

# City of Palo Alto

## *Human Relations Commission*

TO: Human Relations Commission (HRC)

FR: Kaloma Smith, Chair  
Valerie Stinger, Vice Chair

DATE: March 10, 2021

RE: Ad hoc Committee Assignments

Dear Commissioners,

At the February 11, 2021 HRC meeting, you were invited to submit your top 3 choices for serving on an ad hoc committee for the FY21/22 work plan. The choices were:

*Inclusion and Belonging*

Community Conversations  
Hate Crimes

*Housing*

(Safe Parking)

*Public Health*

Economic  
Emotional

The following information was submitted to staff:

Commission de Tourreil:

1. Hate crimes/based incidents
2. Public Health and Well-being (economic and emotional)
3. Housing

Commissioner Savage:

1. Public Health
2. Hate crimes

Commissioner Regehr:

1. Housing: safe parking lot
2. Public Health: physical and mental health
3. Hate crime policies

Chair Smith

1. Equity & Inclusion

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Vice Chair Stinger:

1. Equity & Inclusion

**Ad hoc Committee Assignments:**

Inclusion & Belonging – Community Conversations

- Chair Smith
- Vice Chair Stinger

Inclusion & Belonging Hate Crimes Policies/hate-based incidents

- Commissioner de Turreil
- Commissioner Savage

Housing

- Commissioner Regehr
- Commissioner de Turreil

Public Health

- Commissioner Savage
- Commissioner Regehr

**Rationale:**

Each Commissioner was placed on the committee of their first choice. The second committee placement was either their second or third choice. Placements were made, trying to be conscious of individual passion and to balance the workload and timing.

At our February retreat, we chose topics, which are important and timely for the city. The work promises to be significant, to engage the HRC in vital topics and to validate the Commission's merit. The ad hoc committees are responsible for defining their scope of work and realizing their promise.

We should expect to be challenged by the complexity and stimulated by the potential as workplans are developed by the ad hoc committees and brought to the full Commission. Enjoy the challenge.

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