



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

Held

Thursday, May 10, 2018 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, Vice-Chair

Debora Richardson-Brister, Member	Letitia P. Earl, Member
Delgreta Brown, Member	Indi Kallirai, Member
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member	Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member
Denise Carter, Member	Jag Nagendra, Member
Stephanie Chavez, Member	Jerry Yamashita, Member
Dorian Almaraz, Alternate Member	Richard Pannell, Alternate Member

**Council Members Absent**

David Banuelos, Member	Catherina Nou, Chair
Bill Campos, Member	Cha Vang, Member
Chris Mateo, Member	

**Board and Staff Present**

Rick Pickering, CEO  
Rachelle Weir, Programs Manager  
Darla Givens, Media & Marketing  
Erica Kendall, CA State Fair Entertainment  
Sgt. Scott Smith, Cal Expo Police Department  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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## MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Johnson.

2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken.

Chair Nou and Council Members Banuelos, Campos, Mateo and Vang were not present. Chair Nou, Council Members Banuelos and Mateo had asked to be excused.

**Motion:**

It was moved by Council Member Nagendra and seconded by Council Member Carter to excuse the absence of Chair Nou, Council Members Banuelos and Mateo. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**

Brian LaToula, guest of Council Member Carter.

4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2018.

b) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Earl moved that the Council Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018 and April 12, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Morris-Henderson. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

5) **STAFF UPDATES**

a) Cal Expo Updates

CEO Pickering reported May actives for Cal Expo: Sacramento County Fair, Harness Racing, Kentucky Derby, Raging Water staff training, Northern Ca. Girls Volleyball Tournament and the first Cannabis Cup. He gave updates on Rock & Brews and Drive Shack, cooling fans and Farm Tours and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Mariachi Competition.

Programs Manager Weir gave a brief update on the programs department.

Darla Givens from Media and Marketing updated the Council on the Community events, the Read to Ride program and the Gala.

Erica Kendall gave an update on the community stage line up, pie eating and corn dog eating contests.

b) State Fair Credentials

Sue O'Brien reviewed the State Fair credentials and the concert schedule with the Council.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Walk A-long

Sgt. Scott Smith explained the walk a-long program for State Fair and sent around a sign-up sheet.

## 7) OLD BUSINESS

### a) Opening Day

Darla Givens is the staff person working with the Council for opening day.

### b) CAC Parade

Council Member Chavez reported that Council Member Vang is waiting to hear back from the entertainers. CAC Parade is July 21, 2018.

### c) Cultural Advisory Kitchen

Council Member Banuelos was not at the meeting. He will be sending out email with more information and collecting recipes. CAC Kitchen is July 28, 2018.

## 8) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

### a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.

### b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Yamashita moved that motion and Council Member Brown seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.