



NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

ORGANIZATION: Melrose Human Rights Commission

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 9, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: [Zoom](#)

<https://emmanuel.zoom.us/j/97618240876>

Meeting ID: 976 1824 0876

REQUESTED BY: Lizzy Barr, Chair

AGENDA

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

1. Call to Order & Attendance
2. Reading of the Minutes
3. Guest Speaker – Sam Hammar of Melrose Creative Alliance
 - a. Hispanic Heritage Month
4. Public Comment **Speakers during Public Comment must only address topics on the agenda for the meeting at which they speak. Individual speakers are limited to speak for a total of five (5) minutes per person.*
5. Regular Business
 - a. Chairperson’s Administrative Report
 - b. Treasurer’s Report



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6. Updates
 - a. Red Cards
 - b. Intake/Referral Process
 - c. Resource Guides

7. Other and/or Unfinished Business **Issues or concerns which were unknown at the time this meeting was posted or unfinished business and general orders*

8. New Business
 - a. Community Letter - Transgender Sanctuary City Proposal

9. Adjournment

Note: The listed agenda items are those that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items, in fact, may be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Transgender Sanctuary City Proposal

From Frankie Wilson [REDACTED]
Date Wed 5/21/2025 8:04 PM
To Melrose Human Rights Commission <humanrightscommission@cityofmelrose.org>; City Council <citycouncil@cityofmelrose.org>
Cc [REDACTED]

To the members of the City Council and the Human Rights Commission,

We are concerned citizens hoping to make Melrose a sanctuary city for transgender and nonbinary people and we're wondering if this would be something you're interested in doing. By doing so, we would be following the suit of many cities in Massachusetts including Boston, Cambridge, and Worcester.

In making Melrose a sanctuary city we would be reaffirming our support for the transgender community in Melrose, particularly transgender and nonbinary youth.

By making Melrose a sanctuary city we ask that you refrain from engaging in executive orders aimed at the rights and wellbeing of transgender people, including the banning of transgender people from organized sports, the effort to deny trans people healthcare, job discrimination based on gender identity, and reduction of funding for supports for transgender and nonbinary youth in melrose schools, including mental health supports.

The transgender suicide rate has only increased since the president began attacking trans rights, and he even wishes to defund the LGBTQ+ suicide hotline. Since our youth spend so much time in our schools, emphasizing the support and care they can receive in what is essentially a second home is integral to protecting their health, safety and development as well as the future of our city.

As young people we recognize how important it is to foster newer generations to continue the hard work Melrose has put into remaining a healthy and welcoming environment, and for these new generations to make positive change that will impact the future of all Americans.

We ask for your support, allyship and your advocacy upon the behalf of all queer people in this city, and in this country. We ask for you to be a pinnacle of hope for the transgender community in such turbulent times.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Frankie Wilson and Molly Madden

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