

THE CITY OF FITCHBURG HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



Presented by
Barbara Nealon, Chairperson
March 24, 2017

Meetings

- ▣ 2nd Tuesday of every month
- ▣ 5:30pm
- ▣ Fitchburg Public Library 610 Main Street
Ethnic Heritage Room 2nd floor

Current Commissioners

- ▣ Santa Amico
- ▣ Adrian Ford
- ▣ Cheryl Maguy-Stewart
- ▣ April Maldonado
- ▣ David Roth
- ▣ Barbara Nealon-Chairperson

Commissioner Vacancies

▣ Total of 11 Seats 9 Regular members

2 Associate members

3 current regular member vacancies

2 associate member vacancies

{Membership should reflect the diversity of the
City}

Purpose & Responsibilities

- ▣ Works to protect and preserve the constitutional, civil and human rights of all people in the City of Fitchburg

Our Objective:

- ▣ To eliminate unlawful discrimination
- ▣ Provide education about human rights issues
- ▣ Work with diverse individuals & groups to promote tolerance and mutual respect

The Human Rights Commission is Tasked With:

- ▣ Coordinating with community agencies representing various socioeconomic and ethnic groups in advocating for the human rights of their constituents
- ▣ Coordinating with other municipal departments to increase compliance with pertinent local, state and federal laws

The Human Rights Commission is Tasked With: (continued)

- ▣ Investigating complaint of unlawful treatment, harassment or discrimination
- ▣ Promoting public awareness of human rights issues through educational activities
- ▣ Providing information to the public about civil rights

The Commission function shall be to further the goals, aims and purposes of

- ▣ The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination as established by General Laws Chapter 6 section 56

And to enforce

Chapters 151B and 151C and Chapter 272 section 92A and 98 subject to provisions of Chapter 3 Article 28 of the City Code

Organization

- ▣ The Human Rights Commission is comprised of 9 volunteer residents and 2 associate volunteer residents
- ▣ The associate volunteers shall have the same authority to vote on matters before the commission in the absence of a Commissioner on in the case of a conflict of interest by a Commissioner. Each members term is for three years.
- ▣ Volunteers are appointed by the Mayor and are subject to approval by the City Council

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Thank you!