

# What's Happening

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## PROBATION STAFF PARTICIPATES IN WALK LIKE MADD 5K

On Saturday, September 17th, LA County Probation staff joined M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) California for the "Walk Like MADD" fundraising and awareness event. The Opening Ceremony included speakers ranging from Long Beach Councilwoman Suzie Prince to our own Chief Dr. Adolfo Gonzales who recognized the Department's loss of DPO II Mariesha Collins to a reckless and impaired driver in December 2021.

The LA County Probation DUI Unit team participated in the Walk/Run and DPO II Sherine Denby performed an inspiring rendition of our National Anthem to open the event

Many families whose lives had been devastated due to an avoidable accident attended the Walk. There was a solemn tone but a celebratory ray of hope to the event thanks to the people who came to support the cause. The day was a reminder of how fragile life can be.



Chief Dr. Adolfo Gonzales



DPO II Sherine Denby

## ARDI INITIATIVE SURVEYS

The ARDI (Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion) Initiative has been put in motion to guide, govern, and increase the County's ongoing commitment to fighting racism in all its dimensions.

In support of this effort, Chief Gonzales has established the Probation Department's Equity Action Team, consisting of an executive lead and five employees that volunteered. Their role is to work with the Chief Executive Office to implement The County's [Racial Equity Strategic Plan](#).

Your input is important to the process. The first of two Racial Equity Surveys closes on October 3rd & is available [HERE](#). By participating in these surveys, we will be able to measure our department's readiness to engage in meaningful change, build on past successes, and track our progress over time. We strongly encourage you all to participate. Thank you.



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