

**Agenda**  
**Human Rights Commission**  
**Study Session**

**Date: Monday, February 12, 2024**

**Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Study Session

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**Location:** Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building

747 Market Street

Conference Room #243

Tacoma, WA 98402

Zoom (Click the following link to join the meeting):

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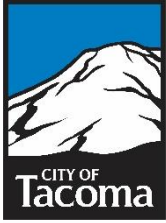
**STUDY SESSION**  
**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

- Presentation of Tacoma for Justice in Palestine – proposal to pass a resolution for a permanent ceasefire and justice in Palestine
- Presentation: Draft Home In Tacoma Packet and Public Comment Period by Alyssa Torrez, Senior Planner Planning and Development Services.

**Commissioners**

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C. Ivan Johnson  
Janice Langbehn  
Keshreyaji Oswal  
Bri Crofton  
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington  
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**Business Meeting**

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**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**I. Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Amanda Westbrooke

**II. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences**

- Amanda Westbrooke, Chair (she/her)
- Robbi Johnston, First Vice Chair (she/her)
- Keshreeyaji Oswal (he/him)
- Janice Langbehn (she/her)
- Verda Washington (she/her)
- Melvin JR Nobles (he/him)
- Bri Crofton (they/them)
- C. Ivan Johnson (he/him)

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- Lillian Norris (she/her)
- Laurie Lynch (she/her)
- Lily Nop, Youth Seat (she/her)

**III. Approval of February 2024 Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbooke**

**IV. Statement of Purpose – Vice Chair Culbertson**

We convene this meeting to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and rights of all residents of the City of Tacoma.

**V. Land Acknowledgment – Vice Chair Johnston**

*The Commission acknowledges that the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands of the Puyallup People, who cared for their ancestral lands before the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854 removed native peoples to clear way for colonial settlement. It is important to this Commission as settlers here, aspiring to care for all residents in this place and to call it home, that we acknowledge and send gratitude to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians who continue to be leaders for justice in our community today.*

**VI. Consent Agenda –Chair Westbrooke**

- a. Approval of January 2024 Minutes Agenda (Aye/Nay Votes)
- b. Resignation of Commissioner Langbehn
- c. Election of Second Vice Chair

**VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)**

**VIII. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff**

- a. General Updates
  - i. Recruitment Outreach
    - 1. Applications reviewed and Interview/Appointment on February 22, 2024
- b. Case Closures
  - i. 2 Fair Housing Cases
  - ii. 2 Employment Cases
- c. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities
  - i. Spanish Radio Interview on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Resource Fair at Star Center on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 5 pm

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**IX. Commission Affairs**

- a. Chair Updates
  - i. Thank you to Commissioners finishing their term
  - ii. CVS 2023 Annual Report Review - [20240208 Community Vitality and Safety Committee \(granicus.com\)](#)
- b. Committee Updates
  - i. Education and Outreach
    - 1. Chair Norris
  - ii. Policy, Advocacy, and Accountability
    - 1. Chair Oswal
  - iii. Racial Justice
    - 1. Chair

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:**

**XII. Adjourn**

**Why do we recognize the land?**

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.

–<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>



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