



**Meeting Minutes of the  
California Exposition & State Fair  
Cultural Advisory Council**

Held

Thursday May 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.  
In the Administration Building Boardroom  
California State Fairgrounds  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, California 95815

**Council Members Present**

Cat Nou, Past Chair

Dorian Almaraz, Member  
David Banuelos, Member  
Debora Richardson-Brister, Member  
Delgreta Brown, Member  
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member

Denise Carter, Member  
Stephanie Chavez, Member  
Chris Mateo  
Cha Vang, Member  
Jerry Yamashita, Member

**Council Members Absent**

Letitia P. Earl, Vice Chair  
Anita R. Johnson, Chair  
Indi Kallirai, Member  
Danny Vang, Alternate Member

Jag Nagendra, Member  
Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member  
Richard Pannell, Alternate Member

**Board and Staff Present**

Director Sonney Chong, Board Liaison  
Rick Pickering, CEO  
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manger  
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager, Marketing & Business Development  
Chief Everest "Joe" Robillard, Police Department  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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## MINUTES

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:33p.m. by former Chair Nou.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken and a quorum was present.  
Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Earl and Member Kallirai, Morris-Henderson, Nagendra, Pannell and D. Vang were not present and asked to be excused.  
**Motion:**  
It was moved by Council Member C. Vang and seconded by Member Almaraz to excuse the absence Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Earl and Member Kallirai, Morris-Henderson, Nagendra, Pannell and Vang. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**  
Guests: Susan Knudson
- 4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
  - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019.  
**Motion:**  
Councilmember Chavez made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2019, as amended and Councilmember Armstrong-Bryant seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES**
  - a) Community Stage  
Melissa Lamont was unable to attend the meeting but asked to report that every group that was ID as cultural group was offered a slot on the Community Stages and that she has a long waiting list. The Council asked for a list of all the groups that would be preforming once everything was final.
  - b) State Fair Credentials  
Executive Secretary O'Brien asked that everyone pick up a concert sheet and choose which concert they would attend with their plus 1 and which concerts they would like to host. Once the tickets and credential are in O'Brien stated she would send out an email with details about pickup and filling out the Megan's Law form.
  - c) Cal Expo Updates  
CEO Pickering asked Deputy General Manager Mohr to review the new events at the State Fair. Deputy General Manager Mohr talked about the new Food Festival pass, the Bear Cup Esports gaming tournament, the Drone Light Show on weekends, the Selfie Experience, Goat Mountain and the Incredible Me exhibit. She mentioned Out at the Fair will be July 14<sup>th</sup> and SMUD Giving Monday is back. Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez gave a brief over view of the Youth Mariachi Competition that is coming back this year and verified that Mariachi Vargas had been confirmed as the entertainment. Deputy General Manager Mohr reviewed all of the events that will being returning to State Fair this year.

## 6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Introduction of Acting State Fair Police Chief  
CEO Pickering introduced Chief Robillard to the Council as the new Acting Chief of Police. Chief Robillard reviewed his background with the Council, explained, and reviewed the Police Department's new Mission Statement. With the new direction that the Police Department is, going arrests have been down. He commented that there is now MOU's with SPD, CA Highway Patrol and Sacramento County Sheriff. Chief explained how he looking for a Community Observer to walk along with him at night.
- b) Walk A-Long Program  
The Walk A-Long Program is back and will be run by Sgt. Scott Smith.

## 7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Opening Day  
Councilmember Chavez has agreed to be the contact person for Opening Day and will work with Darla Givens from Media.
- b) CAC Parade  
Councilmember Chavez and Councilmember Nou are still working on planning Parade and getting act/groups. Date of the Parade is July 21-12-1 pm.
- c) Cultural Advisory Kitchen  
Councilmember Banuelos will be coordinating with Staff the Kitchen time for the Cultural Advisory Council's demonstration. Councilmembers Nagendra, Yamashita, Pannell and Banuelos will be chefs for that day, which is July 27 11-2pm. Recipes must include peaches and honey.

## 8) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.
- b) Members Comments not on the Agenda  
Councilmember Banuelos gave an update on donations he is working on for the CA State Fair Gala. After a brief discussion about making a monetary donation to the Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program it was suggested that if you wanted to make a donation on behalf of the CAC, Councilmember Armstrong-Bryant would collect the money and a donation would be made the to the Ca State Fair Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program.

## 9) ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION:

Council Member C. Vang moved to adjourn this meeting and was seconded by Council Member Yamashita. **All in favor, motion unanimously.**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.