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LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week 2022 Events

LOS ANGELES, CA – Today, <u>LA vs. Hate</u>, a project of the LA County Human Relations Commission, launched the annual LA vs Hate <u>United Against Hate Week</u>, November 13-19, 2022. Through a unique, community-building blend of art, social media, and educational resources, the LA vs. Hate program and its partners are urging communities to reject hate and bigotry and promote inclusion throughout the week. Civil leaders, community based agencies, schools and business are partnering to acknowledge solidarity with one another as a week of respect and safety for all is expressed by United Against Hate Week.

"For a second time in a month, we find ourselves needing to talk to our children about racist and inappropriate remarks made by influential figures in our community," stated Dr. Debra Duardo, Superintendent of LA County Office of Education and Honorary Co-chair for the Week's events. "Last month's antisemitic incidents of hate expressed through speech, banners and flyers LA vs provided yet another terrible reminder, following the racist comments of city leaders, that we need to redouble our efforts to create a more informed and inclusive world on behalf of our children. Hate is a learned behavior, and we must remember that our youth are always watching and listening. To further this message, the Los Angeles County Office of Education will participate in LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week. This week is a call for seven days of action to stop the hate and implicit biases that threaten the safety and civility of our schools, neighborhoods, towns and cities. Together we can make change happen for our youth."

"Data collected documents, even prior to the devastation COVID-19 had on minority owned businesses, recent studies noted the disparate impact hate violence has on businesses owned by minorities," said Maria S. Salinas, president and CEO of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and Honorary Co-Chair for the Week's events. "The Chamber advocates to promote policies which strengthen small businesses, provides access, expand opportunities for higher education to develop a 21st century workforce capable of competing in a global economy, and which offers pathways for economic growth," noted Ms. Salinas. "United Against Hate Week helps to support policies to ensure a safe, inclusive economic region for all." The Chamber has partnered with the U.S. Department of Justice to provide a United Against Hate Week workshop for small businesses impacted by hate on November 17.

"For the third year, LA vs Hate is hosting United Against Hate Week," stated Dr. Shawn Landres, Chair Emeritus, LA County Quality & Productivity Commission and Co-Chair for LA vs LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week 2-2-2

Hate United Against Hate Week Organizing Committee. "This is a week of community-inspired, innovative strategies to engage residents by offering art interventions, community events, digital resources, and creative opportunities to stand against hate. The goal is to promote respect and inclusion during the week by having community members display artwork in businesses, homes, and schools; promote LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week on digital platforms; and by holding events that inspire inclusivity and collaboration."

"We urge all county residents to get resources and toolkits available at lavshate.org/united-against-hate-week," noted Chalak Richards, Dean of Students, Diversity and Belonging at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law and a Co-chair for the Week's Organizing Committee. "We believe that our communities are strongest when they stand in solidarity together against all forms of hate and bias and when we focus on expressions of love and kindness."

Some of the events organized by different communities, cities, agencies during United Against Hate Week include the following:

<u>Conscious Community Sound Healing</u> - Saturday, November 5, 10 - 11:30 AM Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404

This project is an intention to produce several public, free, community sound healings to support the mental and physical health of people from all walks of life and culture. This event is graciously brought to the community because of the incredible efforts of Civic Wellbeing Partners and The Human Relations Council (HRC) Santa Monica Bay Area which promote a culture of fair treatment, inclusion and equal access to opportunities.

<u>Hate Crime Workshop with a Bystander Training</u> - Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd

The Hate Crime Book will be hosting a workshop on how to report a crime and included in the workshop will also be a bystander intervention training.

City of San Fernando - City Council Resolution - Monday, November 07, 06:00 - 07:00 PM San Fernando City Hall, 117 N MacNeil St, San Fernando, CA 91340

We Are Here, A Celebration of Legacy - Saturday, November 12, 12:00 - 04:00 PM Grand Park, 200 N Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Celebrate the stories of Black, Brown and Indigenous communities in the first-of-its-kind free festival in L.A.'s Grand Park. Presented in collaboration with For Freedoms and Kinfolk, We Are Here: A Celebration of Legacy pairs the worlds of physical and digital artistic experiences to broaden our understanding of L.A.'s ancestral history.

Conscious Community Sound Healing - Saturday, November 12, 06:00 - 07:30 PM Capoeira Besouro, 2116 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405

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Block Party – Saturday, November 12th Gladys Park 808 E 6th St, Los Angeles, CA 90022

Manhattan Beach Community Wide Moment of Silence – Friday, November 13th, 9:30 AM

Manhattan Beach Interfaith Youth Bystander Intervention Training - The event details, including date & time, are TBD.

Love My Neighbor Art Series Presentation - Sunday, November 13, 01:00 - 02:00 PM Wende Museum, 10808 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230

Alexey Steele will conduct a live portrait session of Culver City Fox Hills neighborhood community figure, Candance Simmons, at the Wende Museum as part of his ongoing *Love My Neighbor Series* celebrating diverse everyday heroes and launching the United Against Hate Week in Culver City. The event will take place during the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Wende Museum.

Manhattan Beach Kick Off CommUNITY Event & Rainbow Pathway Unveiling - Sunday, November 13, 01:00 - 03:00 PM

Polliwog Park, 1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 Join MB vs Hate at Polliwog Park where you can pick up your "MB Stands United Against Hate" lawn sign, listen to guest speakers, participate in chalk art, enjoy snacks & more!

United Against Hate Week Kick-Off Press Conference – Monday, November 14th, 9:00-10:00 AM, Hall of Administration 500 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 9001 Honorary co-chairs Maria Salinas, Executive Director of the LA Chamber and Dr. Debra Duardo, Superintendent Los Angeles County Office of Education. They will join the 2022 Co-Chairs for LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week Dr. Shawn Landres, Chair Emeritus, LA County Quality & Productivity Commission and Dean Chalak Richards, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Dean of Students to launch the Week's events. At the media event, the participants, and partners will

be asked to write their wishes for a hate free LA County and hang it onto a tree that will be at Grand Park. This Wishing Tree will symbolize the hopes and wishes for unifying LA County into a respectful, inclusive, welcoming county.

Law Enforcement Training Roll Out – Law enforcement training on the importance of encouraging victims of hate to report with video and materials. In-person pre-trainings starting in September/October to inform and obtain support for use of the video and materials. For UAHW, the Department Of Justice, Police Chiefs will do an awareness training in virtual format.

Culver City - City Council Resolution - Monday, November 14, 06:30 - 07:00 PM Culver City Council Chambers, 9770 Culver Blvd, Culver City 90230

During its November session, the Culver City Council will issue a Proclamation recognizing United Against Hate Week.

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City of Malibu - City Council Resolution - Monday, November 14, 06:30 - 07:30 PM Virtual

LA vs Hate Law Student Street Law Clinics – Training by law students from Southwestern Law Schools will inform students, parents and community members on resources and options available through LA vs Hate if faced with hate incidents or hate crimes. Training for parents and students at LA vs Hate Dream Center schools include: Artesia High School, November 15; Inglewood High School, November 17. Other high schools to be announced.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California Bystander Intervention Training - Wednesday, December 14, 12:00 - 01:00 PM

Asian American and xenophobic harassment and COVID-19 racism are on the rise across the US — and the world. And victims are experiencing a profound loss of physical safety, emotional wellbeing, relationship stability and financial security as a result. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Vuong at nvuong@ajsocal.org.

In this training, participants: • Reflect on what anti-Asian and xenophobic harassment looks like; Learn the history of anti-Asian/American harassment in the US; Learn how to safely intervene to stop harassment online and in-person; Practice the 5D's of Bystander Intervention

Manhattan Beach Screening of Race To Be A Human & Panel Discussion - Tuesday, November 15, 06:30 - 08:00 PM

Mira Costa High School, 1401 Artesia Blvd, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Come view a movie screening presented by the Manhattan Beach Education Fund at Mira Costa High School. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Rabbi Yossi and School Psychologist, Janet Allen. Additional panelists may be announced at a later time. Click here to learn more about MB vs Hate.

LAvsHate Twitterstorm/Flashmob - Tuesday, November 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Community and organizational partners are encouraged to join us for an hour-long Twitterstorm to help us raise awareness of United Against Hate Week. See, lavshate.org, <u>United Against</u> <u>Hate Week Social Media Toolkit</u>.

LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week Twitterstorm - A Twitterstorm is a spike in Tweet activity surrounding a topic where specific Tweets are retweeted and shared during a specific period. @LAvsHate - @UAHWeek: Step 1: Tweet Text [Insert what a hate-free California looks like to you]. #UnitedAgainstHateWeek. Tweet Example: "A hate-free California is where I no longer feel judged based on my skin color and who I choose to love. #UnitedAgainstHateWeek". Step 2: Repost and like Tweets visible through your timeline and that can be found through the #UnitedAgainstHateWeek tag. Step 3: If you have elected officials you want to copy in your Tweet or community partners, please tag them! During a Twitterstorm, you can have multiple Tweets or comment on the different Twitter threads.

Tacos for Stories - Tuesday, November 15, 04:30 - 06:30 PM Ted Watkins Memorial Park, 1335 E 103rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90002

Join the Ted Watkins/LA Commons Youth Arts Team to share stories and enjoy free tacos! Your stories will contribute to an LA vs Hate Poster Arts Project. Free for all ages.

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City of Carson - City Council Resolution - Tuesday, November 15, 05:00 - 06:00 PM Virtual

<u>CHIRLA en tu CASA United Against Hate Week Conversation</u> - Tuesday, November 15, 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Join CHIRLA for a virtual conversation about how hate incidents and crimes have directly hurt our community throughout the years and why we all need to stand up against racism and bias.

City of Hawaiian Gardens - City Council Resolution - Tuesday, November 15, 06:00 - 06:15 PM Hawaiian Gardens City Hall - City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Blvd, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

City of Artesia – City Council Resolution, Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m. 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701.

City of Pasadena Human Relations Commission - Speaker Panel on Combating Hate - Tuesday, November 15, 06:30 - 08:00 PM

City of Pasadena Maxwell House, Pasadena, 55 South Grand Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105 Panel of speakers representing various organizations and groups in Pasadena including the Western Justice Center, Pasadena PD, and a representative from LA vs. Hate to discuss the role of hate in our community and what we can do to stand up against it.

Wings Against Hate: FREE Online Community Art Activation Workshop – Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM - Zoom

In support of United Against Hate Week, WINGS AGAINST HATE is starting the week with a live workshop held virtually over Zoom. In this art activation workshop, you will be invited to create personal works of Durational Art that you can carry forward as a reminder of support and community connection during difficult times.

Los Angeles County Office of Education #CaArtsEdChat - Wednesday, November 16, 04:00 - 04:30 PM - Twitter

The Los Angeles County Office of Education will be hosting a #CaArtsEdChat during United Against Hate Week with questions that center around where United Against Hate and the Arts intersect. Compose your #CaArtsEdChat tweets and schedule them to go out using Tweetdeck. We encourage the use of GIFs and images for responses. We recommend using Google Slides images for the Questions.

Here is the format:

- 4:00 Welcome
- 4:01 Question 1
- 4:08 Question 2
- 4:16 Question 3
- 4:23 Question 4
- 4:30 Thank you

Remember to include the hashtags so participants can find the conversation.

- #CaArtsEdChat
- #UnitedAgainstHateWeek

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<u>United Against Hate: LGBTQ+ Community Town Hall</u> - Wednesday, November 16, 06:00 - 08:00 PM - Virtual

As part of LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week, November 13-19, 2022, join federal and local criminal justice officials working with the LGBTQ+ community to discuss effective strategies to prevent and respond to hate crimes and incidents. Program Overview includes: How to Identify hate crimes and incidents; Understand the importance of reporting hate incidents; strategies to prevent acts of hate

<u>Self Help Graphics Wellness Workshop</u> - Wednesday, November 16, 06:00 - 07:30 PM Self Help Graphics and Art, 1300 East 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Taking time to honor wellness and inner peace is an excellent step in fighting against hate. Experience a sound bath meditation with practitioner and healer Neil Belen. We have yoga mats on site, but we recommend bringing your yoga mat or a towel to sit or lay on for the duration of the sound bath. The event is free and open to all ages but recommended for ages 15+. Space is limited. Register now!

Culver Arts Foundation - Reception - Wednesday, November 16, 06:15 - 07:00 PM Village Well Books & Coffee 9900 Culver Blvd #1B, Culver City, CA 90230 A reception will be hosted by the Culver Arts Foundation at the Village Well bookstore for the

window pop up exhibition by the Culver City Artist Laureate Alexey Steele and collaborating students of CCUSD arts program marking United Against Hate Week in Culver City.

Small Business Strong Webinar Series - United Against Hate: Identifying, Reporting and Preventing Hate Crimes - Thursday, November 17, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California will be using the "United Against Hate: Identifying, Reporting and Preventing Hate Crimes" presentation, developed by the Department's Hate Crimes Enforcement and Prevention Initiative to inform the small business community to: Learn how to identify hate crimes and incidents; Understand the importance of reporting hate;Discuss strategies to prevent acts of hate. Speaker(s) include: Matthew J. Barragan (he/him), Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Rights Section, Civil Division, United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California; Vincent E. Plair (he, him, his), Regional Director, Western, Rocky Mountain and Northwestern Regions U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service. To learn more visit: www.justice.gov/hatecrimes

Don't H8, Liber8 – Wednesday, November 16th – 7 - 11 PM

TCC Decoded HQ, 1547 6th Street, Santa Monica, California 90401

This will be an epic evening of music, movement, and sound at Decoded HQ. Deep house rap yoga, ecstatic dance, sound bath, live musical performances, community vibing, an anti-hate "Sign The Pledge Drive" and more! Move your body, rejuvenate your spirit, calm your mind. Program:

- Journaling & Intention Setting
- Immersive Yoga
- Ecstatic Dance

- Sound-Bath

- Live Music

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Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California Bystander Intervention Training - Thursday, November 17, 12:00 - 01:00 PM - Virtual

In partnership with LA vs Hate, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California will be hosting a Bystander Intervention Training to inform community members on:What anti-Asian and xenophobic harassment looks like; How to safely intervene to stop harassment online and in-person; The 5D's of Bystander Intervention. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Vuong at <u>nvuong@ajsocal.org</u>.

<u>City of Santa Monica Free Bystander Intervention Training</u> - Thursday, November 17, 06:00 - 07:30 PM - Virtual

<u>Non-fiction Writing Workshop</u> - Thursday, November 17, 07:00 - 08:30 PM - Virtual This workshop meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm. Writers at all levels of experience are welcome. The group will be ongoing, and we hope to build a supportive and productive community. This session will include prompts to focus on anti-hate themes.

Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation Training for John F. Kennedy High School Dream Center – Thursday, November 17th, 3 – 3:30 PM, John F. Kennedy High School, 11254 Gothic Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344. Provided by Western Justice Center.

Thanksgiving Grab and Go Basket Distribution - Friday, November 18, 10:30 AM - 01:30 PM, Algin Sutton Recreation Center 8800 S. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, CA Brotherhood Crusade in partnership with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, AIM, and Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson present a FREE Food Basket and Holiday Toy Give-Away Drive-Thru. Baskets will contain a Whole Turkey with all the trimmings, Vegetables, Corn Bread, Dressing and more! *Please note, this is a Drive-Thru ONLY.* For more information contact Stacy Hill-Williams at swilliams@brotherhoodcrusade.org or 323-846-1649.

Lancaster Library Tapestry Event – November 18, 11 AM

Lancaster County Public Library 601 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, CA

Supervisor Barger will provide a videotaped message to unveil "Solidarity", a tapestry by noted artist Dianna Wilson. The tapestry weaves fabric from different communities that call Los Angeles County home and represents the unifying message of standing together in these challenging times.

Award Ceremony for Love My Neighbor - Friday, November 18, 06:00 - 07:00 PM Scottsdale Townhouses Association, 23400 Avalon Blvd, Carson CA 90745

The Award Ceremony will be for the participants and winners of the *Love My Neighbor - United Against Hate Carson Kids Art Contest,* celebrating Carson neighbors and in commemoration of United Against Hate Week. The ceremony is in collaboration with Artward Initiative Non-Profit, "Scottsdale" townhouses, and the Carson Sheriff's Gang Diversion Team. Members of Carson City Council are invited.

Kick Out the Hate Kickball Event Students vs Teachers – Friday, November 18, 2:40 – 4:00

PM, 21409 Elaine Ave., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

5D Bystander Intervention - Saturday, November 19, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Chinatown Service Center, 767 N Hill St, Ste 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012 United States LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week 8-8-8

Chinatown Service Center will be hosting a "5D Bystander Intervention" workshop. Trainers from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California, Asian Youth Center, and Chinatown Service Center will discuss how we can intervene as a bystander when we witness hate crimes and discrimination confrontations. This workshop is free and open to the public.

<u>Wings Against Hate - Partnership with A Window Between Worlds and Asian Pacific</u> <u>American Dispute Resolution Center</u> – Saturday, November 19, 11:00 AM - 04:30 PM Venice Beach, 1800 Ocean Front Walk

This is a Block Party-type event held on Venice Beach designed to invite community members to join the LA vs Hate Pledge. The event will center around the creation of shared wings of change as event-goers join together to build a collective art installation. At the event, community members will have the opportunity to design their own individual wings of change to uplift sustained action and community connection. Eligible community members will be able to participate in a special challenge and win their own Art Activation Toolkit!

Award Ceremony - Kids UAHW Art Contest - Saturday, November 19, 01:00 - 02:00 PM Long Beach, 851 Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, CA 90805

The Award Ceremony for the participants and winners of the Love My Neighbor - United Against Hate Special Kids Art Contest celebrating Long Beach neighbors and in commemoration of United Against Hate Week in collaboration with Artward Initiative Non-Profit, "Carmelitos" Housing and the Office of Long Beach Council Member 8th District Al Austin III.

<u>WisdoMania Foundation Art Therapy Workshop</u> - Saturday, November 19, 03:30 - 05:30 PM, Santa Monica Beach, @Ocean Park (Between Lifeguard Tower 27 & 28), Santa Monica, CA 90405

Join this 2 hour experience that will focus on self-love and community through sound healing and creative expression. Program includes: Journal Prompt / Intention Setting, Sound Bath + Reiki (optional) and an Abstract Acrylic Paint Workshop feat. LIVE Drums. Don't Worry! No prior skills or experience necessary! Just an open mind and willingness to connect to yourself and a creative spirit. For every ticket sold, \$10 will be donated to WisdoMania Foundation.

For more events, see lavshate.org, United Against Hate Week.

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