

ORDINANCE NO. 2543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VITA AMENDING SECTIONS  
2.36.010 AND 2.36.030 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO THE ADVISORY DUTIES OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMISSION

The City Council of the City of Chula Vista hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Section 2.36.010 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code is amended to read:

2.36.010 Purpose and Intent.

- A. It is the purpose and intent of the city council to redefine and broaden the duties and functions of the human relations commission as an advisory body, to make recommendations and offer advice to the city council and the city manager in the improvement and effectiveness of the interrelationships between the various racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, age and handicapped groups of citizens forming the social body of the city and to advise the city on how it may best proceed in the realization of its stated goal to provide both physical and social answers to the human care needs of said groups and to accomplish, among other things:
1. The development of a mutual understanding and respect among all such groups in the city;
  2. The establishment and maintenance of contacts with groups in the community which are concerned with interracial and intercultural understanding, and to report to the city council and city manager regarding the activities of these groups;
  3. The promotion of new and improved programs of services to all local citizens in cooperation with peer boards and commissions as well as the city manager;
  4. The encouragement of citizen participation in local government by providing a forum for discussion so as to avoid recourse to conflict and disorder as a means of resolving community relationship problems;
  5. The protection and strengthening of the rights of various racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, age and handicapped groups of citizens of Chula Vista to insure full enjoyment of their constitutional privileges without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age and the elimination thereby of prejudice, discrimination or bigotry in this community;

6. The advancement of programs to assist senior citizens in the realization and satisfaction of their needs for adequate and decent housing, food, clothing and other social concerns.
  7. The strengthening and improvement of programs to stimulate housing for low and moderate income families and individuals;
  8. The encouragement of policies and programs to fully integrate the handicapped into the mainstream of community life in the city.
- B. It is a further duty and function of the human relations commission to advise the city council on matters involving Chula Vista public transportation services, relating to operational activities and especially as to how well these services serve the needs of Chula Vista citizens.
- C. It is the intent of the city council to create healthy, enlightened attitudes, policies and practices by establishing this commission as an official body, not primarily as an enforcement or audit agency, but as a commission which will conduct careful surveys, advise intelligently, and use the tools of education and motivation to the realization of the objectives stated herein, which are the fulfillment of democracy's promises and realization of constitutional guarantees.

SECTION II: Section 2.36.030 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code is amended to read:

2.36.030 Duties and functions.

In cooperation with other relevant boards and commissions, the human relations commission shall perform the following duties and functions:

- A. Foster mutual understanding, respect and good will among all racial, religious, national, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, sex and handicapped groups in the city;
- B. Enlist the cooperation of the various racial, religious, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, sex and handicapped groups, fraternal and benevolent associations and other groups in Chula Vista in programs and campaigns devoted to eliminating group prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination;
- C. Study the problems of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby in all or any fields of human relationship;
- D. Study, review, analyze and report to the city council and the city manager the studies of state and federal agencies, and legislative enactments of state and federal governments, including but not

limited to the several civil rights acts of the United States government and the state;

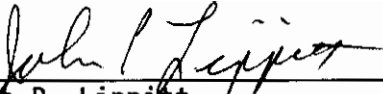
- E. Work together with city, state and federal agencies in developing programs showing the contributions of the various racial, religious, ethnic, age, sex and handicapped groups to the culture and traditions of the city, state and nation;
- F. Promote the establishment of local community organizations in such neighborhoods as it may be necessary and desirable to carry out programs to lessen tensions or improve group relations in the community;
- G. Create such advisory committees and subcommittees as, in its judgment, will aid in effectuating the purposes of this chapter;
- H. Work with the several boards and commissions and departments of the city toward the improvement of municipal services and community relations including assistance in the development of housing programs for low and moderate income families and individuals, the full range of programs providing assistance to senior citizens and the handicapped and actions to eliminate age and sex discrimination;
- I. Initiate and investigate complaints and initiate its own investigation, after consultation with the city manager, relative to the actions of city officials or city agencies, except that instances of discrimination within the jurisdiction of any federal or state commission or agency shall be referred to such commission or agency.
- J. Hold hearings and take testimony of any person under oath or otherwise, relating to any matter under investigation or in question before the commission;
- K. Advise the city council and the city manager of policies and programs of a formal and informal nature that will aid in eliminating all types of discrimination based on race, creed, national origin, ancestry, age or sex, and secure the furnishing of equal services to all residents and maintain the quality of opportunity for employment and advancement in the city government;
- L. Prepare and submit to the city council and the city manager, not less than once each fiscal year, a written report of its activities and recommendations;
- M. Consider Chula Vista public transportation services, including, but not limited to, route structures; fares; vehicles; interface with all other forms of transit and bench, bus stop and bus shelter locations;

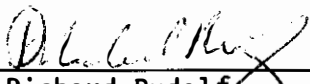
- N. Assess Chula Vista public transportation services from the standpoint of the Chula Vista citizen and keep the city council informed of the adequacy of service;
- O. Consider and recommend to the city council the levels of public transportation services in Chula Vista.
- P. The commission shall be advisory in its function, and shall have no police or enforcement powers. It shall issue no reports or recommendations except through the city council and the city manager.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall be in full force on the thirtieth day after its adoption and effective as of July 1, 1993.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

  
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John P. Lippitt  
Director of Public Works

  
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Assistant City Attorney

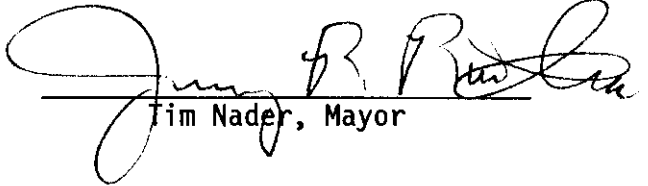
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, California, this 2nd day of March, 1993, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Fox, Moore, Rindone, Nader

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: Horton

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers: None

  
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Jim Nader, Mayor


ATTEST:

  
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Beverly A. Authelet, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ) ss.  
CITY OF CHULA VISTA )

I, Beverly A. Authelet, City Clerk of the City of Chula Vista, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2543 had its first reading on February 23, 1993, and its second reading and adoption at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 2nd day of March, 1993.

Executed this 2nd day of March, 1993.

  
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Beverly A. Authelet, City Clerk