

Press Release

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(March, 2024) The 10 Commissioners of the newly established Los Gatos Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission are reaching out to the broader community to share who we are, what our goals are, and to engage in discussion and discovery.

We are appointed as representatives of residents, businesses, nonprofits 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 believe the roots of our success lie in creating a continuous network of input from the many sub-communities that are connected to Los Gatos. We plan to table at the Farmers Market and the Library, as well as at events, and encourage everyone to share stories and ideas that open our eyes to challenges and opportunities for greater inclusion. We welcome invitations to organizations, clubs and gatherings across Town, to facilitate a **collaborative and collective** process to inform our actions. One of our 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 5:00pm in the Town Chambers. They are open to the public and include public comment opportunities.

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