEZ - District 5 (2018)

Sue Novasel (sits on commission)

- Executive Director of the Family Resource Center in South Lake Tahoe which advocates for individuals who need assistance on many fronts;
- Grew up in a family that came to California during the Great Depression to find a better life;
- Mother's family, for a period of time, were farm workers picking fruit and vegetables to sustain themselves;
- Interests include how humans are inter-related;
- As a part of the Human Rights Commission Bill hopes to educate and advocate for our underserved communities in El Dorado County;
- Current Commission Vice-Chair.

ONGOING

- Public presence
- EDC anti-bias training
- EDC Human Rights Day Proclamation

HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATIONS

Recognized

- Asian American / Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Black History Month
- Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Women's History Month
- Juneteenth
- National Immigration Heritage Month
- Pride Month
- National Hispanic Heritage Month

PUBLIC PRESENCE

- Democratic Women of El Dorado County – Lara Gularte
- El Dorado County Human Rights Day – Susan Simpkin
- SLT Multicultural Celebration – Bill Martinez
- MLK Commemoration – Susan Simpkin

RACIAL INCIDENTS AT OAK RIDGE HS

Guests:

Ed Manansala, County Superintendent of Schools

Aaron Palm – Oak Ridge principal

Chris Moore – Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services

- Discussion included details of the incident, the response of the school system and sanctions from the CA Interscholastic Federation
- Plans for the future to guard against such incidents
 - Public and staff input and participation
- Follow up conversation with Chris Moore about the development of a HS ethnic studies curriculum to begin in 2024 and a possible collaboration for the HRC 2023 speaker series.

EDUCATION

- Cal Matters news – Data on California Hate Crimes – John Hidahl
- The difference between human rights and civil rights – Mark Merin, Civil Rights Attorney
- DC Holocaust and African American Museums – Susan Simpkin
- “A Day in the Life of a Homeless Person” Forum – Carla Carr, Sue Novasel and Lara Gularte

PUBLIC HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOMELESS PERSON

EDC Office of Education– June 13, 2022

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this forum is to become informed about the lives of the homeless in our county.

PANELISTS

- Homeless Organization Team – Captain Salkenstein
- Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless – Cheyenne Purrington
- Continuum of Care – Margaret Lewis
- Housing El Dorado – Maureen Dion-Perry
- Upper Room Dining Hall – Ron Marlette

RESOURCES

- Mental Health Commission Behavioral Health – Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken
- Commission on Aging – Lisbeth Powell
- Green Valley Church – Betsy Krohmer
- Office of Education – Superintendent Ed Manansala

Invited but not in attendance:

- The Center for Violence Free Relationships – Matthew Huckabay
- Health and Human Services – Daniel Del Monte

EVENT PROCESS

- Formulation of the Ad Hoc Committee
- Before the Forum
- During the Forum
- After the Forum

PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENT CARDS AND SURVEY MONKEY

- Comments and survey questions and answers can be found on the County HRC web page:
 - Meeting 10/24 meeting >
 - Meeting Details >
 - Agenda Item #3 – 22-1953 >
 - Attachments
- Two notable Survey Monkey responses (hard-copy handout).

2023

- Work closely with the clerk of the board office staff
- Be apprised of county bias training
- Speakers at meetings
- Build email list
- Continue to look for ways to collect data regarding HR violations in EDC
- Interfaith presentation – Robin Valicenti
- Speakers Series

PROPOSED PLANS FOR 2023 SPEAKERS SERIES

“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>COLLABORATIVE PARTNER</u>	<u>POINT PERSON</u>
LGBTQ Youth	New Morning	Susan
Local Miwok Tribe	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	John
Democratizing Education	Office of Education	Lara
Environmental Justice	American River Conservancy	Robin

THANK YOU

- Sue Novasel
- Marcie MacFarland
- John Hidahl