



DIVERSITY & CULTURAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Updated 1/6/2026

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBER - 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553; and via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER – *Pledge of Allegiance.*

ROLL CALL – *Commission Chair Dr Tracey M Edwards Moore, Vice-Chair Gwyneth Gilkey, Commission members Loraine M Brittingham, Luka Afonine, Vana Tran, Steeve Boulingui, Marcos Barajas.*

CIVILITY STATEMENT - *As your Diversity and Cultural Commission, we will treat each other and the public with patience, civility, and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in Martinez for the conduct of all City business and community participation. This includes respect for everyone's First Amendment Right to voice their opinion on matters within the City's subject matter jurisdiction, even if that opinion is different from our own. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the Martinez community and not for personal gain.*

PUBLIC COMMENT – *For non-agendized items.*

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Receive presentation on Sesquicentennial initiatives and provide feedback on related plans:
 - a. Community outreach and engagement
 - b. Engagement with Sister Cities during the Sesquicentennial Year
 - c. New Sister City in Honor of the Sesquicentennial
2. Discuss and provide feedback regarding the City's Cultural and Religious Recognitions:
 - a. Review and discuss cultural dates of significance to be potentially included on the City's Cultural and Religious Recognition Calendar.
 - b. Review proposed criteria for recognizing individuals or groups for cultural recognition proclamations.
 - c. Appoint two commissioners to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to collaborate with the Mayor and staff on proclamations and recognitions between January and April.

[Staff Report - Sesquicentennial Initiatives and Sister City Engagement](#)

[Staff Report - Cultural and Religious Recognition Calendar](#)

[Attachment A - California State Holidays](#)

[Attachment B - Federally-recognized Holidays](#)

[Attachment C - Example list of Dates of Cultural Significance](#)

Updated list of attachments 1/6/2026

STAFF UPDATES

1. Lauren Sugayan, Assistant City Manager: Comments/Updates
2. Andrew White, Chief of Police: Comments/Updates
3. Upcoming meetings:
 - a. March 12, 2026 (Special Meeting)
 - b. April 9, 2026
 - c. August 13, 2026
 - d. October 8, 2026

CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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