## LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION HOSTS SIP & CHAT

## EVENT PROVIDED A RELAXED SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PROBATION TO ENGAGE

The Los Angeles County Probation Department hosted a community "Sip & Chat with Probation" on November 18th at Mingles Tea Bar in Inglewood.

The event's purpose was to provide a relaxed space for the community and probation to engage. Deputies and professional staff chatted with community members and answered questions while enjoying delicious pastries and sipping a variety of flavored coffees and teas.

"It feels good because probation staff and community members are engaging with one another. They are communicating and sharing information and resources," expressed the event coordinator and Probation Community Engagement Specialist, DPO Holts. "Everyone's guards are down. The atmosphere is welcoming, and they all are enjoying themselves."

Veterans Affairs was also present, providing resources and information. "We always look to partner with organizations like Probation because we are all connected," shared Dr. Kathy Cash, Veterans Community Peer Support Specialist and Minister. "We are trying to get the word out to all veterans in the community that services and benefits are available."

Hygiene bags and winter accessories were also available for community members in need.

It was a wonderful morning of community engagement. The Los Angeles County Probation Department looks forward to the next Sip and Chat.

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Standing left to right; SDSO Hart, community member & DPO II Crowder. Seated: DPO II Washington and community member.



DPO II Whaley & DPO II Banks decide what to order at Mingles Tea Bar in Inglewood



Ms. Holts and Director of Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Jim Zenner



The outdoor patio at Mingles Tea Bar in Inglewood