LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV

Community Caucus Quick FAQ

What is the Community Caucus?
A shared space that brings together the Commission's former Aging, Black, Women's, and Transgender Caucuses. It connects common concerns while keeping the distinct experiences and needs of these communities visible.

What is its purpose?
To bring community experiences, concerns, and ideas into the Commission's HIV prevention and care planning, priorities, and recommendations.

Who can participate?
Community members, former caucus participants, Commissioners, providers, partners, and allies. You do not need to be a Commissioner to participate. People with lived experience and those most directly affected should remain at the center of the discussion.

What happens to the work of the former caucuses?
That work remains part of the Commission's planning. Prior listening sessions, outreach, and recommendations provide a foundation for identifying what needs continued attention. The Community Engagement Findings Report brings together feedback from these and other engagement activities.

Can we still focus on a specific community or issue?
Yes. The Community Caucus offers opportunities to establish time-limited workgroups focused on priority populations or specific projects. Participants can bring ideas to caucus leadership and staff to discuss the purpose, intended outcome, timeframe, and connection to Commission work.

How does our input move forward?
Co-Chairs and staff summarize community themes and recommendations for the Membership & Community Engagement (MCE) Committee. MCE helps route them to the appropriate committee, DHSP, or full Commission for follow-up.

What do the Co-Chairs do?
Work with staff to identify topics, encourage participation, guide respectful discussions, and help move community input and workgroup updates forward.

How often will the Caucus meet?
As needed, in alignment with Commission work and topics where community input is needed. Caucus meetings under the current structure are not governed by the Brown Act. Subscribe to the Commission's listserv for meeting notices and participation opportunities.

How is this different from the Consumer Caucus?
The Consumer Caucus centers people who access HIV prevention and care services. The Community Caucus brings together priority population perspectives and supports focused community work. You may participate in both.

Advocacy and the Caucuses.
The Consumer and Community Caucuses can advocate for change by sharing lived experiences, identifying service barriers and policy concerns, and developing recommendations that inform the Commission's work. Caucus recommendations move through Commission staff and the Membership & Community Engagement (MCE) Committee for appropriate review and follow-up. Official legislative, policy and budget advocacy must follow County procedures, including coordination with the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) team. Caucuses cannot independently take positions or speak on behalf of the Commission or County without authorization. Participants may also advocate personally or through other organizations, while making clear whom they represent.

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