



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

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30 PM

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena* and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not Counted: Community Member ChiChi Navarro

***Present at alternate teleconference location in an address open and accessible to the public, for which all requirements for traditional teleconferencing are met as mandated by Gov. Code § 54953(b), as indicated on Agenda**

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Approval of the September 25, 2025 Minutes

On motion of Co-Chair Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Rogers, 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 passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Co-Chair Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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II. DISCUSSION & ACTION

04. Discuss and take possible action on restructuring activities of the CESS to focus on developing and facilitating town halls meetings.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item, explained the intention of restructuring the CESS, so that the CESS is solely focused on developing and facilitating topical town halls that address the current issues that the community is facing. Co-Chair Arnzen opened the floor for discussion.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Lelliott to table this item for revisions.

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

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Abstentions: 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Co-Chair Nic Arnzen

Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Absent: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

Not Counted: 1 -

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5. Discuss and take possible action on modifying the CESS purpose and objectives to reflect the town hall focus.

Co-Chair Plascencia introduced it item action and stated given the discussion and motion to table the last item, we think this should also be tabled. Co-Chair Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Lelliott to table this item for revisions.

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

Community Member ChiChi Navarro agrees with this motion.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Abstentions: 1 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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6. Discuss and take possible action on determining the CESS meetings in 2026 including, time, date, and location.

Co-Chair Plascencia introduced the schedule and stated that The San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center extended the invite for the space for another year for the monthly CESS meeting. Co-Chair Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Lelliott, seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve the 2026 CESS regular meeting schedule.

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

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Abstentions: 1 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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7. Discuss and take possible action on identifying strategies to determine if local LGBTQ+ community members and organizations are interested in participating in an event aimed at building trust and relationships between the LGBTQ+ community and the justice system.

Commissioner Khan-Valbuena introduced the item. Opened the floor for discussion on whether the community would find value in holding a town hall meeting to explore ways in which we can strengthen the trust and communication.

Co-Chair Arnzen left the meeting at 7:01 PM.

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

After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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The Commission took a recess at 7:34 PM and reconvened at 7:38 PM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present.

Present: 5 - Co-Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Absent: 2 - Co-Chair Nic Arnzen and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. 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.

Community Member Navarro recommended forming a Public Safety Ad Hoc Subcommittee to discuss next steps on community feedback and engagement with law enforcement.

Vice Chair Rogers shared recommendations and advice regarding public safety from a community-focused perspective.

Co-Chair Plascencia announced the SGV LGBTQ Center's Pride and Power Garden Gala on 11/9, 11am–2pm.

Co-Chair Plascencia announced the Trans and Queer Voices of the SGV Survey and Focus Groups have closed; the Center is moving into data analysis.

Co-Chair Plascencia announced the SGV Center TGI Wellness and Justice Fellows are advancing proclamations on: 11/12 in La Puente, 11/17 in Pasadena, 11/19 in Monterey Park.

Community Member Navarro announced they are performing on 11/7, and TLC will be performing at Que Pera in DTLA. Co-hosting Día De Los Muertos on 11/8

Community Member Navarro announced that on 11/19, the City of LA (through TAC) is hosting an event at City Hall and is seeking partnering organizations.

Commissioner Valenzuela announced that the Stories AIDS Memorial Dedication in West Hollywood will take place on 11/16, followed by an after-party. And that the Herb Ritts photo gallery showing throughout November and December.

Commissioner Rogers announced that the LGBT Center will host Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) on 11/20 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

9. 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

10. Adjournment of the October 30, 2025, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025, at 5:30 PM