



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 21st, 2024; 12:00pm – 2:00pm (Pacific Time)
Los Angeles County Public Works; 900 South Fremont Avenue; Alhambra, CA 91803
Building: "Lite Building" Room: "Alhambra Room"**

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DVC Chair

Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director

DVC MISSION

The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC) provides leadership in the creation and support of a victim/survivor-centered, countywide, and coordinated approach to educate, prevent, and respond to domestic/intimate partner violence.

AGENDA

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
12:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions	Lan Pham, Executive Director Domestic Violence Council (DVC) Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health
12:10 pm	Immigration Update	Lizeth Castillo, Managing Attorney Peace Over Violence Los Angeles County VAWA Network
12:25 pm	Q/A	All
12:30 pm	PANEL PRESENTION: Specialized Services for Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Survivors	Yusra Mehtab Khan, Communications & Marketing Coordinator South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency (SAHARA)
12:40 pm		Jo Takarabe, Shelter Program Manager Center for the Asian Pacific Family (CPAF)
12:50 pm		Sunhee Kim, Gender-Based Violence Program Director Korean American Family Services
1:00 pm	Q/A	All
1: 15 pm	DVC African American Caucus	Bernita Walker, CEO and Co-Founder PeaceMakers, Inc.
		Cecelia Walker, Coordinator Angel Step Inn
1:25 pm	Q/A	James Maddox, Social Worker/Policy Analyst/Advocate Maddox & Associates
		All
1: 30 pm	Domestic Violence Alliance (DVA) Lived Experience Advisory Committee	Stephanie Whack, DVA Co-Chair/ DV Program Coordinator - DV System Alignment

1:40 pm	DVC – Lived Experience Advisory Peer (LEAP) Group	<p style="text-align: center;">& Tiffany Duvernay-Smith, DVA – Lived Experience Advisor Advisory Board Coordinator Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lan Pham, Executive Director Domestic Violence Council (DVC)</p>
1:45 pm	Q/A	All
1:50 pm	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS	ALL
2:00 pm	MEETING ADJOURNS	

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DVC OBJECTIVES

The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC) intends to reduce incidents of domestic/intimate partner violence in Los Angeles County by:

1. Establishing and coordinating systems and procedures to provide a working forum for interaction and the exchange of information between public, private, and non-profit agencies that provide services, resources, support, and education to individuals to end domestic/intimate partner violence.
2. Identifying and analyzing prevention, intervention, and treatment techniques related to domestic/intimate partner violence.
3. Sharing critical analysis of current and proposed legislation and policies to the DVC membership, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the Board), and other interested parties.
4. Creating a repository of domestic/intimate partner violence related data and resources for use by DVC members, public, private, and non-profit agencies, the media, educational sources, and other interested parties.

DVC STANDING COMMITTEES

DVC COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	MEETINGS	CO-CHAIRS
Committee of System Improvement (CSI)	Works to implement DV laws and policies and to provide resources and problem-solving support to community partners when implementation issues and problems arise.	Meets monthly on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month. 2:15pm – 3:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Kate Forrest, Sr. Staff Attorney Jenesse Center Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rachelle M. Neshkes, Sr. Attorney Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gail Pincus, Executive Director Domestic Abuse Center</p>
Health Committee	Works to promote cross-sector collaboration between healthcare and domestic violence advocacy fields, improve response to DV and the health impacts of violence, and advance transformational policy and systems change in intersectional approaches to communities impacted by violence within Los Angeles.	Meets every other month, on the 3 rd Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Kappos, Executive Director East Los Angeles Women’s Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kate Marr, Executive Director Community Legal Aid SoCal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ruth Rivera, Wellness Program Coordinator East Los Angeles Women’s Center</p>
LGBTQIA+ Issues Committee	Works to engage communities, to bring visibility, and to raise awareness of the disproportionate prevalence of domestic violence and multiple other forms of violence impacting LGBTQIA+ communities. Also works to educate service providers about the barriers that LGBTQIA+ community face when accessing services. The goals are to expand LGBTQIA+ affirming inclusiveness services to people who experience violence and people using power and control; and to incorporate the needs of LGBTQIA+ people county-wide.	Meets every other month, on the 2 nd Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	<p style="text-align: center;">Giovanna Martinez, Associate Director of Domestic Violence Programs YWCA San Gabriel Valley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jaye Prado, Lead Legal Services Advocate LGBTQ Center Long Beach</p>
Religion and DV Issues/Interfaith Committee	Works to inform, educate, and support the faith community in the prevention and response to domestic violence, inclusive of all religions.	Meets monthly on the 4 th Tuesday of the month. 1:00pm – 3:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Varsha N., JD Founder ROAR Training & Consulting, LLC Mayo Clinic Trained Wellness Coach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cecelia Walker, Coordinator Angel Step Inn</p>

			Bernita Walker, CEO and Co-Founder PeaceMakers, Inc.
LA Regional Policy Committee (LARP)	Works to evaluate and recommend appropriate legislation to its membership and the LA County Board of Supervisors.	Meets monthly on the 3 rd Thursday of the month. 10:00am – 11:30am	Nancy Volpert, Sr. Director of Public Policy, and Community Engagement Jewish Family Service of LA Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Legal Services Director Sojourn
Shelter Directors Committee	Works to strengthen domestic violence shelters and to provide comprehensive support to survivors.	Meets every other month, on the 3 rd Wednesday. 2:30pm – 4:00pm	Krysta Warfield, Outreach Program Manager Haven Hills Maria Cuevas, Residential Program Manager Haven Hills

COMMITTEE MEETING LOCATION: Varies. Please see “DVC Calendar” for more information:

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