

Fiscal year 2021-2022 Public Events Ad Hoc Subcommittee
May 2021 Meeting of the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

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We recommend that the following events take place between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022:

1. October 2021 — **Indigenous Peoples Day event** (Oct. 9, 10, or 11)
The Committee can work with the Culver City Historical Society and with the Gabrielino Tongva Springs Foundation. [Paul Apodaca PhD](#), a Native American speaker who is an expert on the Tongva and other Natives Americans indigenous to California. This event could also include dance, song, and storytelling. *Chair Rebecca Rona volunteers to take the lead.*
2. November 20th, 2021, **Transgender National Day of Remembrance** ((a Saturday) — A one- to two-hour ceremony. Participants of the event will be in unity with participants all over the world who are honoring those Transgender and Gender Non-Binary people killed during the year, and who stand for gender identity and gender expression freedom for every human being. *Member Michelle Dennis volunteers to take the lead.*
3. January 2022 **Poverty, economic diversity and equity** to occur during Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week. This event would augment, not replace, the events planned for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Screen a video of Dr. King collaborating on the planning of the "Poor Peoples Campaign" prior to his assassination. Invite speakers to share their views about ways to bring economic diversity to Culver City. This event could be held in February instead of January. *Chair Rebecca Rona volunteers to take the lead unless other committee members would like to do so.*
4. May 2022 — An **Asian American storytelling event** held in conjunction with Asian American Awareness Month. A panel of storytellers would share stories focused on the history of Japanese Americans as an example of race relations in Culver City, particularly the experiences of Japanese Americans in Culver City, including residents forced from their homes and into camps during World War II. This event could also include the history of their exclusion from Culver City during the days when the city was a "sundown town." The storytelling would be followed by facilitated audience discussion. *Member Samia Bano volunteers to take the lead.*
5. **"Listen and Learn" event for Spanish-speaking Culver City residents** aimed at sharing information about the ways the city functions and the services available to them. Offering this opportunity would be a step toward equity. *Vice Chair Carlos Valverde volunteers to take the lead.*
6. **Movie screening and discussion of childhood trauma and equity**
At-risk teens who have experienced mental difficulties and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are greatly disadvantaged. Applying "trauma informed education, assessment and intervention" is key to achieving equity for these teenagers and a more positive future. Screen the film "Paper Tigers," a 100-minute documentary (by writer/director James Redford) about a year in the life of high school students who are undergoing tremendous stress, and eventually profit greatly from "trauma informed education, assessment and intervention." *Member Samia Bano volunteers to take the lead.*
7. **Civil discourse workshop** Participants of the event will be in unity with participants all over the world who are honoring those Transgender and Gender Non-Binary people killed during the year, and who stand for gender identity and gender expression freedom for every human being. *Member Michelle Dennis volunteers to take the lead.*

8. **Nonviolence workshop.** Common Peace, a Culver City-based non-profit), offers a 90-minute basic nonviolence workshop that introduces individuals to the power and possibility of nonviolence as a pro-active methodology for change, and introduces individuals to some of the successful nonviolence campaigns that have been used throughout our world. *Member Samia Bano volunteers to take the lead.*