

LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 2022

ROOM 340, CITY HALL - 6:00 PM

200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Roll Call

Meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Kato, Khalfani, Mandel, Sirota (8); Absent: Avila, Lemus, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (5); Vacant: CD 7, CD 10 (2)

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes from the September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting.

The minutes from the September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting were approved.

Motion (Grimmig – Sirota)

Ayes: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Khalfani, Mandel, Sirota (7); Abstentions: Lemus (1); Absent: Avila, Kato, Ossey, Pak, Shanon (5)

Neighborhood Council Comments (pursuant to Ordinance No. 184243)

Public Comment

Items(s)

- (1) Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Motion (Grimmig – Sirota) that the Los Angeles City Health Commission determine, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), that this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Ayes: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Mandel, Sirota (9);
Absent: Avila, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (4)

- (2) Presentation by Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, Associate Dean for Regional Campuses, Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, on the new booster and prevention of future COVID surges; and possible Commission action.

Dr. Peter Chin-Hong discussed the high COVID-19 incident levels worldwide and in the US, the SARS-CoV-2 variants that are among the new cases, and deaths per capita. Dr. Chin-Hong discussed available treatment, including Paxlovid, and their effectiveness. He also discussed rebound cases, the various vaccines available now and in the approval process, and the benefits of the booster. He concluded that COVID-19 deaths are too high, this is an unpredictable virus, we still have to address long COVID, and methods and considerations to prevent future surges.

Present: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Mandel, Sirota (9);
Absent: Avila, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (4)

- (3) Presentation by Dr. Stephen G. Sanko, Chief Medical Officer, Los Angeles Fire Department, on the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system; and possible Commission action.

Dr. Stephen G. Sanko provided an update on the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and shared a breakdown of the over 400,000 medical emergency incidents handled annually, which comprise 85 percent of all Los Angeles Fire Department calls for service. Dr. Sanko discussed the types of medical activities that need to be performed when responding to medical emergencies and the importance of having a full-time Chief Medical Officer overseeing the provision of services and finding innovative ways to handle the increasing calls for service.

The Commission discussed the matter and reiterated the importance of a full-time Chief Medical Officer. The Commission moved to draft a Motion for consideration at the next

meeting regarding the recruitment of a Chief Medical Officer.

Motion (Hisserich – Mandel)

Ayes: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Mandel, Sirota (9);

Absent: Avila, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (4)

(4) Items for Future Discussion

Commission President Mandel shared his continuing efforts to schedule a presentation by Representative Bass at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Present: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Khalfani, Lemus, Mandel, Sirota (8); Absent: Avila, Kato, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (5)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Motion (Hisserich – Sirota)

Ayes: Chapa, Estradas, Grimmig, Hisserich, Khalfani, Lemus, Mandel, Sirota (8); Absent: Avila, Kato, Ossey, Pak, Shannon (5)