



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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| | | | The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | |
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| Agenda # | Relate To | Position | Name | Comments |
| 14. | | Favor | Karen Eyres | |
| | | | Sana Syed | I appreciate the County acknowledging the impact of hate crimes on Muslim, Palestinian, and Arab communities in Los Angeles. |
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| 14. | | Oppose | Jeff Farber | <p>Good morning Board of Supervisors. My name is Jeff Farber and I am the Executive Director of Helpline Youth Counseling. I commend the Board of Supervisors for your leadership in combatting identity-based hate in LA County through the LA versus Hate initiative. Helpline Youth Counseling is proud to be a partner of the Human Relations Commission LA versus Hate initiative by providing Dream Resource Centers on six school campuses throughout Los Angeles County including sites in Supervisor Districts 2 (Inglewood and Morningside High , 4 (Fedde Middle School, Artesia High, and Norwalk High), and 1 (La Puente High School). Through these campus-based Centers, we have provided hundreds of students experiencing hate due to their gender identity, documented status, race, etc., with trauma-informed care and support to ensure they have a safe environment at their respective school, engage with other students and ally teachers, and develop their leadership skills in order to have a voice in building a safe and supportive school community. The success of the DRCs is due to the ability of the Human Relations Commission to be nimble in quickly providing the resources to open the Center and leverage existing LA versus Hate partners including 211-LA, Wester Justice Center, LACOE, AYC, etc. Of the over 15,000 student visits to the Dream Resource Centers, 92% of students who responded to the school-wide survey and reported increased levels of school engagement, feelings of school safety, and plans for positive school outcomes per school year as a result of visiting their DRC. Additionally, 97% of students who participated in the survey reported finding the activities and workshops offered at their DRC engaging and reported they always felt included when visiting and 98% were either extremely likely or likely to recommend the center to a friend or peer, demonstrating a strong positive view of the resource. The Human Relations Commission has led the LA versus Hate initiative since inception and should remain as the leading entity for developing a comprehensive, proactive, and equitable strategy. The success of the LA versus Hate initiative is due to the ability of the Human Relations Commission to build upon its relationships, nimbleness, community knowledge, and leadership to deepen the anti-hate work in Los Angeles County. I urge the Board to maintain the Human Relations Commission as the lead entity for this strategy and not disrupt the outstanding work led by the HRC by changing leadership to another County department.</p> |
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