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September 29, 2022

## MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Ilan Davidson, President

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting- **Monday**, October 3, 2022

Our Commission will meet on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.,  
If you wish to join Via **Teams Calendar Invitation** [Click here to join the meeting](#)  
If you are unable to do so, you may Dial: [+1 213-204-2512,,980587174#](tel:+12132042512980587174)

Attached is the Agenda, Draft Minutes of September 12th, 2022 and other pertinent information for your review and approval.

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

Grace

*Grace Löwenberg*  
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**Ad Hoc Committee on Policing and Human Relations will meet prior to Commission meeting, via Teams Conference Call October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-11:30 am.**  
**Members:** Commissioner Isabelle Gunning, Chair, Preeti Kulkarni, Derric Johnson, Jeanette Ellis-Royston, Fredrick Sykes, Sandra Thomas and Gay Yuen.  
**Staff:** Robert Sowell, Joshua Parr, and Pierre Arreola



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Human Relations - 510 S. Vermont Ave.  
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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE COMMISSION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, October 3, 2022 – 12:30-2:00 pm**  
Via MS Teams Video and Audio Conferencing [213-204-2512,,980587174#](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/213-204-2512-980587174)  
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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. Motion** finding a state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and state/local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- 3. Review & Approval of September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes\* (12:33)**
- 4. President's Report (12:35)**
  - 4.1. Spotlight on our Partners: Dianna Malak Lopez of Special Service for Groups (SSG), LA vs Hate partner
  - 4.2. Other items
- 5. Executive Director's Report (12:45)**
  - 5.1. Update on Relevant Board Actions re: Commission Budget (Measure B, ARPA 2nd tranche)
  - 5.2. Report on In-Person Meetings and Programs, including annual hate crime report and Cerritos event\*
- 6. Committee Reports (12:55)**
  - 6.1. Ad Hoc Committee on Policing and Human Relations (Gunning)
  - 6.2. Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning (Kulkarni)
  - 6.3. John Anson Fords Awards Event (JAF) Committee\* (Montaño)
  - 6.4. LA vs Hate Committee (Montaño)
- 7. Public Comment (3 minutes per person) (1:05)**
- 8. Action/Discussion Items (1:10)**
  - 8.1. Revisit FY 2022-23 Committees and their membership\*
  - 8.2. Commission activity re: Measure A\*
  - 8.3. Location of Commission Offices
  - 8.4. JAF Trust Fund support for IAOHRA conference costs\*
  - 8.5. Feedback/Public Comment received re: Proposed Strategic Plan 2022-25
- 9. Commissioner Announcements (2 minutes per Commissioner) (1:55)**
- 10. Adjournment (2:00)**

*For translation to other languages o para más información en español, call: (213) 738-2788.*

\* Denotes that this agenda packet includes written material regarding the agenda item.

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[PROPOSED] MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS  
Meeting of September 12, 2022  
Via Microsoft Teams Video & Audio Conferencing

PRESENT: Helen L. Chin  
Lisa Michelle Dabbs  
Ilan Davidson  
Dandy De Paula  
Jeanette Ellis-Royston  
Isabelle Gunning

Derric Johnson  
Kevork Keushkerian  
Preeti P. Kulkarni  
Guadalupe G. Montano  
Fredrick Sykes

STAFF: Robert Sowell  
Robin S. Toma

Siranush Vardanyan  
Theresa Villa-McDowell

GUESTS: Diane Clements-Boyd  
James L. Stowe

- 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples:** Commission President Ilan Davidson called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. with a quorum in attendance. He acknowledged the indigenous peoples, Gabrielino/Tongva and Tataviam, who were the first stewards of the lands on which we reside in our county.
- 2. Motion:** The Commission finds that a state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Commissioner Preeti Kulkarni made the motion as stated, and Commissioner Isabelle Gunning seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Review & Approval of August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** Commissioner Dandy de Paula stated that the minutes need to be corrected to include Commissioners De Paula and Lisa Michelle Dabbs in attendance. The motion was moved by Commissioner Derric Johnson to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting of August 1, 2022, as presented by Vice-President/Secretary (VP Sec.) Isabelle Gunning with the correction of Commissioners De Paula and Dabbs in attendance. VP Sec. Gunning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. President's Report**

**4.1 Spotlight on our Partners:** President Davidson thanked everyone involved in planning the IAOHRA conference and introduced IAOHRA Conference Committee Co-Chair Diane Clements. Ms. Clements began by sharing that she thought the conference was wonderful and that she was boggled by how many moving parts there were to coordinate this conference. Ms. Clements thanked the entire planning committee, noting that the committee was able to negotiate difficult problems that arose, and that the conference went well. Additionally, she thanked the Commissioners and the Honorable Holly Mitchell for their financial support. Executive Director (ED) Robin Toma also thanked Ms. Clements for her leadership as Co-Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, emphasizing that she strengthened the committee in their ability to have a great conference. Commissioners Fredrick Sykes, Helen Chin, Lisa Michelle, Jeanette Ellis-Royston, Kevork Keushkerian, and VP Sec. Gunning each shared positive feedback in attending the conference. Co-Chair James Stowe additionally thanked the Commission and LA County, and stated he wished he had been able to meet with the Commission before the conference. He shared that the IAOHRA Conference in Los Angeles had the largest number of attendees since 2007 in Atlanta. He thanked all individuals and committees for an excellent experience.

**4.2 Other Items:** President Davidson thanked IAOHRA Co-Chairs Ms. Clements-Boyd and Mr. Stowe once more and moved on to the Executive Director's report.

#### **5 Executive Director's Report**

**5.1 Update on Board motions on Budget (Meas. B, ARPA), Sheriff and Bills (AB 1947):** ED Toma shared that there are two exciting things coming up. The first is Measure B funding (additional funding for trauma centers and hospitals and violence prevention). The Board of Supervisors (BOS) previously passed a motion unanimously which stated that the LA vs Hate program needs to be funded on an ongoing basis, and asked the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for assistance. The CEO and BOS had the idea that Measure B funding can be used, and at least \$1,000,000 of that could be provided each year to help fund components of LA vs Hate because of the hate violence prevention impact of the program. However, as of this morning, some questions still need to be answered before tomorrow's voting happens. This is an important part of our budget because it would help fund our rapid response network partners and would help fund part of the ability for people to call 211 at any time. It is critical to our work to have that funding and Measure B appears to be a valid source of funding for it, so we are hopeful that it will pass. The other part is follow-up work on the Sheriff's Accountability Initiative, to educate the Board and public about what we do know related to it. VP Sec. Gunning added that it would be beneficial to post some clips from the hearings and other educational information on the Ad Hoc Committee on Policing for the public to see. ED Toma agreed that the information should be on the website. However, he noted that the information cannot be campaigning on the measure. Commissioner Gunning requested the language that can be used to educate and use our voice to be heard. ED Toma stated he will follow up and figure out how information can be shared in the public way which will be effective at educating the community regarding the issues in a legal way. Lastly, Toma reported that AB 1947 did not get passed by the state legislature. It is the bill for which the Commission recommended County support, that would have increased the requirements that all police departments are up to date on their hate crime policies and training.

**5.2 Debrief of IAOHRA 2022 Conference in L.A.** ED Toma thanked staff Siranush Vardanyan, Terri Villa-McDowell, Robert Sowell, Sharon Williams, Pierre Arreola, Commissioners Royston and Sykes, and the contracted Event Manager, Christina Zeytounian of LA Jolie events for everything that they did

to make sure this Conference went well. ED Toma noted the challenges of the conference: the escalators at the Sheraton Grand hotel not working, and the California African American Museum refusal to open before 10 a.m., denying one of the 4 groups ability to go there. Commissioner Preeti Kulkarni joined to say that the LA County Human Relations Commission really shined during the conference and that the work the Commission seemed to have been showcased well. She thanked VP-Sec. Gunning for the session she facilitated. Commissioner Sykes commented on the escalators not working and stated that they failed to comply with ADA so people suffered, and the hotel should be held accountable for that. VP-Sec. Gunning also thanked staff Arreola for being so helpful during the panel discussion, and to Asst. ED Sowell for his breakout session as well. Lastly, she commented that it would have been best to do surveys immediately after the break-out session was done right then and there rather than online surveys after.

**5.3 Update on IT, B, and Admin, Transition to the Executive Office:** ED Toma shared that while the Human Relations Commission is down about 25% in staffing, we are in the process of interviewing candidates for the Senior Human Relations Consultant vacancies and moving towards filling the Human Services Administrator I vacancies as well. ED Toma reminded the Commission that things have been out of the ordinary due to the pandemic and the whole county is working to get back on track.

## **6 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Policing & Human Relations:** Committee Chair Gunning stated there are no action items but noted that they are hoping to have the website redesigned by the end of this year so that the community groups will have access to the data that our partners are producing regarding suburban policing departments.

**6.2 Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning:** Commissioner Kulkarni asked staff to report. ED Toma stated that the Commission's Proposed Strategic Plan for 2022-25 which it had adopted was put out for public comment and we are nearing the end of the 30-day period. The feedback will be pulled together and shared during the next meeting.

**6.3 John Anson Ford Awards Event (JAF) Committee:** Commissioner Guadalupe Montano stated that the John Anson Ford Awards recognizes people and organizations in the county advancing human relations. She reminded Commissioners that the nomination forms are in the meeting packet so she is asking that the list of past honorees be sent to Commissioners and for them to start thinking about organizations and people in your district to nominate. President Davidson reminded the Commissioners that it will be held on Tuesday following the Martin Luther King Holiday. Commissioner Montano stated that the Committee will be convened within this month to discuss the budget and location.

**6.4 LA vs Hate Committee:** Commissioner Montano stated a legal clinic is being planned to provide advice from law students to people impacted by acts of hate.

**7 Public Comment:** None.

## **8 Action/Discussion Items**

**8.1 Commission recommendations re: Board motions on funding our programs:** The motion was made by VP Sec. Gunning that the Commission is in support of the two Board motions on its agenda

tomorrow to fund LA vs Hate via Measure B, and to approve the second tranche of the ARPA funding to include LA vs Hate; it was seconded by Commissioner Kulkarni. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.2 Revisit FY 2022-23 Committees and their membership:** President Davidson reminded all attendees to review in the packet the chart of standing committees and ad hoc committees and let us know if you are interested in any other committees or would like to make changes so that the committees can be finalized, and leadership positions can be planned.

**8.3 Policing Committee requests for Commission action: This was tabled due to lack of time without objection.**

**8.4 Location of Commission Offices: This was tabled due to lack of time without objection.**

**8.5 JAF Trust Fund support for IAOHRA conference: This was tabled due to lack of time without objection.**

**9 Commissioner Announcements:** ED Toma made the announcement that Commissioner Gay Yuen sent an invitation through email to all Commissioners. This is the Chinese American Museum gala event at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for which Supervisor Solis has sponsored a table and provided ten seats to go to Commissioners. Commissioners Chin and Kulkarni raised their hands to show interest in attending. President Davidson asked all Commissioners to confirm that they did receive this invitation by email and respond to the email as soon as possible if they are interested in attending. Commissioner Dandy De Paula invited everyone to join an event called Unite for Progress on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Don Knabe Community Regional Park in Cerritos and stated he will send an email with the flyer. ED Toma shared that LA vs Hate will be there along with a few partners.

**10 Adjournment:** President Davidson invited a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, who did so much in her lifetime to make change for women in the UK. VP Gunning added adjourning in memory of Nichelle Nichols for using her platform and voice for positive change in addition to Barbara Ehrenreich, who did so much work in exposing the impact of systemic poverty. Commissioner Derric Johnson added Bernard Shaw, who was a trailblazer in journalism particularly for African American journalists on national news. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Gunning  
Commission Vice President-Secretary



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**Statement by LA vs Hate on its Withdrawal From  
Unite for Progress Event, September 24, 2022**

Contact: Terri Villa-McDowell,  
323-719-8891

For over 70 years, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relation has worked to promote better human relations in Los Angeles County by working to transform prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, and hostility into peace.

The LA vs Hate program was launched in 2019, arising from a unanimous motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to counter the historic rise in hate. LA vs Hate has three major components: 1) a social media/art-based messaging campaign that unites our residents against hate and promotes awareness of a hate reporting line via phone calls to 211 or to the website LAVsHate.org; 2) free and multilingual assistance for anyone reporting bias-motivated acts of hostility or violence, with linguistically competent caring case managers, to obtain counseling or help to protect their civil and human rights against discrimination and violence; and 3) a network of trusted partner community based agencies who work with individual, institutions and communities to respond to and prevent acts of hate. Our vision is to bring about a hate-free Los Angeles County where all of its diverse residents feel welcome and safe. In over three years of operation, LA vs Hate has received over 1,900 reports of hate; and has assisted hundreds of victims with compassion, empathy and needed resources.

LA vs Hate was invited to participate in the upcoming Unite for Progress event set for this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. LA vs Hate is often invited to participate in grass roots led events to inform county residents about resources available for victims of hate incidents and hate crimes. However, recent news accounts involving one of the Unite for Progress event organizers has prompted us to withdraw from this event. LA vs Hate is a program dedicated to inclusion for all county residents and we do not support hate, bias-motivated hostility, or violence. LA vs Hate will continue to reach out to the Cerritos South Asian and Asian communities to ensure they know about the resources provided by LA vs Hate, the anti-hate Los Angeles County initiative. For further information, please visit [www.lavshate.org](http://www.lavshate.org).





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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**ON POLICING & HUMAN RELATIONS**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**  
**10:00AM – 11:30AM**

**Via Microsoft Teams**  
**Or Call In at +1 (213) 204-2512**  
**Phone Conference ID: 156 536 445#**  
**Los Angeles County, CA**

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**Members:** Commissioners Isabelle Gunning, Sandra Thomas, Preeti Kulkarni, Fredrick Sykes, Derric Johnson, Jeanette Ellis-Royston

**Guests:** Commissioner Gay Yuen, Tonya McKenzie, Intern Cynthia Chockalingam

**Staff:** Robin Toma, Robert Sowell, Monica Lomeli, Pierre Arreola, Joshua Parr

**AGENDA**

- I. Discussion: Project Updates – 60 Minutes
  - a. Sheriff Accountability
  - b. Trauma-Informed Policing
  - c. Altadena/Pasadena
  - d. City of Long Beach
- II. Discussion: County Updates – 15 Minutes
  - a. Public Safety Cluster
  - b. Alternative Crisis Response Convenings
  - c. Care First Community Investment Initiative
  - d. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee
- III. Discussion: Future Business – 15 Minutes
  - a. Current Events

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

### John Allen Buggs Leadership Awardees

- 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

- 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
- Revised September 2022

- 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 -**

- 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-**

- 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 –**

- 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 –**

- 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 –**

- 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

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**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 or Courage Award, 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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**PROPOSED COMMITTEES FOR FY 2022-23\***  
**July 27, 2022**

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	Sandra Thomas		Fredrick Sykes		Gay Yuen
	Gay Yuen		Sandra Thomas		
	<i>Tonya McKenzie (non-commissioner member)</i>				
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**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS**

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*"Enriching lives through effective and caring service"*

July 11, 2022

**TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**FROM: ROBIN TOMA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**REGARDING UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMISSION MOTION RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 12<sup>th</sup>  
2022 MEETING AGENDA ITEM 12 ON SHERIFF  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Below is the motion which was unanimously approved by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) at its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, upon the recommendation of its Ad Hoc Committee on Policing and Human Relations, regarding Board of Supervisors 7/12/22 Meeting Agenda Item 12.

**Whereas, a motion by Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Hilda Solis titled "*Promoting Accountability and Community Safety Through Checks and Balances of the Los Angeles County Sheriff*" is scheduled to come before the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2022, which if passed by the Board would begin the process to place a charter amendment on the ballot for November 8, 2022, the goal of which would grant the Board of Supervisors the authority to remove the Sheriff, by a four-fifths vote for cause, such as a violation of law related to the performance of duties, flagrant or repeated neglect of duties, misappropriation of public funds or property, willful falsification of a relevant official statement or document, or obstruction of any investigation into the Sheriff's conduct by the Inspector General, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, or any government agency with jurisdiction to conduct such an investigation;**

**Board of Supervisors**  
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**Hilda L. Solis**  
*First District*  
*Second District*  
**Sheila Kuehl**  
*Third District*  
**Janice Hahn**  
*Fourth District*  
**Kathryn Barger**  
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**Whereas, law enforcement misconduct, including by deputies of the LA Sheriff, has triggered community resistance and many of the largest episodes of racial violence in LA County’s history,** including the uprising and riots after the Rodney King verdicts in 1992, the Watts Rebellion in 1965, and the Zoot Suit Riots of 1943 (which laid bare law enforcement prejudices against racial minorities of the time, and led to the formation of our Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (“Commission”));

**Whereas, “equitable law enforcement” is at the heart of our Human Relations Commission’s mission to transform prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, and hostility into peace, and is a core concept of our Commission’s report “Redefining Policing with Our Community,”** led by its committee on Policing and Human Relations. “Equitable law enforcement” is explained in our report as “a change from unilateral asymmetrical power dynamics...to robust, transparent oversight by the communities they serve;”

**Whereas, our Commission’s Strategic Priority on Increasing Equity and Justice in LA County’s Criminal Justice and Community Safety Systems and our “Redefining Policing” report take into account the pernicious impact of intentional discrimination in our criminal justice system, but also the powerful role of implicit biases** that are automatically and unconsciously created in all of us from our life experiences, and have particularly dire consequences when they are not recognized, managed, and reduced in law enforcement. As noted in the Commission’s Strategic Priority, “[w]hen the likelihood of being arrested, jailed, shot, executed, or rearrested after being released from incarceration in LA County is tied to one’s race, ethnicity, gender or other protected characteristics, fundamental human rights are at issue;”

**Whereas, our Commission specifically recommends in our “Redefining Policing” report to “[e]nsure that all civilian oversight bodies have the necessary authority to perform their mission, including subpoena power and the power to censure and/or discipline”** (Recommendation #8);

**Whereas, in the process of creating our report on “Redefining Policing With Our Community,” which included multiple public hearings/community listening sessions in all five Supervisorial Districts,** the Commission became aware of many incidents of law enforcement misconduct experienced by community members, and strong community support for effective checks and balances needed to ensure true accountability of the

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office of the LA County Sheriff;

**Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has responsibility under law (California Government Code § 25303) for guiding and setting County policy** and supervising the conduct of County officers and employees, which include the Sheriff;

**THEREFORE, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations resolves and recommends to the Board of Supervisors that it unanimously approve the *Promoting Accountability and Community Safety Through Checks and Balances of the Los Angeles County Sheriff* motion, and take all actions necessary towards achieving greater accountability of the largely unbridled power of the office of the L.A. Sheriff, reinforcing the Board’s policy-making authority regarding the Sheriff’s Department, and ensuring permanent and independent civilian oversight.**

**Approved by unanimous vote of members of the Commission on July 11, 2022.**

Commission President Ilan Davidson

Commission Vice President-Secretary and Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Policing and Human Relations Isabelle Gunning

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# Los Angeles County, Measure A, Removal of Sheriff for Cause Amendment (November 2022)

**Los Angeles County Measure A** is on the ballot as a referral in Los Angeles County on November 8, 2022.

A **"yes"** vote supports allowing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for *cause*, which is defined to include: violation of laws related to the sheriff's duties; repeated neglect of the sheriff's duties; misuse of public funds or properties; willful falsification of documents; or obstruction of an investigation into the department's conduct.

A **"no"** vote opposes allowing the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for *cause*.

## Los Angeles Measure A



### Election date

November 8,  
2022

### Topic

Local charter amendments and  
Local law enforcement

### Status

*On the ballot*

### Type

Referral

## Overview

Measure A would allow the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to vote to remove the elected sheriff from office for *cause*. The vote requirement to remove the sheriff would be four-fifths. As of 2022, the County Board of Supervisors included five members, meaning an affirmative vote of four members would be needed. Measure A would define *cause* to include:<sup>[1]</sup>

- violation of laws related to the sheriff's duties;
- repeated neglect of the sheriff's duties;
- misuse of public funds or properties;
- willful falsification of documents; or
- obstruction of an investigation into the department's conduct

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## Text of measure

### Ballot title

The ballot title for Measure A is as follows:

“ Charter Amendment – Providing Authority to Remove an Elected Sheriff for Cause. ”

### Ballot summary

The ballot summary for this measure is:

“ Shall the measure amending the County of Los Angeles Charter to grant the Board of Supervisors authority to remove an elected Sheriff from office for cause, including violation of law related to a Sheriff's duties, flagrant or repeated neglect of duties, misappropriation of funds, willful falsification of documents, or obstructing an investigation, by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors, after written notice and an opportunity to be heard, be adopted? ”

### Full Text

The full text of this measure is available here.

## Support

# Supporters

## Officials

- County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (Nonpartisan) [↗](#)
- County Supervisor Holly Mitchell (Nonpartisan) [↗](#)
- County Supervisor Hilda Solis (Nonpartisan) [↗](#)

# Arguments

- **Los Angeles County Board Chairperson Holly Mitchell:** "The issue of sheriff accountability before us is both urgent and systemic, having impacted past generations of Angelenos, but also with important consequences for the future. Unfortunately, the county has had long and troubling history with sheriff oversight and transparency." [↗](#)

# Opposition

## Opponents

### Officials

- County Supervisor Kathryn Barger (Nonpartisan) [↗](#)
- Sheriff Alex Villanueva [↗](#)

# Arguments

- **Sheriff Alex Villanueva:** "This motion is a recipe for public corruption, particularly when 'cause' remains so broad and undefined. Allowing political appointees with an agenda to determine 'cause' is fundamentally flawed." [↗](#)
- **Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger:** "Giving the Board of Supervisors authority to remove an elected sheriff unequivocally takes away power from the public. It's a move that has the potential to disenfranchise voters. It also overlooks the fact that a recall process already exists to remove elected officials who fail to perform their duties." [↗](#)

# Background

## Los Angeles County Measure R (2020)

*See also: Los Angeles County, California, Measure R, Civilian Police Oversight Commission and Jail Plan Initiative (March 2020)*

In March 2020, voters approved Los Angeles County Measure R, which authorized the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to develop a plan designed to reduce jail population and incarceration and provided the commission with subpoena power to investigate complaints.<sup>[2]</sup>

# Path to the ballot

*See also: Laws governing local ballot measures in California*

On August 2, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to place the charter amendment on the ballot.<sup>[3]</sup>

# See also

### Local measures



- Local measures in 2022
- Local law enforcement on the ballot
- Local charter amendments on the ballot

### California



- California 2022 local measures
- Local ballot measures, California
- Los Angeles County, California

### News and analysis



- State and local preemption conflicts
- Measures advancing national agendas



# Footnotes

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