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County Leaders Raise Progress Pride Flag to Mark Start of Pride Month

LOS ANGELES — The Progress Pride Flag was raised over the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration today during a powerful ceremony honoring Pride Month and reaffirming the County's commitment to LGBTQ+ visibility, inclusion, and safety.

The event featured remarks from the **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors** and County leadership, including **Assessor Jeff Prang** and **Fire Department Chief Deputy Jon O'Brien**. The LGBTQ+ Commission was in full attendance, standing proudly alongside County leaders and community allies to mark this significant moment in the County's celebration of Pride Month.

"The LGBTQ+ Commission is dedicated to and tasked with providing advice and recommendations about how the County can better support LGBTQ+ Angelenos of all ages and backgrounds," said **LGBTQ+ Commission Executive Director Sunitha Menon (she/her, they/them)**. "They have heard directly from LGBTQ+ County employees and community members in all five districts that, specifically in this time when who we are and who we love is being politicized, it is critical all of us stand together, and stand up for LGBTQ+ safety, equality, and inclusion. Flying the Progress Pride Flag shows the LGBTQ+ community, across all 4,000+ square miles, that you are welcome here, that you are valued, and that we would not be as strong of a County without you."

Héctor Trinidad-Plascencia (they/them, we/us), Chair of the LGBTQ+ Commission, opened the event with welcoming remarks and served as the master of ceremonies. **Sister Unity (they/them)** and **Sister Auntie Mater**, members of the Los Angeles Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, delivered a blessing for the flag raising, setting a meaningful tone for the occasion.

"Now more than ever, I proudly stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and my fellow Board of Supervisors to raise the Progress Pride Flag here at the heart of the County," said **Chair Pro Tem and Supervisor for the First District, Hilda L. Solis**. "While these are difficult times, we must continue to move forward fiercely, proudly, and equitably. Let me be clear: our County is a welcoming and inclusive space for all residents, including our LGBTQ+ communities."

“In the face of ongoing attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community – especially against Black transgender community members who continue to face disproportionately high rates of violence – the raising of the Pride Flag reaffirms our commitment to doing the work to ensure all our residents feel seen and valued,” said **Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**. “We all benefit from an LA County that is more inclusive and accessible, where every person has the right to live authentically and with dignity without fear of their safety.”

“Raising the Progress Pride Flag this year is more than a tradition—it’s a declaration. In a time when LGBTQ+ rights are under attack across the country, Los Angeles County stands firm in our commitment to inclusion, equity, and love,” said **Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**. “This flag symbolizes our unwavering support for our LGBTQ+ community, reminding everyone that they are seen, valued, and protected. We will continue to show up, speak out, and ensure that our actions match our words. Together, we will build a county where everyone can live authentically and safely.”

“Raising this flag is more critical than ever. Here in the biggest county in the nation, our LGBTQ+ residents have to know that their County government and those of us who have been elected to lead it unequivocally and unapologetically have their back,” said **Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**.

About the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission:

The LGBTQ+ Commission was established through a 2023 motion to support the needs of the LGBTQ+ community across the County. The 15-member commission first convened on June 11, 2024 and consists of individuals who all have unique experiences, diverse backgrounds, and varied expertise that contributes to their work to create recommendations, shape policy, and promote inclusivity.

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