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WOMEN OF COLOR AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY
FOCUS OF UPCOMING COUNTYWIDE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON POLICING AND HUMAN RELATIONS

Hearing scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at L.A. Trade Tech College's Aspen Hall

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. – Women of color and the LGBTQ communities will be the focus a countywide public hearing on Policing and Human Relations Saturday, September 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Los Angeles Trade Tech College.

The hearing is being held by the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission in conjunction with the African American Policy Forum, Gender Justice LA, TransLatin@ Coalition and the San Fernando Valley's Somos Familia Valle. It is the sixth and final public hearing in a series of public hearings that are being used as opportunities to assist the Commission in strengthening trust between police and communities, and advancing positive intergroup relations through policing practices. Members of the community are invited to share their experiences of interactions with L.A. County's over 50 law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and provide recommendations to address policing issues within women of color and LGBTQ communities.

According to the 2016 Report on the Status of Women in Los Angeles County there are 5.1 million women and girls living in L.A. County. L.A. County has experienced an increase in women of color over the past decade, with the population increasing from 71% in 2006 to 74% in 2014. UCLA Law think tank The Williams Institute estimated in 2016 that out of the 1.3 million LGBT residents in California, over 31% percent live in Los Angeles County.

The County of Los Angeles is the most populous county in the United States. The County is home to more than one-quarter of California residents and is one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the U.S. There are 88 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the most populous are: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Glendale, Santa Clarita, Lancaster, Palmdale, Pomona, Torrance, Pasadena, El Monte, Downey, Inglewood, West Covina, Norwalk and Burbank.

The hearing is free and open to the public. It will take place Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Los Angeles Trade Tech College in Room 101 of Aspen Hall (2215 S. Grand Ave.). For more information, please visit wdacs.lacounty.gov or call (213) 738-2788.

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