

**Notice and Call
of a
Special Meeting
of the
Orange County Human Relations Commission**

A Special Meeting of the Orange County Human Relations Commission will convene on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

The items of business to be conducted at this meeting are:

As outlined on attached agenda

Opportunity will be provided before or during the consideration of each item of business for members of the public to directly address the Commission regarding that business.

/s/

_____ **JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA**

Chair

A G E N D A

SPECIAL MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Friday, May 20, 2022, 10:00 A.M.



COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, California

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Jamie Ross, Deputy

*The Orange County Human Relations Commission. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak you may do so during Open Forum. To speak during Open Forum, press *9 following the Chair's invitation from the public to speak. Once acknowledged and prompted by the Chair or Clerk, you may begin to speak. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.*

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All supporting documentation is available for public review online at:
http://www.occommunityservices.org/oc_human_relations_commission and in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the Hall of Administration Building, 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 10 Civic Center Plaza, Room 465, Santa Ana, California 92701 during regular business hours,
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

10:00 A.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

OPEN FORUM

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission or Chair may limit the length of time each individual may have to address the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS: (Item 2)

2. Review, discuss and approve Commission/County statement to be issued regarding Hate Crime at Laguna Woods church

ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING:

June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting, 11:00 A.M.



Orange County Human Relations Commission

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SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Friday, May 20, 2022

LOCATION: Zoom

TIME: 10:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order Jo-Anne Matsuba

OPEN FORUM: *Members of the Public may address the Commission on human relations issues*

ACTION ITEMS

2. Review, discuss and approve Commission/County statement to be issued Jo-Anne Matsuba
regarding Hate Crime at Laguna Woods church

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Adjourn Commission Meeting Jo-Anne Matsuba

Commission Statement

RE: Laguna Woods Church Shooting

When we hear about senseless acts of violence such as the ones that took place in Dallas, Houston, and Buffalo, our hearts hurt and feel for the lives that were lost and affected. It is another thing entirely when we hear that it's happened in our own backyard – it becomes more nuanced and real. On Sunday morning, the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods became a target of hate, and the impact of this shooting has reverberated throughout the County specifically the senior Taiwanese American community. The hate activity in Orange County has steadily been on the rise nationally and locally. In Orange County, there has been an overall 42% increase in hate crimes since 2014. The [Orange County 2020 Hate Crimes](#) report indicated a 1800% increase of incidents motivated by anti-Asian hate. Truth be told, these increases span the racial/ethnic, sexual orientation, religious, gender and sexual orientation gamut.

"We all have a responsibility to stop hate in its tracks," said Chairman Doug Chaffee, Fourth District Supervisor. "When we witness hate, we must call it out and put an end to it."

"Our places of worship are a sanctuary and should be free of hate," said Vice Chairman Donald P. Wagner. "The acts of heroism by innocent bystanders will always be remembered, especially hero Dr. John Cheng, who tragically lost his life while defending his fellows."

"Hate crimes and discrimination in any form cause long-lasting injuries on victims and the community at large," said Supervisor Andrew Do. "And we must denounce it loudly and stand resolutely against it at every turn. No less than our children's future demands that we do this."

"We will not tolerate hate in our places of worship, schools, or in our community spaces. We must root it out of Orange County and take bold stands against hate in every corner of this country," said Supervisor Katrina Foley, Second District.

"I am thankful for our first responders who serve without hesitation to protect us during these violent acts," said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District. "I am committed to working with the community and the Human Relations Commission to free us from these incidents of hate and fear."

The Human Relations Commission ("Commission") offers its condolences to the parishioners of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, to the Taiwanese community, and all of those who has been impacted by this tragic hate crime. We remain steadfast in our mission to eliminate the causes of discrimination, intolerance, and hate. We are committed to bring support to those in need, creating safe spaces for healing, and lead the conversations on reimagining the ways we fight hate as a community.

It is time that we show up in solidarity with our Taiwanese American neighbors and prove that Orange County will not tolerate hate. The Commission will continue committed to the difficult work of promoting respect, diversity, and equity. If you have been a victim or know someone who has been a victim of a hate crime or hate incident, please call your local law enforcement agency. Additional ways to report, call our confidential hotline 714-480-6580 or report via our online portal at <https://www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime/report/>