

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS:

Section 1: Regular Meetings. Regular Meetings of the ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY of Contra Costa County, hereinafter referred to as the "Advisory Council," or "Council" shall be held monthly at regular times and places as set by the Advisory Council.

Section 2: Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairperson of the Advisory Council or by a majority of the members of the Council, by delivering written notice to each member of the Council and to each newspaper of general circulation, radio or television station requesting notice in writing. The notice shall be delivered personally or by mail, e-mail, or facsimile at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. The Council shall consider no other business at the meeting. The written notice may be dispensed with (not sent) as to any member of the Council who, at or prior to the time the meeting convenes, files with the County's Affirmative Action Officer a written waiver of notice. The notice may be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. The call and notice shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to the public.

Section 3: Public Meetings. All regular and special meetings of the Advisory Council shall be open to the public in accordance with the Brown Act of the State of California and the Better Government Ordinance of Contra Costa County.

Section 4: Quorum. A majority of the members currently appointed to the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is not necessary to conduct a meeting. The unanimous vote of a majority of a quorum shall be necessary to act except as otherwise noted in these by-laws.

Section 5: Order of Business. The normal order of business for regular meetings shall be determined by the Chairperson in consultation with members of the Advisory Council and with staff to the Advisory Council at the time of preparation of the meeting agenda or prior to conducting the meeting. The order of business of any meeting may be changed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the Advisory Council during the meeting. The order of business shall include the following items not necessarily in the following order:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Public comment
- D. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- E. Report by staff
- F. Correspondence
- G. Report by chairperson

- H. Report(s) by Committee(s)
- I. Old business
- J. New business
- K. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items
- L. Review Items for next Agenda
- M. Adjournment

Section 6: Rules of Order. The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Advisory Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the laws governing the Advisory Council and these by-laws, provided that any rule may be modified by majority vote of the Advisory Council.

Section 7: Tapes and Minutes. Each meeting shall be taped, and a written record that accurately reflects the agenda and decisions made at the meeting (minutes) shall be maintained. Copies of the minutes shall be distributed to all Advisory Council members at least one workweek prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting tapes can be reviewed upon request at any time with prior notice to staff.

Section 8: Manner of voting. The vote of all questions coming before the Advisory Council shall be by voice vote, except by request of a member or staff that a roll call vote be taken, in which case the yeas, nays, and abstentions shall be entered into the minutes of such meeting. The Advisory Council shall attempt to reach a consensus; if unable to reach consensus, then a roll call vote may be taken. Additionally, if a consensus is not reached, then a majority vote is necessary to pass an action.

Section 9: Other Procedures. The Advisory Council may adopt, by majority vote, other rules, regulations and procedures as may be required for the orderly conduct of business.

Section 10: Absence of Advisory Council Members. After a Council member has three unexcused absences in a twelve month period from regularly scheduled meetings, the Advisory Council may recommend formally to the Board of Supervisors that the member be removed.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: The Board of Supervisors shall determine the number and composition of the members of the Advisory Council.

Section 2: All members of the Advisory Council are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3: Matters of tenure of appointments and re-appointments are found in the enabling Orders of the Board of Supervisors and County Affirmative Action Plan.

Section 4: All Advisory Council members serve without compensation.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS:

Section 1: Designation of Officers. The Officers of the Advisory Council shall be the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.

Section 2: Nominations. Advisory Council members may propose candidates for Advisory Council office.

Section 3: Election of Officers. In November of each year, the officers of the Advisory Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the total current membership of the Advisory Council and shall serve for a term of one year commencing on and after the first meeting in November of each year. All officers shall continue to serve until a successor has been elected. No officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms in one particular office unless this rule is set aside for that particular office by 2/3 vote of the current members. Any officer may be removed from office at any time for just cause on the vote of 2/3 of the current members.

Section 4: Vacancies of Officers. Any vacancy occurring among any of the officers by reason of death, resignation from office or removal of any officer shall be filled by a vote of a majority of all current members of the Advisory Council and the person filling the vacancy shall serve the remaining term of office.

Section 5: Powers and duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall call the meeting to order at the appointed time; shall appoint all committees, subject to the approval of the Advisory Council; shall have all the powers and duties of the presiding officer as described in Robert's Rules of Order; and shall perform other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Advisory Council.

Section 6: Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or inability of the Chairperson to act. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Advisory Council or by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES:

Section 1: Committees. The Chairperson from time to time may establish committees, composed of members of the Council, define their powers and duties consistent with the Council's mandate as stated in Part IV of the County's Affirmative Action Plan, and appoint the members thereof subject to the approval of the Advisory Council.

Section 2: Each subcommittee shall have a chairperson. The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Advisory Council and shall be notified of all meetings. A list of members and participants of each committee shall be kept and a copy given to the Advisory Council staff person. Committee meeting notices shall be mailed, e-mailed, telephoned, and/or personally given, approximately one workweek in advance of the meeting date to all members of the committee involved. Meeting locations shall be conducive to effective functioning of the committee (e.g. size, accessibility, minimum of distractions, etc.)

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At the first meeting of any new committee and at other times as warranted by changing membership or other conditions, the purpose and relevant policies of the Advisory Council and the particular committee shall be reviewed and explained by the Advisory Council Chairperson and/or the committee Chairperson.

Section 3: Meetings. Committees shall meet as warranted.

Section 4: Assistance. Committees may call upon any member of the staff of the Advisory Council for technical or clerical assistance.

Section 5: When the committee Chairperson changes, the outgoing committee Chairperson shall submit to the new committee Chairperson a list of all pending projects of the committee in order to insure continuity and completion of the committee activities and goals.

ARTICLE V

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

Section 1: Only the Chairperson or his/her designee may speak or make statements officially on behalf of the Advisory Council. The designee shall be a member of the Advisory Council or staff.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1: As authorized by the Board of Supervisors, the Advisory Council may independently adopt bylaws that address quorum requirements, attendance requirements for continuing membership, the election of officers, and the establishment of subcommittees comprising current members of the advisory body. Advisory Council bylaws addressing other topics must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Subject to the requirements for Board of Supervisors approval, these bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the currently appointed members of the Advisory Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2: Written notice of any proposed changes must be publicly posted and given to members of the Advisory Council at least four days (96 hours) prior to the meeting at which the vote will be called.