

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
DIVERSITY COALITION COMMITTEE**

**March 11, 2026**

**5:30 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Diversity Coalition Committee (DCC) was held in-person in the Signal Hill Public Library on March 11, 2026.

**(1) CALL TO ORDER**

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Lisa Wong arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Present:

JENNIFER ARZATE  
MARY GONZALES  
SAMONA MICHELLE CALDWELL  
DIANA PHILLIPS  
LUPE REYES

Absent:

CHARISMA JUSTIS  
PAM DUTCH HUGHES  
HARSHAN JEYAKUMAR  
GEGE LOPEZ

Late Arrival:

LISA WONG

City Representatives:

YVETTE AGUILAR, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

ALYSSA CHRISTENSON, MANAGEMENT ASSISSTANT

Ther was one member of the public in attendance.

**(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **(5) PRESENTATIONS**

5a. OVERVIEW OF UPDATED CITY COUNCIL APPROVED STRUCTURE FOR THE DIVERSITY COALITION COMMITTEE

Lisa Wong arrived at 6:12 p.m.

#### **(6) STAFF UPDATE**

6a. A new City communications plan was approved at City Council and will be sent out to the Diversity Coalition Committee.

6b. Biannual Budget Workshop will be held by City Council on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

6c. Mark the following dates on your calendars:

1. Spring Fest is Saturday, April 4, 2026
2. City Hall Ribbon Cutting taking place on Tuesday, April 16, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
3. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States will be celebrated by the City on Saturday, June 27, 2026.
4. Amphitheater will be unveiled on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

#### **(7) DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7a. SELECTION OF A CHAIR TO FILL EXISTING VACANCY DUE TO RESIGNATION

##### Summary:

Former Diversity Coalition Committee (DCC) Chair, Kerry Castillo, resigned in January 2026 from her position as a member and Chair. Her resignation left the Chair seat vacant. Per the City Council Committee Policy, the DCC will elect a new Chair within 30 days of formation to lead the committee through the term ending June 30, 2027. The duties would include, but not limited to running the regular DCC Meeting and communicate with City Staff in advance of regular DCC Meeting.

It was moved by MARY GONZALES and seconded by SAMONA MICHELLE CALDWELL, to approve Jennifer Arzate as the new Diversity Coalition Committee Chair.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:           MARY GONZALES  
                      SAMONA MICHELLE CALDWELL

DIANA PHILLIPS  
LUPE REYES  
LISA WONG

NOES: NONE

Diana Phillips resigned as Vice Chair at 6:25 p.m.

It was moved by DIANA PHILLIPS and seconded by MARY GONZALES, to approve Lupe Reyes as the new Diversity Coalition Committee Vice Chair.

7b. DIVERSITY BREAKFAST EVENT

Summary:

The City, in partnership with the Diversity Coalition Committee, hosts the Diversity Breakfast event the first Tuesday in June. This year, the event would fall on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. To allow enough time to plan and promote the event, staff request the committee identify up to two members of the committee serve as points of contact for City staff throughout the planning process.

It was moved by DIANA PHILLIPS and seconded by SAMONA MICHELLE CALDWELL, to approve Diana Phillips and Mary Gonzales as the two DCC points of contact for the planning of the Diversity Breakfast Event.

**(8) CONSENT CALENDAR**

**(9) COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS**

Diana Phillips informed the DCC of the forward movement related to the Los Angeles County Digital Equity Community Conversations. The DCC is primed to help the City decide what demographic to focus on for residents.

**(10) ADJOURNMENT**

Staff adjourned the meeting at 7:01 P.M. to the next regular meeting of the DCC to be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:30 P.M., at the Signal Hill Public Library, Signal Hill.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Manager