

## Statement of Unity from the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Black Caucus November 7, 2024

As our communities navigate the current political climate following recent elections, we acknowledge both the progress and the persistent challenges that we continue to face. We stand in unity with each of you, holding our heads high as we work tirelessly to address the historical injustices that have long impacted our communities, leading to disproportionate health outcomes.

Now, more than ever, the Black Caucus is emboldened to advocate fiercely and unapologetically. Together, we will persist, ensuring that our voices, our experiences, and our strength are at the forefront of creating equitable health systems and a brighter future.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." May we let love and resilience be our guide.

If you are interested in joining us in developing a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs in our Black communities of Los Angeles County, please contact us at <a href="mailto:hivcomm@lachiv.org">hivcomm@lachiv.org</a>. To view the Caucus' recommendations, click <a href="here">here</a>.

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