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Belmont Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm Conducted by Remote Participation

HRC members: Kayta Gadjos, Lara Guzman-Hosta, Kim Haley-Jackson, Jess Hicks, Bryan Nadeau, Gaye Ozpinar, Ye Pogue, Fran Yuan

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. A quorum was present.
- 2. Bryan proposed that we cosponsor Indigenous Peoples' Day. No discussion ensued.
- 3. Bryan shared the Statement on Hispanic Heritage Month developed by the Messaging Working Group of Lara, Gaye and Jess. Comments were made by members, and numerous edits were made.
- 4. It was unanimously agreed that the Messaging Working Group would work on a development a statement in opposition of the Texas Abortion Law SB8.
- 5. Gaye and Lara met with the Outreach Librarian at Belmont Public Library about doing something on Saturday, October 9th for Hispanic Heritage Month. This might include developing a book list, arts and crafts, and hiring someone to perform at the library. We would partner with the library for the day's activities. It was agreed that we would call a special meeting on Monday, September 20th at 6:30 pm to discuss and vote on cosponsoring this event.
- 6. There was no community input.
- 7. Commission members voted unanimously to cosponsor Indigenous Peoples' Day. Members voted unanimously to approve the statement on Hispanic Heritage Month.

They voted unanimously to create a statement in opposition of the Texas Abortion Law SB8 to be discussed and voted on in October.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Next special meeting: September 20 at 6:30 pm

Next monthly meeting: October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Submitted by: Kim Haley-Jackson