

Robles, Sandra

From: Robles, Sandra
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Robles, Sandra
Subject: FW: 12/16 Council agenda

On Dec 3, 2024, at 6:53 PM, Uzoamaka Ogbodo wrote:

Hi Jason and Pam,

I'm sending you this email to inform you I'm stepping down from the Northwest Commission following the meeting on December 10, 2024 should the meeting take place with a quorum. I'm moving from Pasadena in January 2025, and will no longer be a city resident.

Jason, thank you for the suggestion of the Northwest Commission for me, when I was looking for a place to direct my interest in civic engagement. I'm glad I got to contribute to my childhood community, and I hope I served it well.

The Northwest Commission needs a D7 replacement in order to continue to have a quorum and stay in compliance with City of Pasadena rules regarding meeting. If there is a potential Commissioner for the NWC D7 seat, please let Lola and Jane know.

Thank you so much,
Amaka

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Uzoamaka R. Ogbodo
Commissioner Ogbodo

Hello Commissioners & Staff,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight as I am out of town and on mom duty.

I have asked Commissioner Castellon to read this letter in my absence and I have sent a copy to Gene Masuda, my city councilman.

I've decided I no longer wish to volunteer my time and be on the Status of Women Commission.

I feel that this commission was set up by city officials to give the appearance that they are concerned/care about the women in this city. I find this not to be the case. For some of our Commissioners, they cannot get a reply either from their council person or in one case, the mayor. Being ignored when you have information/concerns to share is inexcusable. Fortunately for me, Gene always makes time for his people.

Our commission sent a letter to the mayor and city council over 6 months ago, yet, they have not received this letter. This letter shared serious concerns about a voting issue in our city. This letter has been hung up somewhere and as of our last meeting, not delivered to the mayor and city council. This is totally inexcusable!

The women on this commission are volunteering their time not only at this meeting, but also on committees and a lot of their personal time on projects. One would think the city would have the decency to at least pick up the tab for their meals instead of deducting it from our limited budget. They also should have the option of choosing where they get this meal from. Our Commissioners decided that every penny counts to put on a couple events and we chose to forgo the lousy sub sandwich/salad that you have deducted to save much needed funds. Unbelievable! I appreciate our 2 staff members forgoing their meals, nice of them!

In October we put on a Domestic Violence Awareness event with other agencies and cities, and, it was a success. Much time and energy went into this event but not one congratulatory word from the city. Instead, at the end of our November meeting, we were severely reprimanded by Lola Osborne for issues that arose. There were several areas that were mentioned, each could have been rebutted, but I chose to be silent as I was not only blown away by the tenor of the comments, but the lateness of the meeting being around 9:30PM. We were all tired and stunned. Not one congratulatory word was spoken.

I chose to contact our chairperson, Vanessa Rodriguez, and told her not only about the meeting and the issues that Lola mentioned, but that I was fed up. I asked that the issues presented at the November meeting be addressed at the next meeting as I felt that all the so called problems could be explained/challenged/rebutted.

I don't mind volunteering my time and energy for a worthwhile cause. I have been a volunteer at the L.A. County Arboretum for 6 years and while there are a couple perks, I know that the work I do is appreciated. I do not see that the Status of Women Commission will be anything more than a paper lion, which is a bummer. I wish the best for all of you moving forward and hope that you all have relaxing and enjoyable holidays.

Kim Santell

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From: Michael Ross <mross@pasadenacenter.com>
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Jana

Hector Santa Cruz is the new General Manger of the Westin Hotel. As I mentioned, Dan Stenz is no longer with the hotel and I can't reach him since there is no forward email for him. The hotel can't provide any futher details because of personnel corporate policy.

Thanks Mike

Hector will be a welcome addition to the PCOC Team.

Michael W. Ross | CEO

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