

## TOWN OF LOS GATOS

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# Press Release

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### ANNOUNCING THE NEWLY FORMED DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMISSION

**Los Gatos, CA** – The 101 Commissioners of the newly established Los Gatos Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission (DEIC) are reaching out to the broader community to explain share who the members we are, share what our its goals are, and to engage in discussion and discovery.

<u>The Town Council appointed the DEIC members</u> We are appointed as representatives of residents, businesses, non-profits, and faith communities, who all share a passion for cultivating a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming culture in Los Gatos, and for helping to drive the implementation of strategies and policies that realize that vision.

We-The Commission believes the roots of our its success lie in creating a continuous network of input from the many sub-communities that are connected to Los Gatos. The DEIC We-plans to table at the Farmers Market and outside of the Library, as well as at events, and encourages everyone to share stories and ideas that open our eyes to challenges and opportunities for greater inclusion. We-The Commission welcomes invitations to organizations, clubs, and gatherings across Town, to facilitate a collaborative and collective process to inform our its actions. One of our the DEIC's first goals is to create a calendar of diverse gatherings and events that will encourage everyone to step out of their familiar spaces and learn about other cultures and identities. We also are compiling a list of local organizations that could serve as partners, both in providing input and creating opportunities.

The Commission's monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:00\_p\_m\_ in the Town Chambers. They are open to the public and include public comment opportunities.

(see subsequent pages for photographs of the Commissioners)

Gordon Yamate, Resident



Dominic Broadhead, Employee

**PENDING** 

Carmen Lo, Resident



Folake Phillips, Non<u>-pP</u>rofit <u>EmployeeRepresentative</u>



Varily Isaacs, Resident



Diane Fisher, Faith Representative



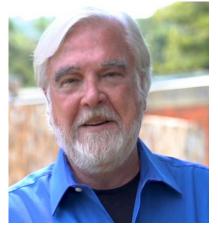
Dornaz Memarzia, Arts and Culture Commissioner



Pravin Balasingham, Youth Commissioner



D. Michael Kane, Business Owner and Resident



Pradeep Khanal, Community Health and Senior Services Commissioner



Ryan Idemoto, Youth Commissioner



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