

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 12pm to 2pm (Pacific Time)**

**Department of Mental Health  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor – Terrace Conference Room B and C  
(Enter through garage at 523 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020)**

\*\*\* For those who are unable to attend this in-person meeting, there are alternative options to listen in and participate via MS Teams. You must indicate preference to join by MS Teams when registering.

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ON/BEFORE FRIDAY, SEPT. 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023.](#)  
[\(Registration May Close earlier if Max Capacity of 144, is reached\)](#)**

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	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<b>Lan Pham, Executive Director</b> Domestic Violence Council (DVC) Los Angeles County
12:15 pm	<b>UPDATE: HEALTH COMMITTEE</b> (10 min.) <b>Q &amp; A</b> (5 min.)	<b>Barbara Kappos and Kate Marr, Co-Chairs</b> Health Committee Domestic Violence Council (DVC) Los Angeles County
12:30pm	<b>PRESENTATION: REPRODUCTIVE COERCION</b> (15 min.) <b>DISCUSSION</b> (15 min.)	<b>Dr. Susie Baldwin, Medical Director</b> Office of Women’s Health Los Angeles County
1:00pm	<b>PRESENTATION: GVROS - FIND THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE RIGHT SOLUTION</b> (15 min.) <b>Q &amp; A</b> (15 min.)	<b>Andrea Welsing, Director</b> Office on Violence Prevention Los Angeles County
1:30pm	<b>UPDATE: DV AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES</b> (10 min.) <b>Q &amp; A</b> (5 min.)	<b>Los Angeles VAWA Network</b>
1:45pm	<b>UPDATE: BOARD ACTION - Improving the Process for Undocumented Immigrant Victims and Survivors to Request Immigration Visa Certifications from County Agencies.</b> (10 min.)	<b>Lan Pham, Executive Director</b> Domestic Violence Council (DVC) Los Angeles County  <b>Rigo Reyes, Executive Director</b> Office of Immigrant Affairs Los Angeles County
1:55pm	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	<b>All</b>
2:00pm	<b>MEETING ADJOURNS</b>	

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Sign Language Interpreters, Communication Access Real-Time Transcription, Assistive Listening Devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, please make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Due to difficulties in securing Sign Language Interpreters, five or more business days’ notice is strongly

**FUTURE 2023 DVC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 21, 2023	12:00pm – 2:00pm	The California Endowment (1000 Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012)

recommended. For additional information, please call 213-974-2799 or email [dvc@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dvc@ph.lacounty.gov).



**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**

<b>DVC COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>	<b>CO-CHAIRS</b>
<b>Committee of System Improvement (CSI)</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. 2:15pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Kate Forrest, Sr. Staff Attorney</b> Jenesse Center Inc.  <b>Rachelle M. Neshkes, Sr. Attorney</b> Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice  <b>Gail Pincus, Executive Director</b> Domestic Abuse Center
<b>Health Committee</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	<b>Barbara Kappos, Executive Director</b> East Los Angeles Women’s Center  <b>Kate Marr, Executive Director</b> Community Legal Aid SoCal
<b>LGBTQIA+ Issues Committee</b>	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 LGBQIA+ people county-wide.	Meets every other month, on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	<b>Giovanna Martinez, Associate Director of Domestic Violence Programs</b> YWCA San Gabriel Valley  <b>Jaye Prado, Lead Legal Services Advocate</b> LGBTQ Center Long Beach
<b>Religion and DV Issues/Interfaith Committee</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. 1:00pm – 3:00pm	<b>Varsha N., JD</b> Founder ROAR Training & Consulting, LLC Mayo Clinic Trained Wellness Coach  <b>Cecelia Walker, Coordinator</b> Angel Step Inn  <b>Bernita Walker, CEO and Co-Founder</b> PeaceMakers, Inc.
<b>LA Regional Policy Committee (LARP)</b>	Works to evaluate and recommend appropriate legislation to its membership and the LA County Board of Supervisors.	Meets monthly on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. 10:00am – 11:30am	<b>Nancy Volpert, Sr. Director of Public Policy, and Community Engagement</b> Jewish Family Service of LA  <b>Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Legal Services Director</b> Sojourn
<b>Shelter Directors Committee</b>	Works to strengthen domestic violence shelters and to provide comprehensive support to survivors.	Meets every other month, on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. 2:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>Krysta Warfield, Outreach Program Manager</b> Haven Hills  <b>Veronica Sandoval, Shelter Supportive Supervisor II</b> Haven Hills

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

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/calendar/calendar.htm>

