



AGENDA FOR THE **REGULAR** STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)  
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025, 11:30 A.M. (PACIFIC TIME)**

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DVC CHAIR	Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director
DVC STEERING COMMITTEE/CO-CHAIRS	Kate Forrest, Gail Pincus, Barbara Kappos, Kate Marr, Rachelle Neshkes, Ruth Rivera, Giovanna Martinez, Jaye Prado, Varsha N., Cecelia Walker, Bernita Walker, Krysta Warfield, Nancy Volpert, Minty Siu-Kootnikoff.
DVC STAFF TO THE MEETING	Cindy Hernandez, DVC Staff Assistant II Ashley Phillips, DVC Sr. Health Analyst

AGENDA POSTED: March 14, 2025

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment should not exceed TWO minutes per agenda item. Speakers much reserve commentary to items or interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the DVC. Please note that the Chair of the meeting reserves the right to reduce the amount of time for public comment based upon the number of speakers.

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**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	LEAD
I.	Welcome and Introductions. (5 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Remarks by the Chair</li> <li>▪ DVC Co-Chairs and Attendees Introductions</li> </ul>	Lan Pham, <i>DVC Chair</i>
II.	Standing Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee of Systems Improvement (5 min.)</li> <li>▪ Health Committee (5 min.)</li> <li>▪ InterFaith (5 min.)</li> <li>▪ LA Regional Policy Committee (5 min.)</li> <li>▪ LGBTQIA+ Issues Committee (5 min.)</li> <li>▪ Shelter Directors Committee (5 min.)</li> </ul>	Kate Forrest, Rachelle Neshkes, and Gail Pincus <i>CSI Co-Chairs</i> Barbara Kappos, Kate Marr, and Ruth Rivera <i>Health Committee Co-Chairs</i> Varsha N, Bernita Walker, and Cecelia Walker <i>InterFaith Co-Chairs</i> Minty Siu-Kootnikoff and Nancy Volpert <i>LARP Co-Chairs</i> Jaye Prado and Giovanna Martinez <i>LGBTQIA+ Co-Chairs</i> Giovanna Martinez and Krysta Warfield <i>Shelter Directors Co-Chairs</i>
III.	Discuss October 2025 Board Motion related to standing up a lived experience advisory committee. (10 min.)	Lan Pham, <i>DVC Chair</i> Dachelle Kendrick, Roman James, and Tina Rios <i>LEAP Co-Chairs</i>
IV.	Discuss proposal for a joint DVA-DVC “DV and Mental Health” Event in May 2025. (5 min.)	Michael Hidalgo, <i>DVA Vice Chair</i> <i>Domestic Violence Alliance (DVA)</i> <i>City of Los Angeles</i>
V.	Matter not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda) (5 min.)	
VI.	Public Comments not to exceed two minutes person and must be on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the DVC. (5 min.)	
VII.	Meeting adjourns.	

For information on DVC future meetings: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/calendar/calendar.htm/>

**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	CO-CHAIRS
<p><b>Committee of System Improvement (CSI)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Kate Forrest, Sr. Staff Attorney</b> Jenesse Center Inc.</p> <p><b>Rachelle Neshkes, Sr. Attorney</b> LA Center for Law and Justice</p> <p><b>Gail Pincus, Executive Director</b> Domestic Abuse Center</p>
<p><b>Health Committee</b></p>	<p>The 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.</p>	<p><b>Barbara Kappos, Executive Director</b> East Los Angeles Women’s Center</p> <p><b>Kate Marr, Executive Director</b> Community Legal Aid SoCal</p> <p><b>Ruth Rivera, Wellness Program Coordinator</b> East Los Angeles Women’s Center</p>
<p><b>LGBTQIA+ Issues Committee</b></p>	<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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Giovanna Martinez, Associate Director of Domestic Violence Programs</b> YWCA San Gabriel Valley</p> <p><b>Jaye Prado, Lead Legal Services Advocate</b> LGBTQ Center Long Beach</p>
<p><b>Interfaith Committee on Intimate Partner Violence</b></p>	<p>InterFaith works to inform, educate, and support the faith community in the prevention and response to domestic violence, inclusive of all religions.</p>	<p><b>Varsha N., JD</b> <b>Founder ROAR Training &amp; Consulting, LLC</b> Mayo Clinic Trained Wellness Coach</p> <p><b>Cecelia Walker, Coordinator</b> Angel Step Inn</p> <p><b>Bernita Walker, CEO and Co-Founder</b> Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.</p>
<p><b>L.A. Regional Policy Committee (LARP)</b></p>	<p>LARP is a joint Committee of the LA County DVC and LA City DVA. LARP works to evaluate and recommend appropriate legislation to its membership and the LA County Board of Supervisors.</p>	<p><b>Nancy Volpert, Principal</b> Progress Advisors</p> <p><b>Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Legal Services Director</b> Sojourn</p>
<p><b>Shelter Directors Committee</b></p>	<p>The Shelter Directors Committee works to strengthen domestic violence shelters and to provide comprehensive support to survivors.</p>	<p><b>Krysta Warfield, Outreach Program Manager</b> Haven Hills</p> <p><b>Giovanna Martinez, Associate Director of Domestic Violence Programs</b> YWCA San Gabriel Valley</p>