



COMMISSIONS CONNECTION

CELEBRATING RECENT SUCCESSES AND FUTURE VISIONS

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the quarterly newsletter, ***Commissions Connection: Celebrating Recent Successes and Future Visions***. You can expect to see updates on Commission Services achievements and highlights of the boards and commissions the Executive Office oversees.



At the Awards celebration (from L to R): Commission Vice-President Dr. Regina Smith, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, and Commission President Elizabeth Warren. Photo: David Franco/LACBOS.

Women of the Year Awards

Commission for Women held its 39th Annual event celebrating Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women hosted more than 550 attendees at their 39th Annual “Women of the Year” Celebration on March 18 at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Los Angeles. To commemorate the theme, Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, each Supervisor selected one woman from various backgrounds that hold high esteem as a motivator for women in their communities, and 11 additional women with notable accomplishments were honored under a variety

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of areas spanning from Business/Labor to Health to Law/Public Safety. This was the first year to have a category to honor a woman in the area of Sports.

Elizabeth Warren, President of the Commission for Women, set the mood with her awe-inspiring welcome, and each honoree took to the stage to receive their awards. Honorees included:

- **Stephanie Wiggins**, Chief Executive Officer of the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- **Elaine Batchlor**, MD, MPH, Chief Executive Officer of MLK Community Healthcare System
- **Kim Lamorie**, President of Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., of the Santa Monica Mountains
- **Karina Macias**, Vice Mayor, Huntington Park City Council
- **Rlene Mijares de Lang**, Co-Owner and General Manager of Mijares Mexican Restaurants, Inc.

The celebration continued with presentations to Maribeth Dela Cruz, President's Award; Rachel S. Moore, Arts and Media; Celia Ward-Wallace, Business and Labor; Patima Komolomit, Community Activism; Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye, Education; Chanel Smith, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Dr. Krishnauna Hines-Gaither, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Star Manning, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Dr. Deborah Villanueva, Health; Danielle McMillon, Law/Public Safety; and Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, Sports.

Watch the [highlights from the celebration!](#)

In alignment with the Board's [Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative](#), the [Commission for Women](#) seeks to represent the interest and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and social backgrounds, religious convictions, sexual orientation, and social circumstances.

Resilience Scholarship Program

A key component to the continued success of the Commission is through the unwavering support of the Board to commit and partner annually with the Commission to offer the Resilience Scholarship Program sponsored through funds raised from the Women of the Year celebration. Since the Commission's inception of the Scholarship Program in 1999, more than 300 deserving young women have received over \$400,00 in funds that could be used for tuition, child care, clothing, and a variety of other expenses by the recipient to meet their individual needs.

To learn more about the attributes of these young women and their resilience, please [click here to hear HERstory](#).





The inaugural meeting of the Executive Committee on Regional Homeless Alignment held on February 20. Photo: David Franco/LACBOS.

Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment

The formation of the Committee was one of the seven recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and was established to create a unified, regional plan on homelessness. The Committee includes Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who is serving as Chair of the Committee, Board of Supervisors Chair Lindsey P. Horvath, City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass; City of Monrovia Mayor Becky A. Shevlin; Palmdale Councilmember Richard Loa; Redondo Beach Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic; and California Governor appointee Hafsa Kaka.

The Committee held their inaugural meeting on February 20 and the next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

For information on upcoming meetings, sign up to be added to the agenda mailing list by emailing RegionalHomelessExecCommittee@ceo.lacounty.gov or commserv@bos.lacounty.gov.

Learn More About Commissions

There are currently more than 200 legislative bodies established in the County of Los Angeles. The Board of Supervisors Executive Office has direct oversight of 34 commissions, committees and boards; [learn more about them here](#). Other legislative bodies generally fall under the purview of various County departments or outside agencies.

Los Angeles County Commissions are created and governed by County Charter, County ordinance, Board motion or State and Federal law. To view and learn more about these commissions, task forces, special districts, agency boards and joint powers authorities, view the [Membership Roster](#).



The Los Angeles County Youth Commission is a collaborative mission that serves and is informed by the voices of youth with lived experience. Its mission is to help child welfare and juvenile justice center youth voice their

efforts to co-design and improve policies, programs, and services.

Through these efforts, the Youth Commission provides education, training, professional development, mentoring, and mental health services for youth. Recently, the Commissioners were recognized for their contribution toward a Board of Supervisors motion named “Delete the Divide,” which promoted a mobile app for providing resources to youth in need.

The Youth Commission holds **Listening Sessions**, which are designed for community youth to share concerns, ideas and lived experiences with their district Commissioner and local government officials. The Commission has held successful Listening Sessions in Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5, both of which were attended by their respective L.A. County Supervisor and contained resources for youth as well as a panel of experts with lived experience.

Future Listening Sessions are as follows:

- District 2: Saturday, May 18, 2024
- District 4: Saturday, July 13, 2024
(In collaboration with the City of Long Beach Youth Council/Office of Youth Development Department)
- District 1: Saturday, August 10, 2024

The Youth Commission will also attend the International Youth Conference on Sunday, June 2, at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

The Commission is seeking young people interested in volunteering their knowledge as Commissioners. Their insight will help shape LA County policy, programs, and services for system-impacted youth. To apply to be a Commissioner, click [here](#).



Attend an Upcoming Commission Meeting

Find upcoming Commission Meetings, which are open to the public, and take a look at [agendas](#) to get details and join us.

Volunteer as a Commissioner

Have you ever thought about how you could be of service to volunteer your time, elevate your voice, and listen to your community? There are many opportunities to do just that by submitting your [Interest to Serve](#) as a Commissioner.

The screenshot shows the 'Interest to Serve - Commission Services' form. At the top, it features the County of Los Angeles logo and the text 'executive office BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'. Below this, it says 'Please fill out below form:'. The instructions state: 'On the form below, please submit your Interest to Serve on a County Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force. For additional membership information (qualifications and vacancies), please view Fact Sheets and Rosters on the Commission Services website. Fields marked with asterisk(*) are required.' There is a dropdown menu labeled 'Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force of Interest *' with the instruction 'Please select at least one committee'. Below that are two input fields for 'Your Name *', labeled 'First Name' and 'Last Name'.

AWARDS: Spotlight on Scrolls

Women of the Year awards recipients memorialized this event with custom-worded, hand-calligraphed scrolls, presented by the Board of Supervisors.



New Commissioner Orientation

Join a New Commissioner Orientation for newly appointed Commissioners, Commissioners in search of a refresher, and staff assigned to support Commissions. This quarterly orientation is hosted by Commission Services in coordination with the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel staff for an enlightening overview of Commissions, Legislative Support, and Brown Act requirements.

Email CommitteeBook@bos.lacounty.gov to receive notifications of upcoming orientations.

