

**Human Relations Commission
Summary Sheet
Accomplishments January - December 2021**

Core Responsibilities

- Reviewed and made funding recommendation to Council for 16 two-year and 9 one-year Human Services Resource Allocation Process (HSRAP) grants totaling 750,000 to fund critical needs in the community for FY2022-23. (March & August 2021)
- Reviewed and made funding recommendations to Finance Committee for 11 grants totaling \$738,000 as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding program for Fiscal Year 2022. (March 2021)
- A subcommittee of HRC commissioners and city staff served as the review committee for the Emerging Needs Fund. In 2021, a total of 9 grants totaling \$50,000 was approved. (April & June 2021)
- Approved changes to the bylaws of the Palo Alto Mediation Program. (May 2021)

Annual HRC Workplan Priorities

Inclusion & Belonging (Community Conversations & Hate Crime Policies/Hate Based Incidents)

- Sent letter to Council regarding the current pattern of incidents of hate in Palo Alto. (January 2021)
- Sent a request to Mayor DuBois that he consider becoming a signatory on the “Mayors United Against Antisemitism” statement by the American Jewish Committee and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. (April)
- Presentation on hate crimes in Palo Alto by Palo Alto Police Department. (March 2021)
- Presentation on hate crimes in Santa Clara County by Chief Assistant District Attorney Jay Boyarsky. (March 2021)
- Presentation by Karen Kienzle, Palo Alto Art Center Director on upcoming Art Center exhibits (Contemporary art from immigrant artists and The Black Index) and possible collaborations with the HRC. (March 2021)
- Held joint Study Session with the Public Art Commission to discuss upcoming art addressing racial equity and potential areas of collaboration. (March 2021)
Announcement of artist selected provided by Commission Eberle who participated in the review and selection process. (2021)

- Update from the HRC Commission Liaisons (Savage & Kraus) to the Palo Alto Police Department (PAPD) about their conversation with PAPD leadership on recent developments in the police department (including current crime trends, community outreach and policy manual revisions). (October 2021)
- Presentation by Chair Smith & Commissioner Kraus on information received at recent FBI hate crimes briefing hosted by Rep Anna Eshoo. (November 2021)
- Created, managed and completed 100 Conversations on Race Initiative and presented finding to Policy & Services Committee (2021)

Housing & Homelessness

- Presentation on City of Palo Alto's Housing Element update working group by Tim Wong, Senior Planner. (February 2021)
- Presentation regarding policy development for renter protection measures by Lauren Bigelow, Partnership for the Bays Future Fellow at City of Palo Alto. (February 2021)
- Panel presentation on issues related to housing insecurity in Palo Alto by Project Sentinel, LifeMoves, Palo Alto Renters Association, and a local renter. (February 2021)
- Presentation on the Safe Parking Pilot program and Supporting Safe Parking programs in Palo Alto - Rachael Tanner, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services, Amber Stine, Director, Move Mountain View. (March 2021)
- Reviewed and prioritized the HRC's recommendations for Council, a series of proposed City-wide renter protections presented by Clare Campbell, Manager of Long-Range Planning and Lauren Bigelow, Partnership for the Bay's Future Fellow at City of Palo Alto. (August & September 2021)
- Discussed outreach and options for an event regarding affordable housing on faith-based properties by Commissioners Regehr and Kraus. (August & October 2021)