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### **ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS**

## **COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON POLICING AND HUMAN RELATIONS**

**WHAT:** This is the second hearing that the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations will be holding as part of a countywide Policing and Human Relations Project. Public hearings were announced in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1965 Watts Rebellion and the strained relations between law enforcement and local communities that precipitated these events. The Commission wants to hear from the community about their personal experiences with law enforcement officers and agencies, and about their suggestions for increasing fairness and equity in policing, and for building and/or maintaining positive relations between police and communities.

Following this hearing, there will be three more hearings planned to take place in the next several months, one in each of the remaining Supervisorial Districts of L.A. County, in December, January, and February. A final hearing is planned in order to hear from law enforcement representatives and subject matter experts. In addition to the hearings, the Commission is obtaining information about best practices and recommendations for fair policing from many sources. The results of these hearings and additional information will be combined in a report that can be used by community partners to strengthen local public safety systems.

**WHO:** Community members are invited to attend and participate in this important event. The hearings are being generously hosted in partnership with the Cross-Cultural Centers and the Department of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Los Angeles.

**WHEN:** November 19, 2016, Saturday - 10 am to 1 pm

**WHERE:** University Student Union Theater  
California State University, Los Angeles  
5154 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, California  
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