



## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 6:00 pm  
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

IKRAM MANSORI, PRESIDENT  
JASON CHITTAVONG, VICE-PRESIDENT  
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, DOUGLAS BULLARD,  
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,  
STEPHEN MARTIN-PINTO, COURTNEY MILLER,  
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, JORDAN SUN

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Public Comment will be called prior to commission vote for all actionable agenda items. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes to speak and comments must relate to specific agenda topic. The Chair may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes. Additionally, time for general public comment is included on the meeting agenda.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SET AGENDA [Action]**



## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Affordable Housing for Veterans  
Presentation organized by Commissioner Bill Barnickel  
Presenter: Manson Leung, Housing Community Organizer  
[Presentation: 10 minutes / Discussion with Commission: 10 minutes]
  
- Overview of Veterans Justice Court (VJC)  
Presentation organized by Commissioner Nicholas Rusanoff  
Presenter: Laura Moran, Attorney with Public Defenders Office  
[Presentation: 10 minutes / Discussion with Commission: 10 minutes]

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Officers' Reports**

President  
Vice President  
Staff Secretary

### **CVSO Report**

Elena Kim, CVSO

### **Supervisor Liaison Reports**

District 1: Sup. Chan – Commissioner Bullard  
District 2: Sup. Stefani – Commissioner Chan  
District 3: Sup. Peskin – VACANT  
District 4: Sup. Engardio – Commissioner Barnickel  
District 5: Sup. Preston – Commissioner Chittavong  
District 6: Sup. Dorsey – Commissioner Rusanoff  
District 7: Sup. Melgar – Commissioner Chan  
District 8: Sup. Mandelman – Commissioner Dacumos  
District 9: Sup. Ronen – Commissioner Miller  
District 10: Sup. Walton – Commissioner Ellington  
District 11: Sup. Safai – Commissioner Bullard



## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- August 08, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes [Action]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A resolution drafted by Commissioner Hanley Chan urging the passage of CA SB 58, a bill that recognizes the therapeutic potential of certain hallucinogenic substances for the treatment of veteran mental health issues. Resolution was considered and voted on by VAC during August 8 meeting and it did not receive majority support. Since Commissioner Chan was absent from August meeting, resolution is being re-submitted to allow Commissioner Chan an opportunity to speak on its behalf. [Discussion / Possible Action]
- Update on Implementation of Veterans Priority in BMR Housing Lottery [Discussion]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Fleet Week Activities [Discussion]

## **GOOD WELFARE**

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Commission to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An opportunity for commission members to share information on veterans affairs activities or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.

## **HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.



## **ADJOURNMENT**

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