



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

Held

Thursday November 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
In the Administration Building Boardroom
California State Fairgrounds
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, California 95815

Council Members Present

Anita R. Johnson, Chair

Letitia P. Earl, Vice Chair

Dorian Almaraz, Member

David Banuelos, Member

Debora Richardson-Brister, Member

Delgreta Brown, Member

Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member

Stephanie Chavez, Member

Jag Nagendra, Member

Cat Nou, Member

Jerry Yamashita, Member

Danny Vang, Alternate Member

Council Members Absent

Denise Carter, Member

Chris Mateo, Member

Richard Pannell, Alternate Member

Indi Kallirai, Member

Cha Vang, Member

Board and Staff Present

Rick Pickering, CEO-General Manager

Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Johnson.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken and a quorum was present.
Council Members Mateo and Vang were not present and asked to be excused. Council Members Carter, Kallirai and Pannell were not present.
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**
- 4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2019.
 - b) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019.

MOTION:
Councilmember Nagendra made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 8, 2019 and September 12, 2019. Councilmember Banuelos seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES**
 - a) Cal Expo Updates
CEO Pickering thanked everyone that supported the Friends of the State Fair Gala. Funds raised go to the Friends of the Fair Scholarships were up a 150% over last year. Pickering reported on Care Force that held their free Medical, Dental and Vision clinic in October. He also discussed Sac Republic becoming an MLS team and that the new stadium would be built in the Railyard area of Downtown Sacramento by February 2021 for their first game. The Hmong Festival will take place November 28 through December 1, 2019 and that same weekend there will be a Give Thanks concert November 29 and 30th. December 10 through December 12 will be the Almond Board Conference. December 6 is Chips for Kids with California Highway Patrol at the California letters. December 21-23, 2019, will be the Salvation Army food and toy distribution. State Fair dates are July 17-August 2, 2020. Out at the Fair will be Saturday July 25th and the 3rd Annual Youth Mariachi competition will be Sunday July 26th.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Election of Chair
Nominations from the floor:
Council Member Earl nominated Chair Johnson, Council Member Banuelos nominated Council Member Nagendra. Chair closed nominations. A vote was taken and Anita R. Johnson was re-elected as Chair.
 - b) Election of Vice Chair
Nominations from the floor:
Council Member Banuelos nominated Council Member Nagendra, Council Member Johnson nominated Council Member Earl. Chair closed nominations. A vote was taken and Jag Nagendra was elected as Vice Chair.

c) Setting meeting dates for 2020

After a discussion, the meeting dates were set as follows:

January 9, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10 and November 12.

MOTION:

Council Member Banuelos moved to accept the 2020 Cultural Advisory Council meeting dates. Council Member Armstrong-Bryant seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

7) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.

b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

Council Member Banuelos mentioned that he works for the Federal Census and they are hiring now at \$20.00 per hour.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.