



# **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

JASON CHITTAVONG, PRESIDENT  
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, VICE-PRESIDENT  
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, JAMES BOATMAN,  
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,  
PRINCE JORDAN KELLY, DARYA KUTOVAYA, IKRAM MANSORI,  
JENNY PEREZ, JOHN REISSENWEBER

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **PRESENTATION and GUEST ANNOUNCEMENT**

- An introduction to a San Francisco based non-profit, the Bayanihan Equity Center (fka Veterans Equity Center), including its history, services, and advocacy. Included in presentation will be an overview of HRC 6121 – The Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2023.

Presenters: Luisa M. Antonio, Executive Director & Mary Roque, Operations Manager  
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]



- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27, 2024 – Planning Update  
Guest: Ronnie Campbell, Administrative Officer  
Golden Gate National and San Francisco National Cemeteries

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Officers' Reports**

President  
Commission Secretary

### **CVSO Report**

CVSO Representative  
[Discussion / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

### **Supervisor District Reports**

Report from Commissioner Chan – Meeting with Supervisors Melgar, District 7 and Mandelman, District 8, regarding VAC secretary budget. [Discussion]

Report from Commissioner Barnickel – Meeting with Supervisor Engardio, District 4 regarding placing an item about veterans in supervisor's office newsletter and entrepreneurship opportunities for veterans. [Discussion]

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft [Action]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commission Support of HRC 6121 (link to text emailed to commissioners prior to meeting) and recommendation to BOS to support legislation. [Action]

California State Commanders Veterans Council legislative report by Commissioner Chan. [Discussion]

Commission support of CA SB 1012: The Regulated Psychedelic Facilitators Act and the Regulated Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Act. Bill introduced by Senator Wiener on January 24, 2024. Link to



legislative summary was emailed to commissioners prior to this meeting. A draft resolution submitted by Commissioners Chan and Kutovaya was also emailed to commissioners for their review.  
[Discussion / Action]

## **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. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. 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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