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### **LACDMH HOSTS SPECIAL SCREENING OF 'ROSEMEAD', PANEL DISCUSSION WITH ACTOR/PRODUCER LUCY LIU**

*Inspired by a true story, the critically acclaimed film highlights familial, cultural and intergenerational mental health struggles.*

**LOS ANGELES** — The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) today hosted a special screening of the award-winning film, “Rosemead,” at AMC Century City 15, followed by a panel discussion on mental health, families and cultural values, featuring the film’s lead actor and producer Lucy Liu, director Eric Lin, actor Lawrence Shou, and LACDMH Director Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.

The film stars Liu as an ailing woman who takes drastic measures to protect her troubled teenage son, played by actor Lawrence Shou. As Shou’s character faces dark obsessions, Liu’s character is forced to make impossible choices. Set against the simmering tensions of a Chinese American community, “Rosemead” is a gripping portrait of a family pushed to the edge.

“‘Rosemead’ captures the emotional landscape of Asian immigrant life and provides a voice to the complicated emotions many in our immigrant communities struggle to name,” said Dr. Wong. “The Department of Mental Health is proud to partner with the creators and cast of ‘Rosemead’ to shine a light on how mental health issues can significantly add to the tensions between culture, family, and community. We hope that through these discussions and partnerships, we can help people realize the importance of de-stigmatizing mental health and open up a dialogue on seeking help when needed. People do not have to face these challenges alone – there are culturally and linguistically responsive resources available throughout Los Angeles County.”

Dr. Wong led the panel discussion which focused on the extraordinary resilience, rich cultural traditions, and deep family bonds of Asian immigrant communities in Los Angeles County. “Rosemead” is inspired by a true story from a [2017 Los Angeles Times article](#) in which the real-life incident occurred in the San Gabriel Valley city of the same name.

LACDMH is committed to providing mental health support to County residents, including the Asian American community, in culturally and linguistically responsive settings. Mental health resources can be accessed by calling our 24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771. LACDMH also invites feedback about its programs through stakeholder engagement, such as the [Asian Pacific Islander Underserved Cultural Communities group](#), and encourages public comment and participation to help improve its services.

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### **About the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)**

As the nation's largest public mental health department, we ensure access to care and treatment for our most vulnerable residents in a region nearing 10 million people. With an annual budget exceeding \$4.4 billion and over 7,600 budgeted positions, LACDMH is dedicated to hope, recovery, and wellbeing for everyone across the County. For more information, visit [dmh.lacounty.gov](https://dmh.lacounty.gov) or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).