



# COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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June 27, 2023

### MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Ilan Davidson, President

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting- Monday, July 3, 2023

Our Commission will meet on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 12:30 p.m., at 510 S. Vermont Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, #9K08, Rm B., Los Angeles, California.

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Please review, and let me know if you have any questions.

If you are unable to join the meeting, please call me at (213) 639-6089 no later than 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 3rd.

*Grace Löwenberg*  
(213) 639-6089

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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**  
**Monday, July 3, 2023 – 12:30-2:00 pm**  
**LA County Vermont Corridor Building - 510 S. Vermont Ave.**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90020 - Conf. Rm. B on the Terrace Level #9K08**  
**[Also via MS Teams Video and Audio Conferencing 213-204**  
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Our mission: to transform prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, and hostility into peace

- 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement (12:30)**
- 2. Review & Approval of June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes\***
- 3. President's Report (12:33)**
  - 3.1. Spotlight on a Commission Staff: April Johnson, new training team manager
  - 3.2. Pres. Davidson away serving as Dean of Faculty at URJ Camp Newman in Santa Rosa
- 4. Executive Director's Report (12:45)**
  - 4.1 Incoming Staff – Tony Cowser, Commission's New Public Information Officer
  - 4.2 Key Program and Administrative Updates
- 5 Committee Reports (12:55)**
  - 5.1 Transformative Justice Committee (Gunning)
  - 5.2 Policy and Advocacy (Legislation) Committee (Montaño)
  - 5.3 LA vs Hate Committee (Montaño)
- 6. Public Comment (3 minutes per person) (1:05)**
- 7. Action/Discussion Items (1:10)**
  - 7.1 Supervisorial Districts as redrawn recently based on the 2020 Census
  - 7.2 Changes to Committee Membership (Gunning)\*
  - 7.3 Hate Crime Legislation (AB 1064)
  - 7.4 HRC Offices' Location Update
  - 7.5 John Anson Ford Awards Nominations\*
- 8. Commissioner Announcements (2 minutes per Commissioner) (1:55)**
- 9. Adjournment in memory of Daniel Ellsberg, whistleblower and anti-war activist (2:00)**

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[DRAFT] MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS  
Meeting of June 5, 2023  
In Person and via Microsoft Teams Video & Audio Conferencing

PRESENT: Michael Cheung  
Helen L. Chin  
Ilan Davidson  
Jeanette Ellis-Royston  
Azusena Favela  
Isabelle Gunning

Derric Johnson  
Preeti Kulkarni  
Guadalupe Montaña  
Fredrick Sykes  
Sandra E. Thomas  
Gay Yuen

STAFF: Pierre Arreola  
Grace Löwenberg  
Robert Sowell

Robin Toma  
Siranush Vardanyan

- 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples:** Commission President Ilan Davidson called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. with a quorum in attendance, and recognized that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multi-generational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation, and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the Fernandño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and San Fernando Band of Mission Indians. To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).
- 2. Review & Approval of May 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** The motion to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting of May 1, 2023, as presented by Vice-President/Secretary (VP Sec.) Isabelle Gunning, was made by Commissioner Fredrick Sykes, seconded by Commissioner Sandra E. Thomas. Commissioner Azusena Favela requested a correction as she was not present during the meeting, but her name was listed as a participant. The correction was accepted without opposition, and the motion passed unanimously. Additionally, Pres. Davidson invited a motion to approve the proposed amended minutes from the meeting

held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to include information about the National anti-Asian hate panel on Vincent Chin and the LA Law Library Award to Isabelle Gunning. The motion was moved by Commissioner Favela and seconded by VP Sec. Gunning. The motion passed with no opposition and an abstention by Commissioner Guadalupe Montaña.

### **3. President's Report**

- 3.1 Spotlight on Commission Partner April Johnson:** President Davidson shared that spotlight guest April Johnson is unable to join the meeting, however Executive Director (ED) Toma explained that April Johnson was a Senior Human Relations Consultant who recently was promoted to become a Human Services Administrator I and the manager over the training team. President Davidson suggested arrangements to have her as a guest during another upcoming Commission meeting.
- 3.2 LA Youth Poet Laureate event (and LA vs Hate Mural Unveiling):** President Davidson reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event of the L.A. Youth Poet Laureate finals took place last Saturday and the winner was Sierra Leone Anderson. President Davidson expressed how impressed he was with all of the poet laureates and that he is looking forward to inviting some to participate in upcoming events. Additionally, he shared that he attended the unveiling of the anti-Jewish hate mural in the Pico Robertson district and encouraged Commissioners to go see it. He shared the names of several attendees including Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and (L.A.) City Councilmember Katie Yaroslavsky. ED Toma shared a photo of the mural with the artist Chloe Hakakian and her team as Pres. Davidson explained that the unveiling of this mural was the beginning of LA vs. Hate's Summer of Solidarity mural events.
- 3.3 IAOHRA Conference August 13-17, 2023, near Washington, D.C.-** President Davidson reminded Commissioners about the upcoming International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) Conference from August 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> at the Baltimore/Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area, hosted by the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission and ED Toma added that there are now two available spots for those who would like to attend.

### **4. Executive Director's Report**

#### **4.1 Key Program Updates: Tour of Jails, Sup. Solis' AAPI Heritage Month Event, LA vs Hate at LA Galaxy game, Anti-Armenian Hate event, CA vs Hate launch, Anti-Semitism Panel at JANM, Summer of Solidarity kickoff events**

Executive Director (ED) Robin Toma began his report by thanking all Commissioners who have joined in person for today's meeting and those who have posted their address to join in from home (via Teams). ED Toma reminded attendees that when an individual plans on attending the Commission meeting from a different location than where the meeting is being held, the notice must be posted at the location, and you must allow members of the public to join if requested.

ED Toma moved on to show a photo from the May 16<sup>th</sup> tour of the Century Regional Detention Facility and briefly shared that the new Sheriff's office arranged facility tours at Men's Central Jail, the Twin Towers Facility and the Century Regional Detention Facility. He reported that many were stunned at the jail conditions, particularly Men's Central Jail, for the lack of light, the amount of trash that was piled up and the unsanitary conditions in general. ED Toma continued to describe an area where juice cartons were stacked up and used as a barrier to keep rats out of cells and stated that he was stunned that things seemed to have gotten worse through the years. Commissioner Chin joined the discussion

expressing that she felt as though it was dehumanizing to give tours of the jail as if the group was visiting a zoo, and none of the employees try to clean before the tour to make conditions seem better than they are. VP Sec. Gunning agreed with the rest of the group and referenced ‘the crud,’ a word for the unhealthy conditions in the jail used by the deputy sheriffs, and the health risks of being exposed to the environment there. Commissioner Sykes shared that he was working at the jail from 1973 to 1976 and believes cycling to work and back daily helped his immunity tremendously. Commissioners shared concerns regarding conditions, personnel, capacity, and resource allocation. Lastly, Commissioner Kulkarni asked about any programs to assist the incarcerated and ED Toma mentioned Education Based Incarceration and FIP Step Down program involving medical assistant training that they saw which are helping inmates acquire professional skills as they assist those who are incarcerated.

ED Toma shared on the screen a flyer of Supervisor Solis’ Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration (May 19), pointing out that our former John Anson Ford Awardee, Esther Lim, received an award during this celebration, and County Mental Health Department director Dr. Lisa Wong was the keynote speaker and honoree as well.

He then reported on LA vs Hate being a community partner for the LA Galaxy game on May 14th, and his hope that this was the beginning of more visibility of LA vs Hate at major sporting events. He highlighted how popular the LA vs Hate booth was, perhaps due to the spin-the-wheel game as a way to win LA vs Hate promotional items.

ED Toma mentioned that the Commission co-sponsored an Anti-Armenian Hate event on May 4th with the Truth and Accountability League (TAAL), referred to us by Supervisor Barger’s office. We have produced a poster on Armenians vs. Hate, which was created by LA vs Hate with input from our partners.

ED Toma called attention to the press conference he attended on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento for the launch of CA vs Hate, and speakers acknowledged that it was based on LA vs Hate, and referred to the press release on screen and in our meeting packet for more information.

He reported on speaking on an excellent, though lightly-attended panel (on May 16<sup>th</sup>) on anti-semitism in marginalized communities that was organized by the Japanese American National Museum’s Center for the Preservation of Democracy, and co-sponsored by the Holocaust Museum of Los Angeles.

Lastly, ED Toma informed Commissioners that there is a calendar of events available online at [www.LAvsHate.org](http://www.LAvsHate.org) to show the many events happening for the LA vs Hate Summer of Solidarity, and mentioned the wonderful variety of attendees and activities at the recent unveiling of the Jewish community mural.

**4.2 Key Administrative Developments: Office space, hiring new staff for programs and communications, etc.:** ED Toma stated he will discuss the office space in the item 7.3 and shared that HRC is very close to hiring the additional staff, and thanked Robert Sowell for his work.

## **5. Committee Reports**

**5.1 Transformative Justice Committee:** Committee Chair Isabelle Gunning shared on screen the data analysis from Seva Rodnyansky and Jorgen Harris, professors at Occidental, who are looking at data from Glendale, South Pasadena and Pasadena Police Departments and doing an empirical analysis of suburban policing. Committee Chair Gunning explained graphs and

information being presented in the report and shared that the gist of the data is that most arrests are happening to individuals who are Black and there are other racial inequities in arrests. Lastly, she expressed that Commissioner Favela would like to join the Committee.

**5.2 Policy and Advocacy (Legislation) Committee:** Committee Chair Guadalupe Montañó reported that after meeting, the committee has a recommendation regarding AB 1064 which will be discussed later in agenda item 7.2.

**5.3 LA vs Hate Committee:** Committee Chair Guadalupe Montañó thanked Terri Villa McDowell and the team for the amazing event of the mural unveiling, and stated that much of the LA vs Hate work had been shared already.

**6. Public Comment:** None was offered.

**7. Action/Discussion Items**

**7.1 Election of Commission Officers- Ballot Enclosed:** ED Toma shared the ballot on his screen for reference and went over the steps that had occurred to arrive to this point, the elections. He suggested going one by one for each office using the slate that was previously submitted by the Nominations Committee. The votes for each position were as follows:

Ilan Davidson for President (Fourth District)- Elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

Isabelle Gunning for Vice President/Secretary (Third District)- Elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

Derric Johnson for Vice President (Second District)- Elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

Fredrick Sykes for Vice President (First District)-Elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

Sandra Thomas for Vice President (Fifth District)- Elected unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

**7.2 Hate Crime Legislation:** Committee Chair Montañó shared a document on her screen and explained that the recommendation is for LA County to oppose AB 1064 because although the Committee strongly opposes hate crimes, the bill is overly broad in defining bias motivation, and it is premised on the belief that punishment via mass prosecution and incarceration will be effective in addressing the rise in hate crime; and it does not provide solutions, but diverts attention and resources away from the root causes of hate crime. Commissioner Ellis-Royston shared that she was disappointed because it feels as though we are at square one again with hate crime committers not being prosecuted. Commissioner Gay Yuen agreed that they may not address the root of cause of hate crime. Commissioner Ellis-Royston recommended two other bills, AB 1165 and AB 1327, which may be important for the County to support. ED Toma suggested inquiring with LA County's Legislative Affairs to determine if a position has already been taken. Committee Chair Montañó invited a motion to recommend the Committee position to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was made by Commissioner Gunning, and seconded by President Davidson. With no abstentions and objections, the motion passed unanimously.

**7.3 HRC Offices' Location:** Without objection, this item was continued to the next meeting.

- 8. Commissioner Announcements:** Commissioner Ellis-Royston shared that she was unfortunately hacked and an email was sent seemingly from her, asking for financial assistance for a friend. She urged recipients not to fall victim or send money to the email address requesting funds.
- 9. Adjournment:** President Davidson invited a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Gloria Molina, former LA County Supervisor, and Tina Turner, as proposed by Commissioner Ellis-Royston. The motion was moved by Commissioner Ellis-Royston and seconded by Commissioner Kulkarni. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Gunning  
Commission Vice President-Secretary

## 4.1 Agenda Item

### ANTHONY (TONY) COWSER

Antonio (Tony) Cowser has a bachelor's degree in public relations from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Tony brings with him over 15 years of experience creating data-driven, multicultural, and general market strategies, and implementing tailored marketing campaigns across digital channels, printed materials, e-commerce, and social media platforms. He has experience in both the public and private sectors and has worked with big companies, small businesses, and start-up companies.

Early in his career, Tony worked for domestic automotive ad agencies in Michigan before relocating to California to work on imported luxury vehicle accounts. That career shift sent him on his way toward multicultural advertising and emerging marketing. Eventually, Tony's passion for multiculturalism led to him managing a comprehensive digital communication strategy based on specific target profiles for gay and bisexual Black, Latino, and Asian American Pacific Islander men in New York City and Los Angeles. These government-funded campaigns were designed to help increase HIV and STD awareness in underserved communities utilizing data to interpret the public discourse and arrive at consensus messaging on issues of public importance.

He spent over 10 years managing paid advertising and content strategy at Tier1 Advertising. In that role, his expertise includes having worked with internal and external stakeholders for the development and implementation of digital marketing materials; while working closely with in-house and remote teams. Tony also has extensive experience cultivating relationships with writers at media outlets and sharing stories about programs and services, researching editorial opportunities, managing influencer relationships/public relations, and working closely with internal and external partners to brainstorm content and coordinate professional partnerships.

7.2 Agenda Item

Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations  
**COMMITTEES FOR FY 2022-23**

***For Action – To Approve Committees and Members for FY 2023-24***

JAF AWARDS EVENT COMMITTEE	TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE	POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE	LA VS. HATE COMMITTEE	
<i>Guadalupe Montaña (Chair)</i>	<i>Isabelle Gunning (Chair)</i>	<i>Guadalupe Montaña (Chair)</i>	<i>Guadalupe Montaña (Chair)</i>	
Ilan Davidson**	Derric Johnson	Isabelle Gunning	Helen Chin	
Kevork Keushkerian	Preeti Kulkarni	Derric Johnson	Azusena Favela	
Sandra Thomas	Jeanette Ellis Royston		Isabelle Gunning	
Gay Q. Yuen	Fredrick Sykes		Derric Johnson	
	Sandra Thomas		Gay Q. Yuen	
	Gay Yuen			
	<i>Tonya McKenzie (non-commissioner member)</i>			
Staff: Robert Sowell	Staff: Robert Sowell Pierre Arreola Joshua Parr	Staff: Robin Toma	Staff: Robin Toma Terri Villa-McDowell Robert Sowell Fidel Rodriguez Valentina D'Alessandro	

(\* ) Our Commission Bylaws (Article IX) require that each year, our Commission ratify the committees and its members.

(\*\* ) The Commission President is an ex-officio member of all committees, per the Commission's Bylaws.

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## 7.5 Agenda Item

### County of Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations Past John Anson Ford Award Recipients

#### John Allen Buggs Leadership Awardees

- 2022 Sheila Kuehl, civil rights attorney, state legislator, county supervisor
- 2021 Mary Culbert, attorney, law professor, pioneering mediator and mediation trainer
- 2020 Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., civil rights activist, nonviolence theorist, trainer, and practitioner
- 2019 Dr. Virginia Uribe, teacher, advocate for LGBTQ youth, co-founder of Project 10
- 2018 Ronald Wakabayashi, Regional Director, U.S. Justice Department’s Community Relations Service  
Mary Louise Longoria, former LACCHR staff
- 2017 Vaka Faletau, Tongan community advocate, LA County’s Children and Family Services
- 2016 Michelle Guymon, LA County’s Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
- 2008 Rabbi Harold Schulweiss
- 2007 Bo Taylor and Harry Belafonte
- 2006 Dr. Maher Hathout
- 2005 Zara Buggs Taylor
- 2004 Father Greg Boyle, S.J.
- 2003 Gordon Davidson, Center Theatre Group
- 2002 Constance Rice
- 2001 Stanley K. Sheinbaum
- 2000 Stephen N. Thom

#### Yvonne B. Burke Courage Awardees

- 2022 Esther, Lim, entrepreneur and anti-hate activist
- 2021 Hong Lee, hate target turned activist
- 2020 Dr. Barbara Ferrer, philanthropic strategist, researcher, Director of LA County Public Health
- 2019 Patricia Gándara, UCLA Civil Rights Project
- 2018 Mario Angel Escobar, Mission College
- 2017 Claudia Rueda, DACA youth activist
- 2017 W. Kamau Bell, Host of CNN’s “United Shades of America”
- 2016 Renee Tajima-Peña, Award-winning

- documentary filmmaker
- 2014 Los Angeles LGBT Center, Lifeworks Mentoring, Models of Pride
- 2013 Council for Immigrant Integration
- 2011 Ramona Ripston, Civil Rights Leader
- 2010 KC Porter
- 2008 Youth Radio
- 2007 Ozomatli
- 2006 R.J. Cutler, Actual Reality Pictures
- 2005 Lucky Altman
- 2004 Sonia Nazario
- 2003 “The West Wing” – Aaron Sorkin, Thomas Schlamme, John Wells
- 2003 Tony Valdez, KTTV-Fox 11
- 2002 Patricia Arquette

#### John Anson Ford Supervisorial District Awards

##### **First District -**

- 2022 Comunidades Indígenas en Liderazgo
- 2021 Change West Covina
- 2020 “Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition”, Innerscity Struggle
- 2019 “Club Scum”, Rodolfo Garcia and Ray Sanchez
- 2018 “Through Our Eyes” project, Legacy LA
- 2017 Gay-Straight Alliance Club, Santee High School
- 2016 Media Done Responsibly
- 2014 UCLA Labor Center’s Dream Resource Center
- 2013 New America Media Ethnic Media Awards Gala
- 2011 Jonnie Owens, Pomona Valley Community Leader
- 2010 REACH LA
- 2008 Homegirl Café
- 2007 Bernardo Rosa & The Pomona Youth Commission
- 2006 Multi-ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network (MIWON)
- 2005 Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCRR)
- 2004 The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation

2003 Dreamyard LA  
 2002 Project 10 (LAUSD)  
 2001 Cpt. Karen Pihlak, Azusa Police Department  
 2000 YWCA of Greater Los Angeles  
 1999 Michael P. Judge, Chief Public Defender

**Second District-**

2022 Build Plus Community Marketplace  
 2021 Black/Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Solidarity Project of Project 4R  
 2020 Community Action Team 911  
 2019 Transformative Engagement Initiative, the Guibord Center  
 2018 Transgender Health Program, St. John’s Well Child and Family Center  
 2017 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Project of 1992 L.A. Uprising, Community Coalition  
 2016 S.T.A.R. (Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience) Court, LA County  
 2014 Advancement Project’s Urban Peace Academy  
 2013 Victim Offender Restitution Services (VORS), a project of Centinela Youth Services  
 2011 Mia F. Yamamoto, Civil and Human Rights Activist & Defense Attorney  
 2010 Watts Village Theater Company  
 2008 California African American Museum  
 2007 Diane Schweitzer & Healthy Start Collaborative at Gardena High School  
 2006 Black Aids Institute – Los Angeles  
 2005 Dr. Sylvia Rousseau, LAUSD  
 2004 Children’s Enrichment Program  
 2003 Watts Labor Community Action Committee  
 2002 Community Coalition – South Central Youth Empowered Through Action  
 2001 Foshay Peer Mediation Program  
 2000 Cornerstone Theater Company  
 1999 Facing History and Ourselves

**Third District –**

2022 Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area Youth Program  
 2021 Social Resources Project of Los Angeles Education Partnership/Northeast Valley Best Start  
 2020 Students 4 Students Bruin/Trojan Shelter  
 2019 “Youth United Towards Environmental

Protection”, Pacoima Beautiful  
 2018 “Change the Talk” project, The National Council of Jewish Women  
 2017 Youth and Parent Leadership Project, Somos Familia Valle  
 2016 Young Warriors Project, Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural and Bookstore  
 2014 Jack London Continuation High School and Community Day School Peace Academies’ Jack London Peace Conference  
 2013 Community-School Parks, a project of People for Parks  
 2011 Daniel Ballin, Director of Clinical Services, Covenant House California  
 2010 The Legal Services Dept. of The L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center  
 2008 The Juvenile Justice Task Force  
 2007 Dave Velasquez, Director of Student Life, Brentwood School  
 2006 Communities for Educational Equity  
 2005 Youth Justice Coalition  
 2004 Gay Straight Alliance  
 2003 Commander Lynda Castro, LASD  
 2002 House of Blues  
 2001 Richard E. Odenthal  
 2000 The Iletto Family  
 1999 Timothy H. Saner, The Boeing Company

**Fourth District –**

2022 Khmer Girls in Action  
 2021 South Bay Cares  
 2020 “Family Promise” Program, San Pedro Faith Consortium  
 2019 “Guide for Safe and Welcoming Schools for Immigrant and Refugee Students”, Californians Together  
 2018 Interfaith Cafés program, South Coast Interfaith Council  
 2017 Educated Men with Meaningful Messages (EM3) Program  
 2016 Visions of Unity Arts Contest, Human Relations Forum of Torrance  
 2014 California Conference for Equality and Justice’s Restorative Justice in Schools Program  
 2013 Janet Shour Playground at Harbor Gateway Pocket Park, a project of the MAC Group  
 2011 Gloria Lockhart, Executive Director, Toberman Neighborhood Center

- 2010 Boys and Girls Clubs of the South Bay
- 2008 Hispanic Outreach Taskforce
- 2007 Charlene Lovett, Mother of 14 year old Cheryl Green
- 2006 National Conference for Community & Justice of Southern California – Long Beach
- 2005 South Bay Volunteer Center
- 2004 Freedom Writers
- 2003 International Cultural Exchange
- 2002 South Asian Network
- 2001 Mural Arts Program of Long Beach
- 2000 Eugene Lentzner
- 1999 The Conflict Resolution Program of the Torrance Unified School District

**Fifth District –**

- 2022 Care First South Pasadena
- 2021 My Tribe Rise
- 2020 Two Dragons Martial Arts
- 2019 “Creating Bias-Free Classroom”, the Western Justice Center
- 2018 Hate Crime Victim Support program, Burbank Human Relations Council
- 2017 Hindenburg Park Sign Mediation, Center for Conflict Resolution
- 2016 Foreign Language Academics of Glendale Dual Immersion (FLAG) Program, Glendale Unified School District
- 2014 Pasadena/Altadena Vision 2020 Collaborative
- 2013 Bright Futures Scholars Leadership Development Program, a project of the Quality of Life Center, Inc.
- 2011 C. Thomas Aylesbury, Founder & President, L.A. Music Academy
- 2010 The Valle Del Oro Neighborhood Committee and Nomad Lab
- 2008 California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts)
- 2007 The Western Justice Center Foundation (WJCF)
- 2006 We Care for Youth
- 2005 Children’s Planning Council
- 2004 ArtSourced-Pros
- 2003 Drs. David and Jacqueline Jacobs
- 2002 San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council
- 2001 Harambee Christian Family Center
- 2000 Bruce Galler
- 1999 Kevin Uhrich

**John Anson Ford – Commissioners’ Special Recognition**

- 2019 Jasmyne Cannick, social justice activist, public relations professional  
Lindsey P. Horvath, West Hollywood City Council
- 2011 Mary Louise Longoria, former LACCHR staff member

**John Anson Ford Corporate Awardees**

- 2008 Lockheed Martin
- 2006 Jones Day Law Firm
- 2005 Corporate Advisory Committee
- 1998 Bank of America
- 1997 Toyota Motor Sales
- 1996 Nordstrom
- 1995 Paramount Pictures
- 1993 First Federal Bank
- 1992 No Award Given
- 1991 Kaiser Permanente
- 1990 7UP/RC Bottling Company
- 1989 David R. Barclay, Hughes Aircraft
- 1988 Pacific Bell
- 1987 Southern California Edison Co.
- 1986 Rainbow Plastics
- 1985 Boy’s Market, Inc.
- 1984 Southern California Gas Co.
- 1983 Atlantic Richfield Company
- 1982 Ralph Parsons

**John Anson Ford Media News/Entertainment Awardees**

- 1998 Norine Dresser (Media)
- 1998 Community Newspaper Council / Annenberg School of Communications, USC (Media/News)
- 1997 KCRW 89.9 FM (Media/News Award)  
KKBT 92.3 FM (Media/Radio Award)  
KTTV, Channel 11 (Media/TV Award)  
AnaMaria Buranasakorn (Media/TV Award)
- 1996 George Nicholaw, KNX Radio  
USA Networks
- 1995 Larry McCormick, KTLA  
KCET “Puzzle Place” Production  
KCET “Life and Times” Production
- 1993 Mario Machado
- 1992 Huell Howser, KCET  
K.W. Lee, Korea Times
- 1991 Michael Jackson, KABC Radio

1990 KSCI-TV, Channel 18  
 1989 Joseph Dyer, KCBS  
 1988 Marilyn Solomon, KCOP  
 1987 KTLA Community Affairs  
 Dr. Roger A. Hendrix, KBIG  
 “The California Report” Editorials  
 1986 The Daily News  
 1985 The Pacific Citizen  
 1984 La Opinion  
 1983 KCET/Channel 28  
 1982 Los Angeles Times Editorial Staff Writers

**John Anson Ford Professional Awardees**

1993 Rodney Mitchell  
 1992 Stewart Kwoh & Vicki Tamoush  
 1991 Linda Wong & Joan Pinchuk  
 1990 Alice Petrossian  
 1989 Dr. Neil Sandberg  
 1988 Dolores Ratcliffe  
 1987 Jo Bonita Perez  
 1986 National Conference of Christians and Jews  
 1985 Nancy Mintie  
 1984 Jerry Freedman Habush  
 1983 Rita Walters  
 1982 Vilma Martinez

**John Anson Ford Volunteer Awardees**

1993 Marina Tse & West Adams Heritage Assoc.  
 1992 Janel Baszile & Lea Ann King  
 Victor Franco & Giselle Acevedo Franco  
 1991 Naomi Rainey & Frank Villalobos  
 1990 Dr. Alex Norman & Leo Trujillo  
 1989 Domingo Delgado & Casey Kasem  
 1988 Juanita & Jose De Sosa  
 1987 Women of Color, Inc.  
 1986 Richard Giesberg  
 1985 Rafer Johnson & Rev. George Van Alstine  
 1984 Frances G. Dyer  
 1983 Ruth Z. Casselman  
 1982 Inola Henry

**John Anson Ford Individual Awardees**

1998 Albert Y. Muratsuchi  
 1997 Gary Mast  
 1996 Mona Beth Loo  
 1995 Mel Collins  
 1981 Ami Ishi (posthumous)  
 1980 John A. Buggs  
 1979 The Most Rev. Juan Arzube

1978 Mayor Tom Bradley  
 1977 Rose Lopez  
 1976 Dr. H. Claude Hudson  
 1975 Dr. Julian Keiser  
 1974 Catherine G. Stern  
 1972 Rabbi Alfred Wolf, Ph.D.

**John Anson Ford Special Recognition Awardees**

1998 William J. Rosendahl (John Allen Buggs Award)  
 1997 Al Martinez (John Allen Buggs Award)  
 1996 John Slaughter, Ph.D.  
 Dr. Haing Ngor (posthumous)  
 1995 Steven Windmueller, Ph.D.  
 Reverend Monsignor Royale M. Vadakin  
 1992 Edward James Olmos  
 1991 Robert Jones  
 1990 Dr. Julian J. Keiser  
 Rabbi Alfred Wolf, Ph.D.  
 Chief David J. Thompson and the Glendale Police Department  
 1989 KCET, Channel 28  
 Anti-Defamation League  
 KCBS  
 Los Angeles Times  
 1988 Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance  
 Joe Roos  
 1987 The Right Rev. Oliver B. Garver  
 1986 Alex Odeh (posthumous)  
 1983 Frank Baird-Smith (posthumous)

**John Anson Ford Outstanding Programs**

1993 Syd Kronenthal  
 1992 Hate Crime Prosecution Team of the Anti-Terrorist Unit of the District Attorney’s Office  
 Multicultural Issues Panel of the Southern California Gas Company

**John Anson Ford Arts Awardees**

1998 Victoria Ann Lewis / The Other Voices Project Mark Taper Forum  
 1997 “Voices Against Violence” North Lake YMCA  
 1996 Harold Williams, President, The J. Paul Getty Trust

**John Anson Ford Higher Education Awardees**

1997 Dr. Blenda Wilson, Ph.D. & Cal State,

- Northridge
- 1996 Howard Gadlin, Ph.D., Director, UCLA  
Conflict Mediation Program
- 1995 Jaime A. Regalado, Ph.D. and the Edmund  
G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs  
Eui-Young Yu, Ph.D. and Edward T. Chang,  
Ph.D.

**John Anson Ford School, K-12 Awardees**

- 1998 North High School - Torrance, California
- 1997 "Children of the Dream" Program
- 1996 Los Angeles Unified School District Office  
of Intergroup Relations
- 1995 Cleveland High School

**John Anson Ford Government/Municipal  
Awardees**

- 1998 Antelope Valley Human Relations Task  
Force
- 1997 Harmony Month Committee / City of  
Monterey Park
- 1996 Captain Jack Scully, Los Angeles County  
Sheriff's Department
- 1995 Glendale Community Relations Coalition

**John Anson Ford Organization Awardees**

- 1998 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights,  
L.A. (CHIRLA)
- 1997 Harbor Gateway Human Relations  
Steering Committee
- 1996 California Community Foundation  
Community Conflict Resolution  
Grants
- 1995 Burbank Human Relations Council

**John Anson Ford Sports Awardees**

- 1995 HOLA - Heart of Los Angeles Youth

***County of Los Angeles***  
***Commission on Human Relations***

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Hilda L. Solis - First District   Holly J. Mitchell - Second District  
Lindsey P. Horvath - Third District   Janice Hahn - Fourth District   Kathryn Barger - Fifth District

**JOHN ANSON FORD HUMAN RELATIONS AWARDS  
NOMINATION FORM**

**Name of Project, Program, or Individual:**

**Name of Organization:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Organization or Affiliation:**

**If an individual is being nominated for the Leadership Award (public official) or  
Courage Award (individual),** briefly describe why this person should be recognized for  
advancing human relations:

For **Supervisorial District Awards**, we wish to recognize programs reflecting ***best and promising practices*** that can be shared with other organizations to enhance their effectiveness in advancing human relations. Nominations should include a description of the program, implementation, and outcomes.

**For which Supervisorial District is this activity being nominated?** (mark one)

SD1

SD2

SD3

SD4

SD5

**Description of program or project** (including how it advances human relations and which groups/communities it serves):

**Description of program or project's implementation** (including links to relevant web sites and/or media stories):

**Description of program or projects results/outcomes** (including links to relevant web sites and/or media stories):

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