



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV



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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV (COH)

Thursday, November 13, 2025

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

3:00-4:00PM: Networking Reception & Art Exhibition

**St. Anne's Conference & Event Center
155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles 90026**

Parking Instructions: All attendees should enter the Large Overflow Parking Lot off Glassell St. and walk across to the Conference Center. Attendants will be on-site to assist. If attendees require an accessible parking space, it will be located in the Main Parking Lot off of Occidental Blvd.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/los-angeles-county-commission-on-hiv-annual-conference-tickets-1901702055039?aff=oddtcreator>

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<https://lacountyboardofsupervisors.webex.com/webink/register/r355f6dd944b612362d2307b08582fb37>

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BREAKFAST, CHECK-IN & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

8:15AM – 9:00AM

We encourage all attendees to take advantage of the breakfast and networking time before the conference begins.

NOTE ON BREAKS AND TRANSITIONS: To support your well-being and ensure a meaningful experience, transition times are thoughtfully built into the agenda. We encourage all attendees to use these moments to recharge—whether by grabbing a snack, stretching, connecting with others, or simply taking a breath. Please take the breaks you need throughout the event to stay present, mindful, and energized.

Special recognition to Commissioner Arburtha Franklin, Sergeant-at-Arms

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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| A. Call to Order & Roll Call | 9:00 AM – 9:03 AM |
| B. Approval of Agenda | MOTION #1 9:03 AM – 9:05 AM |

2. WELCOME, MOMENT OF SILENCE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT 9:05 AM – 9:10 AM Danielle M. Campbell, PhD, MPH, and Joseph Green, Commission on HIV (COH), COH Co-Chairs

3. OPENING REMARKS 9:10 AM – 9:20 AM Marisa Ramos, PhD, Chief, State Office of AIDS, California Department of Public Health

4. REIMAGINING THE COMMISSION: A NEW ERA OF IMPACT 9:20 AM – 9:45 AM Joseph Green, COH Co-Chair, and AJ King, MPH, Consultant, Next-Level Consulting, Inc.

5. STATE OF HIV & STIs IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Mario J. Pérez, MPH, Director, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

6. PANEL DISCUSSION #1 | SCIENCE IN ACTION, RESEARCH FOR CHANGE: ADVANCING GLOBAL AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO END HIV 10:30 AM -11:15 AM

Moderator: Danielle M. Campbell, PhD, MPH, COH Co-Chair
Judith S. Currier, MD, Professor of Medicine, Executive Vice Chair for Research, Department of Medicine
Sue and Michael Steinberg Chair in Global AIDS Research, Chair, AIDS Clinical Trials Group
Rhodri Dierst-Davies, PhD, MPH, Director, CA HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP)
William D. King, JD, MD, AAHIVS, W. King Health Care Group
Leon Maultsby, DBH, MHA, Executive Director, In the Meantime Men's Group

7. WELLNESS BREAK 11:15 AM -11:25 AM

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- 8. PANEL DISCUSSION #2: POLICY & LEGISLATION: SAFEGUARDING HIV PROGRAMS AMID CENSORSHIP AND FUNDING THREATS** 11:25 AM -12:10 PM
Moderator: Commissioner Arburtha Franklin, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair
Bee Curiel, MSW, Manager of Policy & Training Innovations, TransLatin@ Coalition
Darryn Harris, Chief Government Affairs & Community Relations Officer, St. John's Community Health Center
Katja Nelson, MPP, Local Affairs Specialist, Government Affairs Division, APLA Health
- 9. LUNCH** 12:10 PM -12:55 PM
[LA Cumbia Del Movimiento Music Video](#) featuring Bamby Salcedo, President/CEO, TransLatin@ Coalition
Mini-Lunch Presentation: Cultural Humility –Presented by Michael Barajas, Senior Community Liaison, Gilead Sciences
- 10. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: RESILIENCE THROUGH POLICY: ADVANCING EQUITY AND ACCESS THROUGH THE PREP AND PEP ARE PREVENTION ACT (H.R. 5127)** 12:55 PM -1:15 PM
Robert Gamboa, MPP, Associate Director of Public Policy, Los Angeles LGBT Center
- 11. PANEL DISCUSSION #3: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY: STRATEGIES FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION** 1:15 PM -2:00 PM
Moderator: Commissioner Miguel Alvarez, Operations Committee Co-Chair
Gerald Garth, MBA, Executive Director, AMAAD Institute
Kevin Pizarro, Outreach Coordinator, UCLA Health CARE Center
Shellye Jones, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Supervisor, Drew CARES
Thelma Garcia, Director of HIV Services, East Los Angeles Women's Center
- 12. WELLNESS BREAK** 2:00 PM - 2:10 PM
- 13. COMMISSION ON HIV: A YEAR IN REVIEW** 2:10 PM - 2:20 PM
Pre-recorded narration by Cheryl A. Barrit, MPIA, Former Executive Director, COH
- 14. COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION** 2:20 PM - 2:40 PM
Facilitator: Commissioner Joaquin Guterrez
- 15. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 2:40 PM - 2:50 PM
- 16. CLOSING, EVALUATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** 2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

Networking Reception: Art Legacy Exhibition
3:00PM – 4:00PM

To close the Annual Conference, we will host a special exhibition of art created by and commissioned from artists living with HIV, gifted to the Commission on HIV over 20 years ago. These works reflect resilience, creativity, and the lived experiences of our community. To extend their legacy, the Commission will hold raffles throughout the conference to gift the pieces, so their stories and spirit continue to inspire, educate, and advance equity and care.

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COMMISSION ON HIV MEMBERS

<i>Danielle Campbell, PhD, MPH, Co-Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Green, Co-Chair</i>	Dahlia Alé-Ferlito	Miguel Alvarez
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Carlos Vega-Matos (**Alternate)	Jonathan Weedman		

MEMBERS: 37

QUORUM: 19

LEGEND:

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 Alternate*= Occupies Alternate seat adjacent a vacancy; counted toward quorum
 Alternate**= Occupies Alternate seat adjacent a filled primary seat; counted towards quorum in the absence of the primary seat member