



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE CESS MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center
12127 Elliott Ave
El Monte, CA 91732**

Thursday, July 31, 2025

5:30 PM

Audio: [Audio Link](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Arnzen called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with six (6) members present out of seven (7) total members.

Present: Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Absent: Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

2. Land Acknowledgement

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment

3. Approval of June 26, 2025 Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela this item was moved for approval with no amendments.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion does not pass with only 3 aye's and 3 abstains with the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers

Abstentions: 3 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

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II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

4. Discuss and take possible action on identifying LGBTQ+ community dates of significance and potentially provide this list to the Board of Supervisors.

Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor to discuss identifying the top ten (10) LGBTQ+ community dates of significance that will later be provided to the Commission for review and feedback, with the intention of providing this list to the Board of Supervisors.

After discussion, there was a motion by Co-Chair Arnzen and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this item until staff report back if the top 14 dates of significance have any motions or proclamations already in place by the Board of Supervisors.

Member of the public Camila Camaleon addressed the CESS on this item.

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

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The Commission took a recess at 7:13 PM and reconvened at 7:18 PM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 6 (six) members present of 7 seats.

Present: 6 – Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

5. Discuss and take possible action on identifying ways the CESS can support the two town halls that are being planned through the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Williams Institute LA County Wildfire Needs Assessment Project on a possible second wildfire town hall and the ad hoc subcommittee for the Fall 2025 TGI Town Hall.

Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor to discuss how CESS can support the two town halls that are being planned through the ad hoc subcommittee working with the Williams Institute on a possible second wildfire town hall and the ad hoc subcommittee for the fall 2025 TGI town hall.

After discussion CESS members agreed to assist with both town halls.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

Item was discussed, no action was taken.

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6. Discuss and take possible action on cancelling the regular CESS meeting for August 28, 2025, in favor of a special meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, or cancelling the August 28, 2025, meeting. Discuss potential options for revising schedule of regular meetings of CESS from September 2025 to December 2025.

Co-Chair Plascencia opened the floor to discuss whether the CESS will hold a special meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, or cancelling the August 28, 2025, meeting.

After discussion, there was a motion by Co-Chair Arnzen and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to cancel the August 28, 2025, meeting.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes for continuance with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 – Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

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Co-Chair Plascencia opened the floor to discuss whether the CESS will have a quorum for September 2025 through December 2025.

After discussion it was determined that will be a quorum for all meetings between September 2025 and December 2025.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 7.** Matters not posted: Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the CESS.

Commissioner Rogers would like to add to the agenda the schedule of the CESS meetings for 2026 for the first six months and considering bi-monthly.

Co- Chair Arnzen reminded the CESS that the LA County Sheriff Hate Crimes Conference is on October 15, 2025 and the CESS can look into participating.

Community Member Navarro would like to a discussion on the 2024 Williams Institute Report about how LGBTQ+ people feel about their experiences with law enforcement.

Community Member Navarro would like a discussion on housing related to Measure A, including how CESS can support or fund LGBTQ+ groups that are building homes for queer and transgender/gender-inclusive people, and how to work with other agencies serving LGBTQ+ communities.

Community Member Navarro would like a discussion on health services, focusing on the Ryan White program and how to work with the Commission on HIV to make sure funds for HIV are used properly.

Co- Chair Arnzen stated the Williams Institute sent an email about housing issues for LGBTQ communities in response to fires.

Co- Chair Plascencia stated Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Whittington are interested in activating housing issues.

Public Comment

8. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to address the CESS on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

No members of the public addressed the CESS on this item.

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment of the July 31, 2025, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Arnzen adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM.