

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-85

RESOLUTION RESCINDING, AMENDING AND
RESTATING RESOLUTION 69-13 AND RE-
ESTABLISHING A MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION WITH SEVEN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City formally created the Multicultural Oversight Committee on January 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, after a request from the Committee that its name be changed, the City Council established the Multicultural Commission by Resolution 131-01; and

WHEREAS, at the September 13, 2005 meeting, the City Council affirmed that the Commission could meet on an “as needed” basis; and

WHEREAS, at the May 22, 2007 meeting, the City Council reduced the membership from seven to five members and staff recommended that this Commission also be deemed “advisory” to conform to other Committees, Commissions and Boards; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2007, Council approved Resolution 75-07, rescinding, amending and restating Resolution 116-05 and re-establishing the Commission, adding “Advisory” to its name; and

WHEREAS, over time, the Commission has struggled to maintain adequate membership and has recently diminished to the point where there is no longer a quorum and, therefore, the Commission may not meet or transact business; and

WHEREAS, the staff held meetings with past and present Commissioners to determine the source of recruitment issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager convened a facilitated town hall meeting in order to solicit public input on a restated mission statement for the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City has been publicizing vacant seats on its Boards and Commissions, particularly the Multicultural Advisory Commission, in hopes of attracting a diverse array of applicants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novato values the benefits provided by a diverse community and wishes to empanel a revitalized Commission; and

WHEREAS, on August 20th, 2013 the City Council adopted Resolution 69-13 rescinding Resolution 75-07 and restating it in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, on October 30th, 2018 the City Council expressed the desire to increase the membership of the Commission from five members to seven members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 69-13 be rescinded and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

1. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Commission will consist of seven members who are residents and/or employees within the City of Novato. One member may live outside the City limits but within the three zip code areas designated for Novato.
- B. Any Commission Member may be removed pursuant to the City Council's Policy Manual.
- C. At any time the Commission may recommend to the Council the replacement of a Commission member in the event it is in the best interest of the Commission.
- D. The Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair can only serve once in every three years, per Council policy.
- E. Each voting member shall serve a two-year term which may be extended by the City Council through reappointment.

2. MISSION STATEMENT. The newly formed Commission shall be guided by the following Mission Statement adopted in this Resolution:

The Novato Multicultural Advisory Commission will act as a catalyst to encourage respect, understanding, and inclusion of all of Novato's diversity. The Commission seeks to enrich the lives of the community through courageous interpersonal dialogue, and strives to build a safe and strong community through group and individual interaction as well as outreach, activities and education.

3. DUTIES. The Commission shall be advisory to the City Manager and City Council and provide support on issues surrounding multiculturalism, diversity, hate crimes and community awareness on issues involving any of the above. The Commission shall have the following duties:


- A. Provide a forum for individuals to openly and freely discuss issues surrounding diversity within our community.
- B. Provide activities, outreach, and education that support the Commission's adopted mission.
- C. Develop an annual workplan outlining the projected activities for the Commission in the upcoming year.

D. Once each year report to the Council on the activities and projects of the group in the past calendar year.

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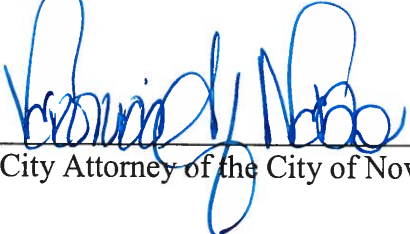
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Novato, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof, held on the 13th day of November, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Eklund, Athas, Lucan, Drew, Fryday
NOES: Councilmembers
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers
ABSENT: Councilmembers



City Clerk of the City of Novato

Approved as to form:



City Attorney of the City of Novato