

LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022

ROOM 340, CITY HALL - 6:00 PM

200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Roll Call

Meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6); Vacant: CD 7, CD 10

Approval of the Minutes

- (1) Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meetings of October 3, 2022 and October 24, 2022.

There was no action on the draft minutes from the Special Meetings of October 3 and 24, 2022.

Present: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6)

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 – Hisserich) that the Los Angeles City Health Commission determine, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(3)(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: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6)

Motion passed.

- (2) Presentation by Dr. Dan Morhaim, Emergency Medicine Physician, Lifebridge Health System, Baltimore, MD; author of the book, Preparing for a Better End; and Maryland State Legislator 1995-2019, on the failure of the War on Drugs policy, and the relationship between drugs and homelessness and crime, such as chemical/EtOH dependency; and possible Commission action.

Dr. Morhaim discussed the policies that resulted in disparate treatment and application of the law for Black and Brown Americans, in the government's war on drugs, the resultant implications for those trying to access public services and employment, and culpability of health insurance companies in their inequitable treatment, and the prescription drug and prison industries that have benefited tremendously from addiction and incarceration. Dr. Morhaim shared strategies and new policies to better address mental health and substance use disorder, and responded to questions from the Commission.

Present: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6)

- (3) Items for Future Discussion.

No new items for future discussion were brought up. The process for persons interested in serving as Interns and/or Research Associates for the Commission was discussed.

Present: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas,

Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Motion (Sirota – Hisserich)

Ayes: Avila, Chapa, Grimmig, Hisserich, Mandel, Shannon, Sirota (7); Absent: Estradas, Kato, Khalfani, Lemus, Ossey, Pak (6)

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