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Commission on HIV Releases Annual Report, Highlights Major Successes Despite Ongoing Challenges

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV published its 2025-2026 annual report today, highlighting the complexities of ensuring L.A. County residents and communities impacted by HIV can access high-quality care and support.

To view the report, please [click here](#).

“As Los Angeles County navigates unprecedented federal cuts and healthcare impacts, the County's Commission on HIV plays an essential role in uplifting community voices while informing the County on the real challenges that are felt across our most vulnerable residents,” **said Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**. “Despite this changing federal landscape, this report demonstrates the resilience and dedication from our County workforce, partners, and communities, to continue doing all that we can to ensure residents impacted by HIV can access the healthcare services and supports they need to thrive.”

“This report highlights the significant strides Los Angeles County has made in the ongoing fight to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the challenges we now face as federal funding cuts threaten that progress, and the work that still lies ahead,” **said Chair Pro Tem and Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**. “I commend the Commission for continuing to elevate community voices and for remaining steadfast in improving outcomes for our residents living with and impacted by HIV.”

“This report underscores the coordination and trust required to deliver HIV services with consistency and care across Los Angeles County. Our County will continue to strengthen this foundation so people remain at the center—even when systems are under strain and the federal government falls short of its responsibility to protect the health and dignity of Americans,” **said Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**.

“We’ve come a long way when it comes to how we serve people living with HIV and those at risk but thanks to this report, we know that they continue to face unique challenges,” **said Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**. “When we talk about LA County being a safety net for some of our most vulnerable residents, I can think of few populations more important to that mission than people living with HIV and those at risk. And we could not meet that responsibility without this Commission. It is our

eyes and ears. I am so grateful to the Commission and its partners for the thought, care, and dedication that they obviously bring to their roles.”

“Despite ongoing funding uncertainty, the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV has remained focused on the people it serves by centering community voices and making itself more accountable through a governance restructuring this past year,” said **Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger**. “The Commission is made up of deeply committed advocates, and I’m especially proud of Commissioner Jonathan Weedman for his decades of leadership on behalf of HIV and LGBTQ+ communities. This annual report reflects Los Angeles County’s continued commitment to investing in HIV prevention and Ryan White programs. While HIV may not dominate headlines the way it once did, these issues continue to impact thousands of lives across our communities every day.”

Key highlights included commission restructuring, a resource fair led by the Commission’s Consumer Caucus, the Commission’s annual conference which reinforced aligned messaging and relationship-based partnerships, contingency planning for funding insecurities, preparing for the 2027-2031 Integrated HIV Plan, and a community town hall hosted by the commission’s Black Caucus.

As part of the Commission restructuring initiative, the report highlights a Countywide membership recruitment effort. Recruitment resulted in nearly 100 applications, including 53 people who applied for full membership in the Commission. The response reflected the importance of having a cohort grounded in community voice and informed by the lived and professional experiences of those most connected to the work.

“2025 came with real challenges that were felt across the entire County, and the Commission was not exempt from that reality,” stated **Dawn McClendon, Interim Executive Director for the Commission on HIV**. “This season was felt deeply by our workforce, our partners, and our communities most impacted by HIV, which made it even more important to stay grounded in our shared purpose, center ourselves in gratitude, and remember that we are on the same team. We are grateful for everyone who continued to show up, stay engaged, and help move the work forward. Through the hard parts, we kept our focus where it belonged: on the people we serve and the work still ahead.”

The Commission on HIV met with several challenges including funding volatility which required ongoing response and planning, downstream impacts on prevention infrastructure, staff capacity constraints, and ensuring transparency and care throughout ongoing structural changes. Despite these challenges and ongoing economic pressures, staff maintained consistent operations and transparency, upheld the integrity of the public process, and sustained community access while navigating complex restructuring and limited capacity through collaborative, solutions-driven approaches. The Commission also extended its gratitude to Cheryl Barrit for nearly a decade of leadership as Executive Director; her guidance strengthened the Commission’s work and foundation for the future.

View the full report on the Commission on HIV’s website: hiv.lacounty.gov

About the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV was established in 1995 by the Board of Supervisors as the federally required Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A planning council for the County and works to ensure countywide planning, community engagement, and aligned HIV prevention and care priorities. This work is coordinated with the L.A. County Department of Public Health and through structured input from funding recipients, consumers, and community stakeholders. The commission is also guided by several committees, caucuses, and other subgroups it routinely convenes.

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