



### Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy Team

The Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy Team works to strengthen and protect human rights for all LA County residents. Human rights are fundamental freedoms and protections that are universal, inherent to every person, and grounded in the equal dignity of all people. Along with advocacy, we provide consulting and technical support to help organizations and communities integrate human rights principles into their daily operations.



### The Transformative Justice Program

The Transformative Justice Program reimagines community safety in LA County by fostering equity, dignity, and healing. We collaborate with community partners, law enforcement, and policymakers to build trust, resolve conflicts, and help develop more equitable policies. Through dialogue, narrative collection, and capacity building, we develop trauma-informed approaches that reduce harm, protect human and civil rights, and ensure that the most impacted communities help drive meaningful change.



County of Los Angeles

# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION



#### Civil Rights

Are freedoms, protections, and benefits guaranteed by our government.



#### Human Rights

Are foundational, inalienable, indivisible freedoms, protections, and benefits to which all individuals and groups are entitled as human beings based on the equal, intrinsic dignity of every person.



#### Human Relations

Is the study and promotion of healthy, resilient, and collaborative interpersonal and intergroup relationships through both intervention and prevention. Healthy Relations are possible when Human Rights are fully secured.



For more information about LA County's Human Relations Commission, visit [hrc.lacounty.gov](http://hrc.lacounty.gov) or email us at [info@hrc.lacounty.gov](mailto:info@hrc.lacounty.gov).



## LA County's Commission on Human Relations

LA County's Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) has a legacy that dates back more than 80 years, to shortly after the so-called "Zoot Suit Riots" in June of 1943, which highlighted serious, systemic racism in human relations. This incident, which involved large numbers of mostly young white military men and off-duty police officers who clashed with local young men of color for three days in the streets of LA, served as a wake-up call to all Angelenos. In January 1944, the County Board of Supervisors established a Committee for Interracial Progress. Two years later, it was renamed the Committee for Human Relations. Following national recognition for its groundbreaking work to improve intergroup relations, the Committee became an official agency of the County government in 1958. It was renamed the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. The Commission is among the oldest and largest of its kind in the U.S.

LACCHR continues to be dedicated to protecting human rights and promoting positive human relations in our richly diverse, multicultural county throughout all five Supervisorial Districts. The Commission works to address the challenges of hate, bias, bullying, & bigotry with five programs that build community equity, inclusion, and healing. One such program, LA vs Hate, utilizes cultural art interventions through murals, performances, and social media to raise awareness of the dangers of normalizing hate and the importance of reporting hate crimes through 211 LA. Other programs led by the Commission include Hate Documentation & Analytics, Human Rights Monitoring & Advocacy, Training & Dialogue, and Transformative Justice. In keeping with its historic role in the County of cultivating healthy relations by promoting human rights, the Human Relations Commission continues to utilize language-inclusive and culturally specific materials to facilitate expression and engagement with marginalized and targeted populations.



## How the 1944 committee became LA County's Commission on Human Relations

**1944**  
Committee for  
Interracial Progress

**1946**  
Committee for  
Human Relations

**1958**  
LA County Commission  
On Human Relations



## Hate Documentation and Analytics

The Hate Documentation and Analytics Team collects and analyzes hate crime and hate incident reports from law enforcement agencies, schools, universities, and community-based organizations. Each year, the team produces reports that inform policymakers and the public about hate activity in LA County. The team also hosts a quarterly Network Against Hate Crime meeting to coordinate efforts in combating intolerance and hate.



## LA VS Hate

LA vs Hate is an anti-hate program and system designed to support all residents of LA County. LA vs Hate works with community partners from all five County districts. The system aims to address the normalization of hate and inspire people to stand up to hate and report it. By tracking and reporting hate through 211, we ensure that resources are allocated to those most targeted. To learn more about LA vs Hate, visit [lavshate.org](http://lavshate.org).



## Training Team

LACCHR's Equity and Human Rights Training Team builds Countywide capacity for equity through engaging, facilitated dialogue, and impactful training. By creating spaces for honest yet respectful conversations, the team addresses the root causes of bias and conflict, reducing hate activity and fostering inclusion. Trainings cover constructive conversations, conflict resolution, implicit bias, and other equity topics, empowering employees and constituents to advance human rights together.

