

## Human Relations Commission

The City of Holland recognizes the inherent right of its inhabitants to strive to fulfill their goals and aspirations unhindered by discrimination based on or resulting from considerations of race, creed, handicap, educational association, color, sex, age, marital status, national origin or association. Therefore, in 1966, the City of Holland created the Human Relations Commission. The HRC is comprised of 9 members broadly representative of the City's population who are appointed by the Mayor with approval of City Council.

### Activities of the HRC include:

- Monitor local, state and federal fair housing practices
- Review and investigate discrimination complaints
- Provide information on landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities
- Monitors City of Holland compliance with State of Michigan Equal
- Opportunity Employment (EEO) guidelines
- Receives, investigates and mediates City Employee EEO grievances
- The Human Relations Commission currently has one (1) vacancy.

### The HRC has 4 sub-committees:

- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Government/Community Relations

### The HRC has 2 Networks:

- Multicultural Resource Network
- Community Network for Education

### Goal of the HRC:

To consult with and advise City Council on equal rights and opportunities affecting all Holland citizens; and to promote social and cultural understanding by discouraging and preventing discrimination, conducting studies, investigations and other activities that improve relationships among all citizens, and protect their equal rights in housing, education, employment, and public services. In other words, the HRC is here to promote positive and friendly relationships between all citizens of this community!

### Mission Statement:

The Human Relations Department serves to protect the equal rights and equal opportunities of all citizens by preventing discrimination in housing, education, employment, and public services by conducting activities that promote social justice and cultural understanding and improve relationships among all citizens of the City of Holland.

### Current Meeting Schedule:

The HRC commission meets regularly every 3rd Thursday of each month in City Hall at 6pm. These are public meetings and all residents are encouraged to attend. Auxiliary aide services can be made available for persons with hearing and/or visual impairments for these meetings by calling our office 48 hours prior to the meeting dates.

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### Current Members, 2011-2012:

The HRC Currently has **3 VACANCIES** on the Commission. City Residents interested in serving on the Human Relations Commission may contact the Human Relations Department (616) 355-1328 to complete an application to serve on City Boards or Commissions. Thank you.

- Maggi Rivera, Chair
- Phil Coray
- Jane McCarthy
- Tim Marroquin, Chair Elect
- Laurie Franklin
- Quincy Byrd
- Bree Austin Roberts
- Abraham Gonzales
- OPEN

### Student Representatives:

- Diana Hernandez
- Angelica Ross

### City Staff:

- Esther Fifelski, HRC Coordinator
- Wayne Klomprens, City Council Liaison

If you feel you have been a victim of discrimination and would like help/information, or if you would like to express an opinion on any of the Commission's concerns, please contact the HRC. All contacts are confidential.

### Supporting Documents

 [HRC Brochure 10.pdf](#)

### Web Links

[Becoming a City Volunteer Human Relations Contact Information](#)

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