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Solidarity Statement in Support of Transgender, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (TGI2S+) Communities

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The Transgender Caucus of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV condemns all forms of hate and violence and remains steadfast in solidarity with our Transgender, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (TGI2S+) community. The HIV/AIDS movement knows too well that the proliferation of disinformation created with the aim of restricting access to healthcare has real-life consequences. The harmful rhetoric of the current administration against the TGI2S+ community is rooted in the same forms of racism, discrimination, sexism, and misogyny that continue to hinder our progress in ending HIV/AIDS.

We recognize the contributions and leadership of TGI2S+ people who continue to enrich the LGBTQ+ civil rights and the HIV/AIDS movements. We acknowledge the achievements of TGI2S+ people in the United States and across the world and recognize their bravery and resilience in their hard-fought work for equality, inclusion, and the full recognition of their human rights. We are determined to advocate fiercely, and unapologetically, for the safety, health, and well-being of our TGI2S+ community. This is not just our responsibility; it is our moral imperative. In the face of societal and political challenges that attempt to divide us, we affirm our unwavering stance:

- Every person—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, background, disabilities, immigration status, race, faith, culture, or housing situation—deserves to be seen, feel safe, and supported.
- We reject any attempt to undermine dignity, create division, or deny the right to genderaffirming care, HIV prevention and care service delivery, and to be safe in the workplace.

We call on our allies to speak out against the demonization of the TGI2S+ community and remain diligent and committed to actively engaging in policy action that promotes health equity, eliminates barriers, and addresses social determinants of health.

We stand in memoriam of our TGI2S+ community members, siblings, and loved ones who have been lost to hateful acts of violence, police brutality, and HIV/AIDS. We celebrate the strength, joy, and courage of our TGI siblings who remind us that visibility is both a powerful act of resistance and ray of hope.

In solidarity,

Transgender Caucus of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

If you are interested in joining us in developing a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs within our TGI2S+communities in Los Angeles County, please contact us at hivcomm@lachiv.org.