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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Office of Prevention Services Task Force Meeting

March 3, 2022





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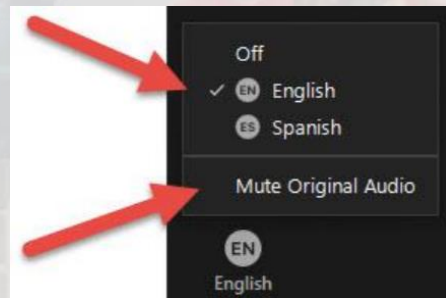
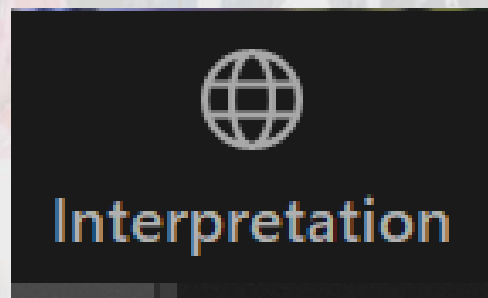


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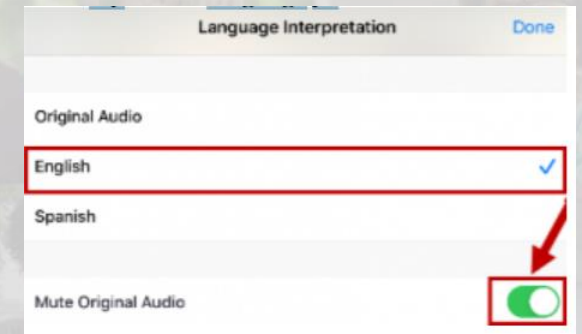
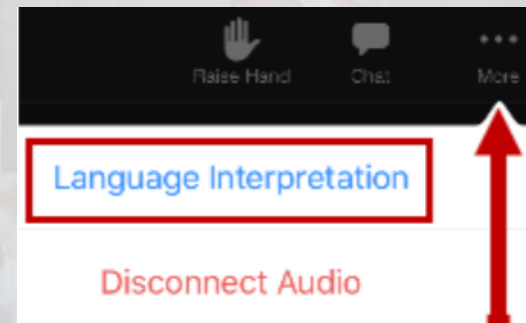
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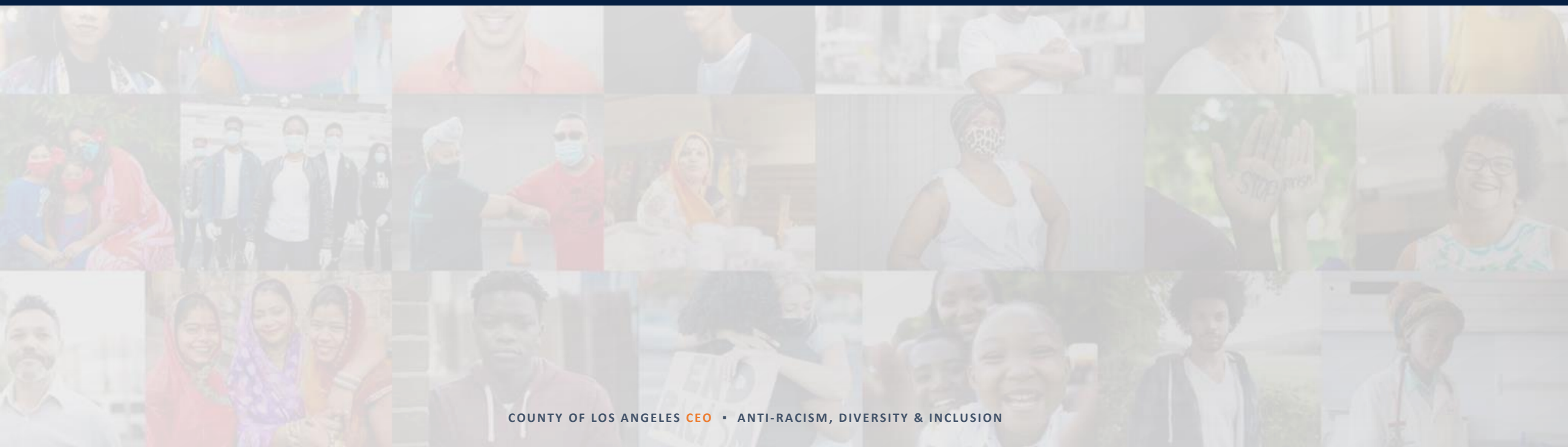
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Welcome





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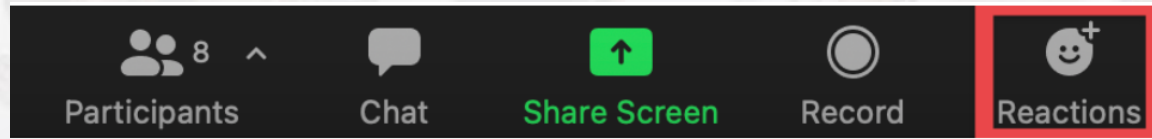
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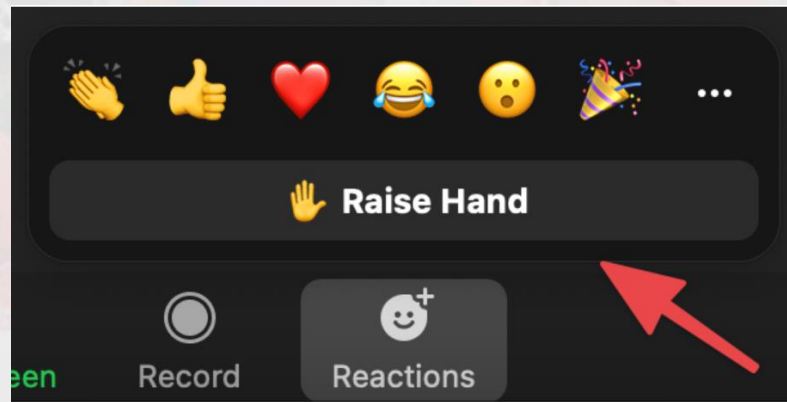
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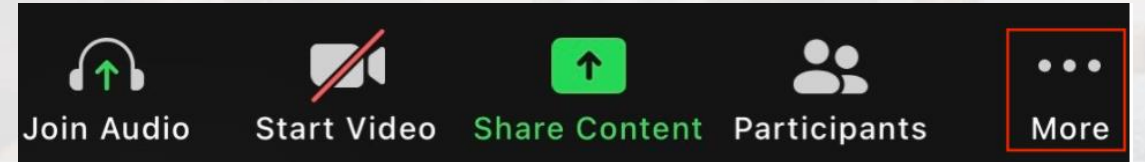
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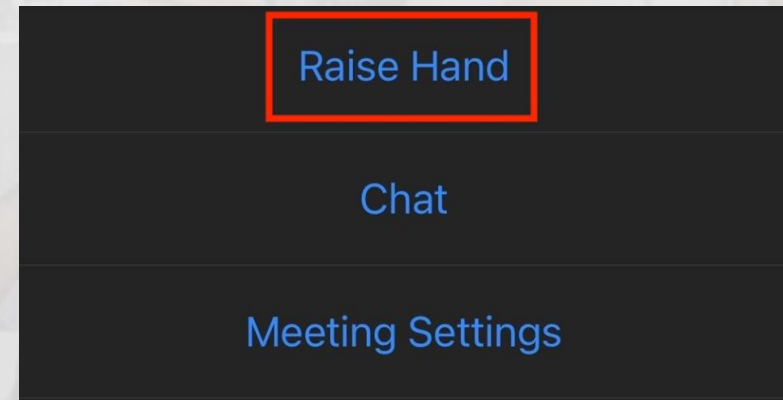
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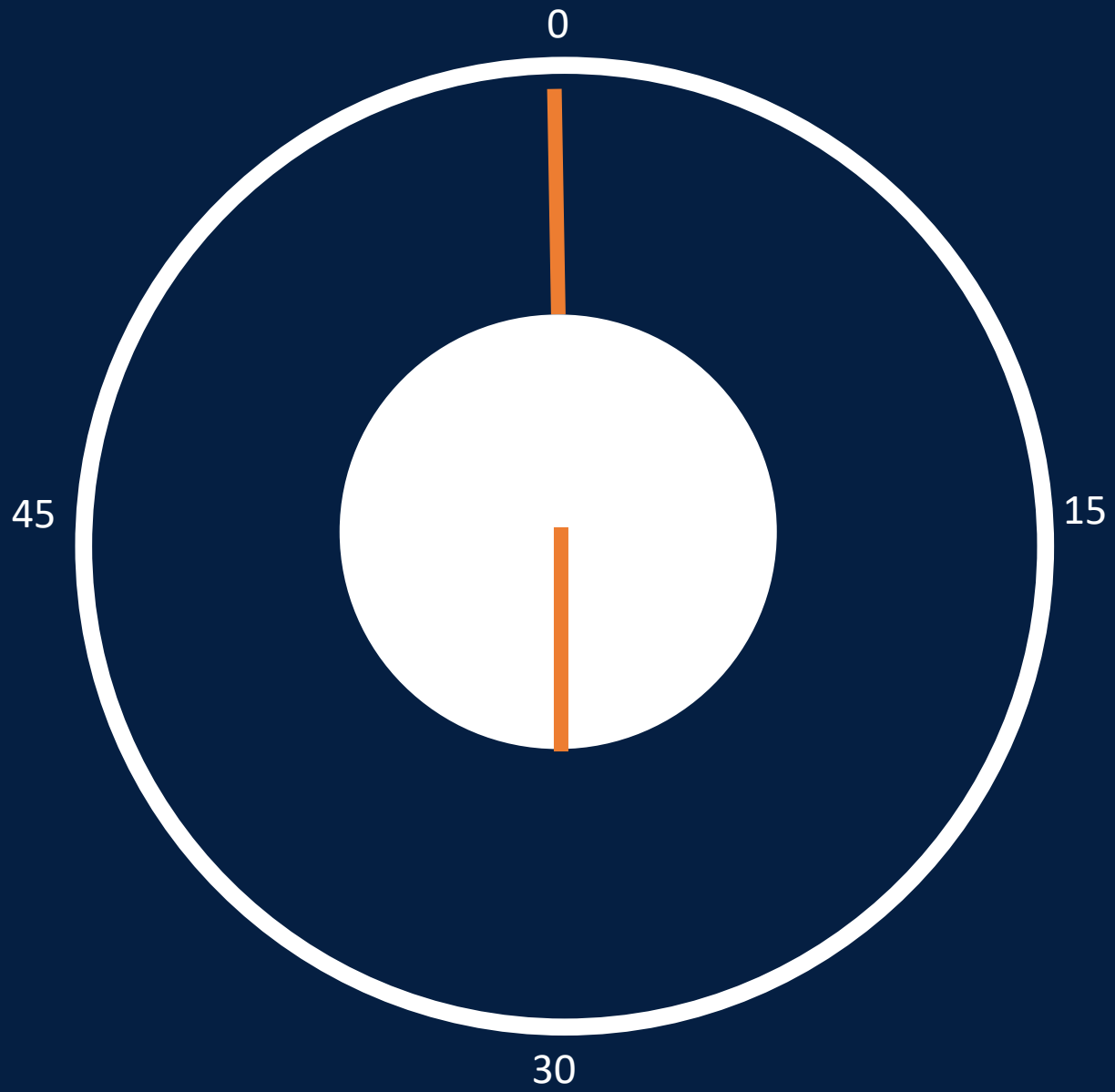


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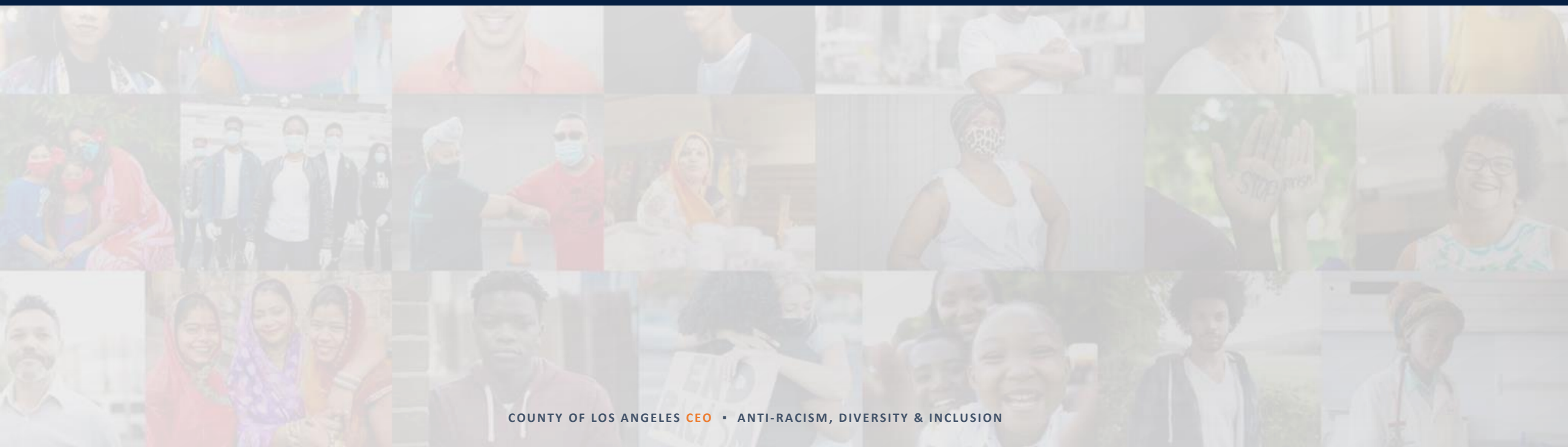
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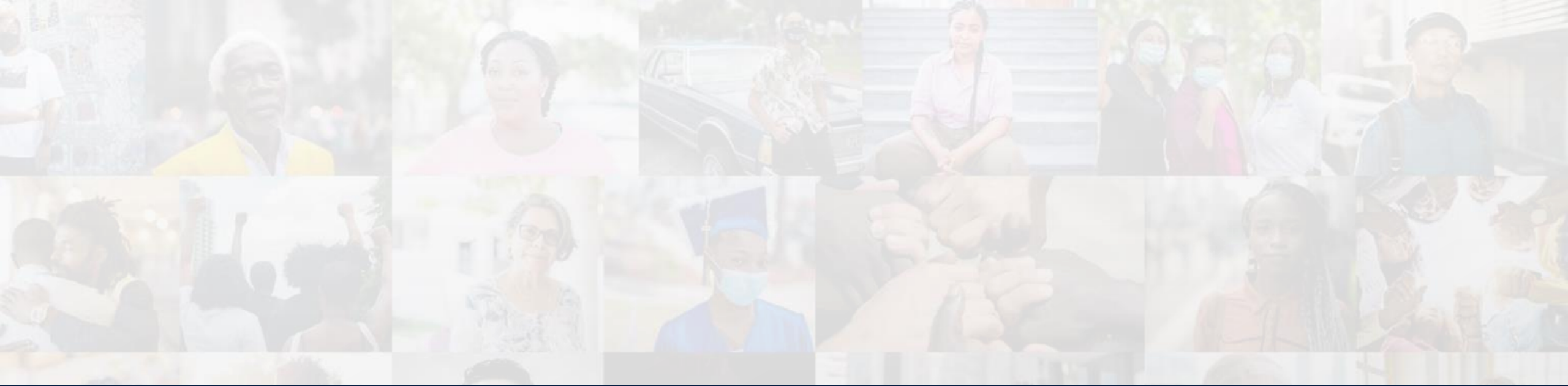
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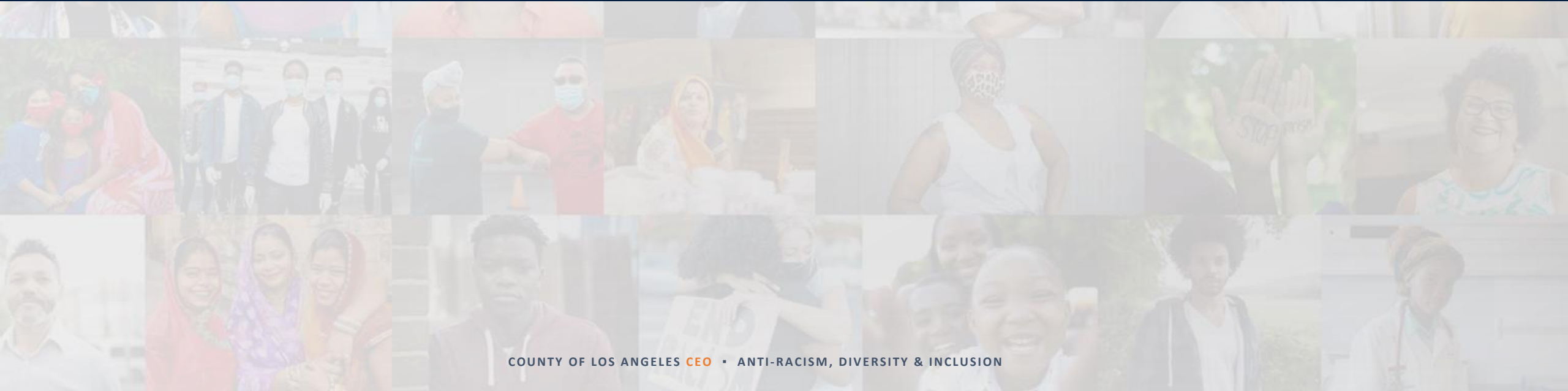


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TASK FORCE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS



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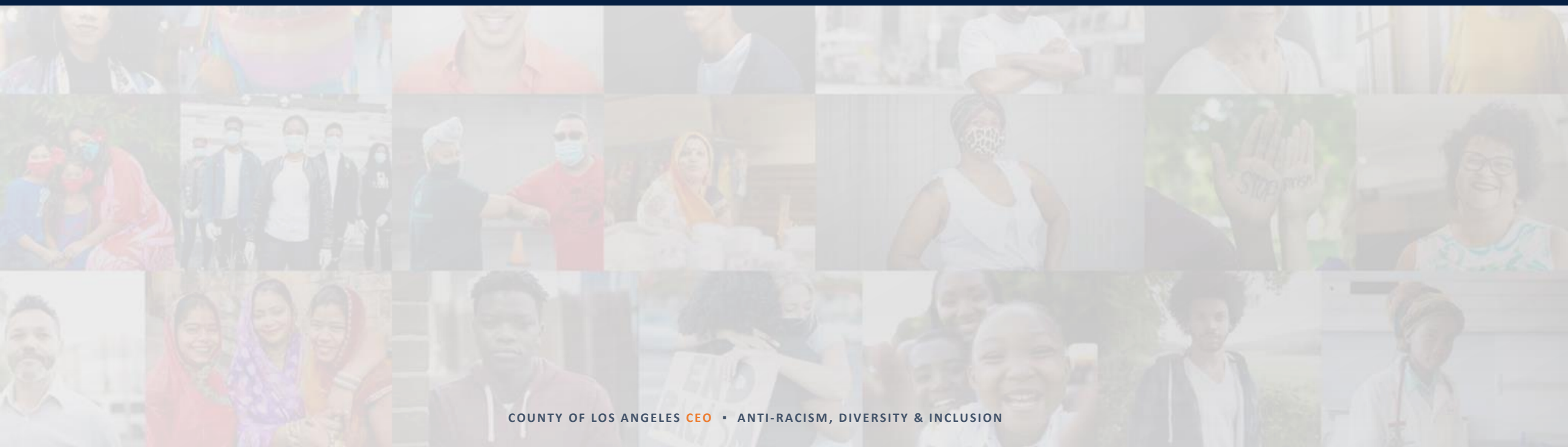
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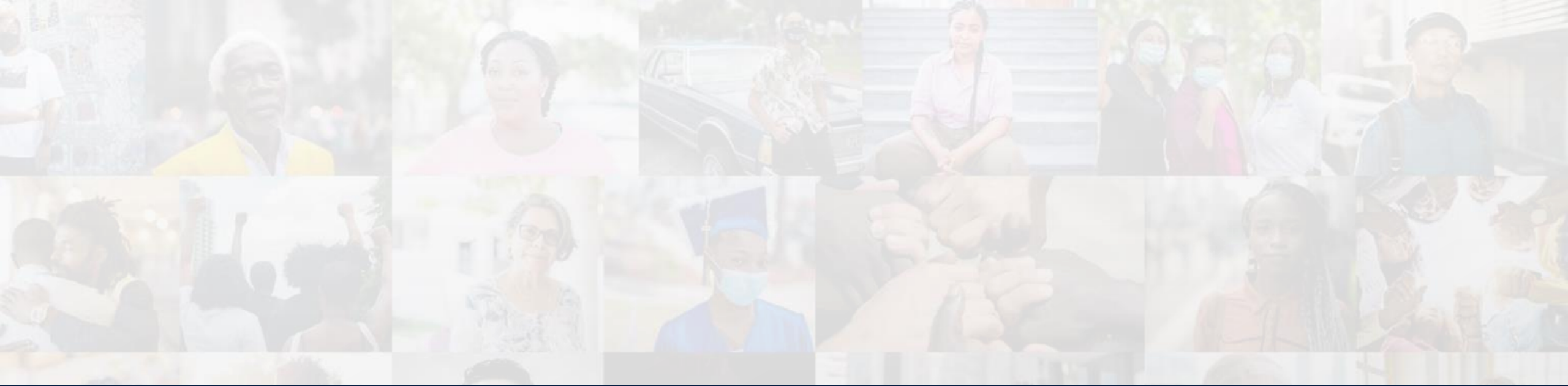
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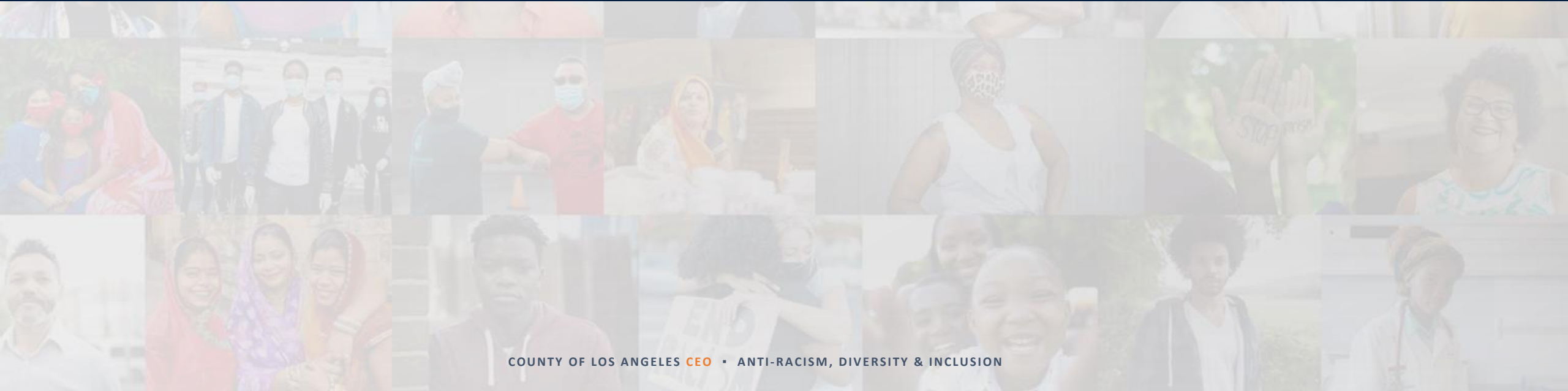


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BROWN ACT OVERVIEW





ITEM 4





OVERVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION SERVICES TASK FORCE



OVERVIEW OF BOARD MOTION

- On September 15, 2021, the Board adopted a new motion to establish the County's Office of Prevention Services.
- The motion directed the creation of a task force responsible for providing recommendations for a coordinated primary prevention and intervention strategy that:
 - Addresses the disproportionality in our current systems
 - Delivers upstream programs and services to improve well-being and strengthen adults, children, youth, and families

BOARD DIRECTIVES

Recommend options for a governance structure designed to coordinate and effectuate a comprehensive community-based prevention services delivery system

Conduct a comprehensive Countywide funding streams analysis that details existing funding available for Countywide prevention services to support a full-scale Countywide coordinated prevention strategy

Recommend a set of guiding prevention metrics, principally informed by an equity centered framework which reflects how County residents' lives were made better as result of receipt of prevention services

UNDERSTANDING PREVENTION

Prevention efforts are often categorized at three levels:

- Primary prevention directed at the general population to prevent negative life outcomes before they occur (universal);
- Secondary prevention targeted to individuals or families in which negative life outcomes are more likely (high risk); and
- Tertiary prevention targeted towards individuals or families in which harms have already occurred in an effort to prevent further harm (indicated).

HOW WE CAN DO THIS WORK DIFFERENTLY

CLEARLY DEFINE AND DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

UNPACK AND CRITICALLY EXAMINE OUR ASSUMPTIONS AND BIASES

TARGET CAUSES OF DISPROPORTIONALITY

APPLY AN ANTI-RACISM LENS TO PLANNING

NATIONAL POLICIES AND EFFORTS

1930s

- Social Security Act of 1935: Accommodated racial distribution of ADC benefits and discriminatory labor-based practices

1960s-1970s

- State control over welfare benefits were instrumental in maintaining a system of racial paternalism and a stratified racial economic order in the South
- Black motherhood, child-bearing, and child-rearing now rose to sudden political prominence, as a root cause of poverty and inequality

1990s

- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) and the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA): enacted reforms to limit the scope of child removals, set 6-month reunification requirement
- These limited the scope of "reasonable efforts" to prevent child removals

1960s

- The Civil Rights Movement and efforts of the National Welfare Rights Organization extended the AFDC program to Black families, but benefits were further curtailed and burdened with behavioral regulations

1980s

- Economic pathologizing of poor Black motherhood and families emerged as key political battleground
- In the mid-to-late 1980s, the focus on "crack babies" impelled large-scale child removals from Black families

2010s

- Startling rates of economic insecurity now persist in Black households as do disproportionately high Black child removals from their families

UNPACK AND CRITICALLY EXAMINE OUR ASSUMPTIONS

Parents Expecting iPad Deliveries Got Knock on Door From Child Welfare Workers

BY EILEEN GRECH | EGRENCH@THECITY.NYC | APR 28, 2020, 11:16PM EDT



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PARENTS GET REPORTED FOR NEGLECT AFTER KEEPING KIDS HOME DURING COVID SURGE

For families who have lost so much to the pandemic and are doing their best to keep their children safe, a child protective investigation is the last thing they need.



By Jenna Lauter, Fellow, Policy
FEBRUARY 24, 2022 - 1:00PM

by Asner Lenner-Smail | January 27, 2022

like they can do,” state Rep.



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Poverty and Mistreatment of Children go Hand in Hand



State spending on anti-poverty programs could substantially reduce child abuse and neglect

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**BLACK FAMILIES MATTER:
HOW THE CHILD WELFARE
SYSTEM PUNISHES POOR
FAMILIES OF COLOR**

MODERN H/HS POLICY

Poverty and Neglect Are Not the Same — It's Time to Realign Our Response

By Jody Levison-Johnson | May 21, 2021



BULLETINS FOR PROFESSIONALS | APRIL 2021

**Child Welfare Practice to Address
Racial Disproportionality and
Disparity**

LA COUNTY POLICIES AND EFFORTS

1970s

- Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect is created

1990s

- Board of Supervisors create Children's Planning Council
- California AB 546 enables greater integration with DCFS, Probation, and CBOs in the County
- First 5 California and First 5 LA are created

2010s

- Blue Ribbon Commission publishes Final Report calling for the creation of the Office of Child Protection (OCP)
- OCP publishes Child Protection Strategic Plan and Countywide Prevention Plan

1980s

- LA Children's Roundtable launched at USC
- Board of Supervisors creates the Department of Children and Family Services
- Roundtable completes audit of County finances to create the first LA Children's Budget

2000s

- The Children's Budget is restructured as the Children and Family's Budget
- Board of Supervisors approve the Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project (PIDP)

**WHAT WE CAN
LEARN FROM
PREVIOUS
FEDERAL, STATE
AND COUNTY
EFFORTS**

UNDERSTANDING WHAT DID/DID NOT WORK

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION

BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION

ALIGN THE CORRECT SOLUTION TO THE NEED

ADDRESS ROLE CONFUSION

ESTABLISH COORDINATED RESPONSE

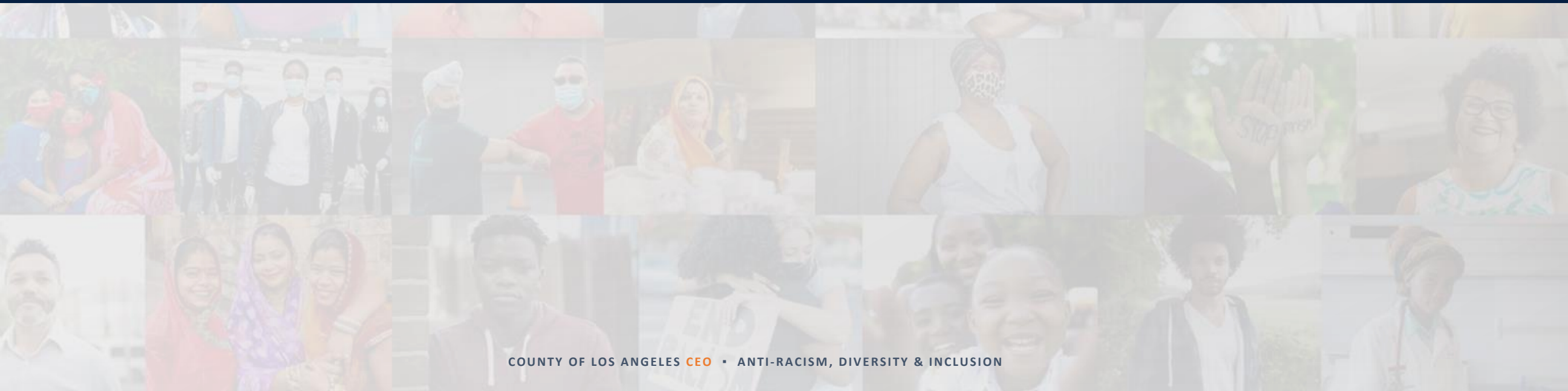


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TASK FORCE FRAMEWORK



STEPS TO ACHIEVE BOARD DIRECTIVES



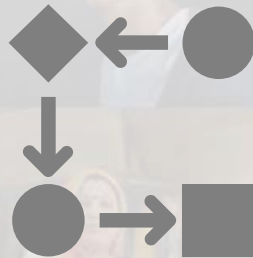
**ADDRESS URGENT AND
EMERGING
OPPORTUNITIES**



**EXAMINE DRIVERS OF
DISPROPORTIONALITY
AND IDENTIFY AREAS FOR
INTERVENTION**



**ESTABLISH A SHARED
VISION, DEFINITION, AND
METRICS FOR
PREVENTION**



**DEVELOP PREVENTION
ALIGNMENT
FRAMEWORK**



**MAP DATA COLLECTION,
REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS AND
SYSTEMS**



**DEVELOP AND
IMPELEMENT
STREAMLINED,
INTEGRATED SERVICES
DELIVERY DATA SYSTEMS**

Prevention Systems Task Force Structure



Timeline of Activities

Preparation

- Develop organizational structure and operations
- Establish the Task Force
- Identify and recruit support team
- Conduct formative research on existing strategies and learnings
- Begin Funding Streams Analysis
- Secure Subject Matter Expertise

September 2021
– March 2022

Initiation

- Address urgent and emerging opportunities, e.g., Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)
- Analysis of funding streams
- Study user experiences and existing systems
- Examine drivers of disproportionality and identify areas for intervention
- Establish a shared vision and metrics for prevention

March – August 2022

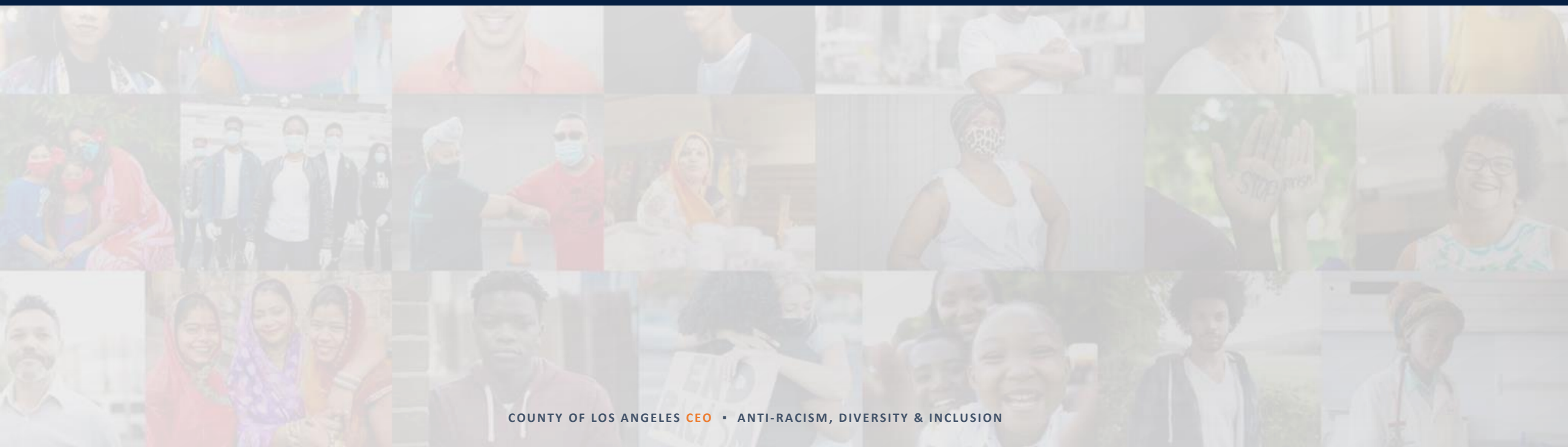
Recommendations

- Present the Prevention Alignment Framework and Structure
- Present Countywide Prevention Policy
- Map data collection and reporting requirements
- Develop services delivery data system

September 2022 --
ongoing

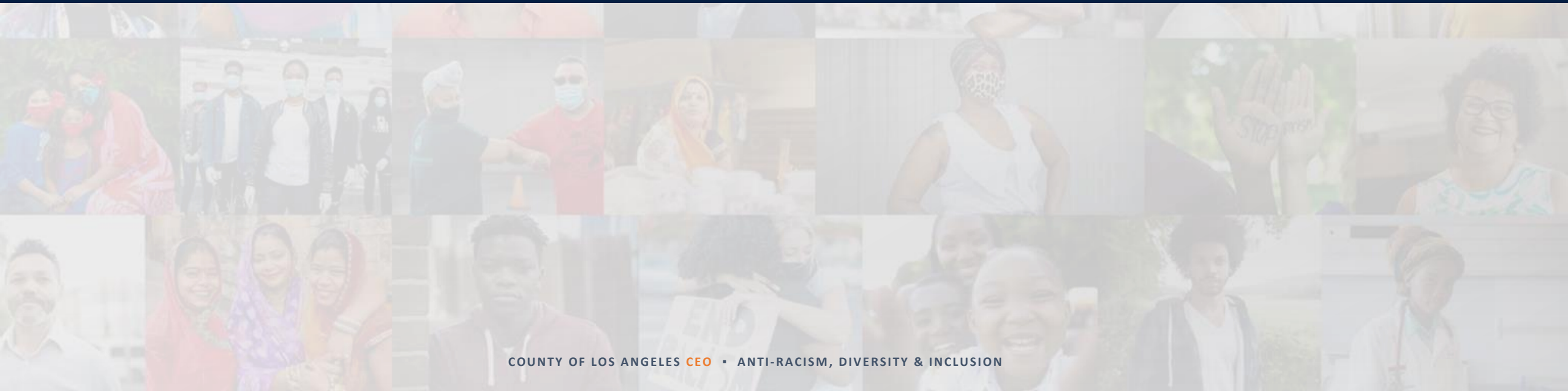


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ACTION ITEM



Proposed Task Force Meeting Dates

Friday

April 22, 2022 - 9:00am – 11:30am

Friday

May 20, 2022 - 9:00am – 11:30am

Friday

June 17, 2022 – 9:00am – 11:30am

Friday

July 15, 2022 – 9:00am – 11:30am

Friday

August 19, 2022 – 9:00am – 11:30am



Public Comment

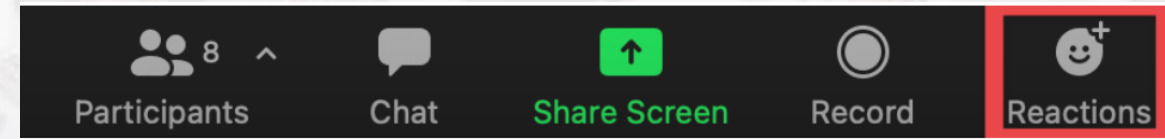
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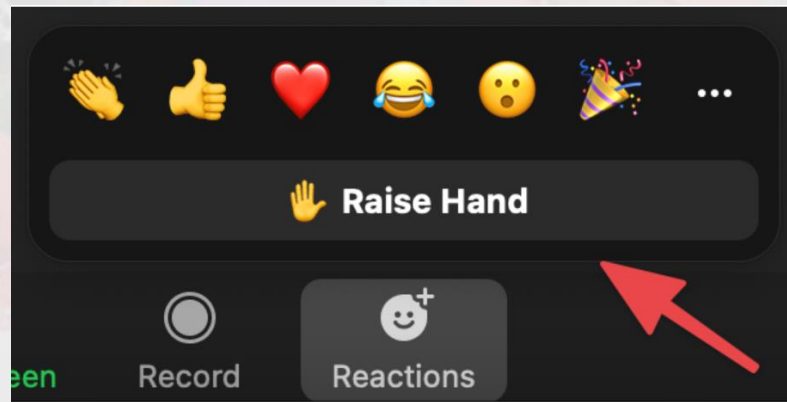
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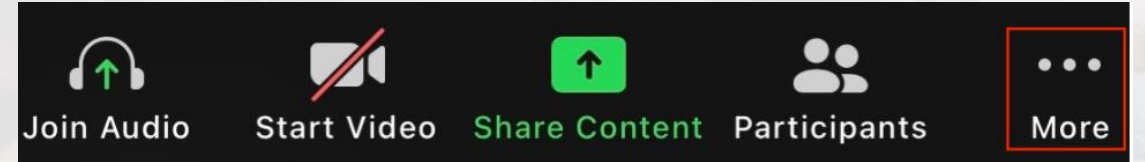
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