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March 8, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Isabelle Gunning, President

SUBJECT: Special Meeting - Monday, March 13, 2017

A Special Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 13 from 12:30-1:15 pm., via Conference Call. The Dial In Number is as follows: 866-390-1828; Code, 2613030#.

Attached is the Agenda along with supporting documents for your review and approval of the Agenda items.

If you are unable to participate Monday's conference call, please contact Grace Löwenberg at (213) 639-6089 no later than **9:00 a.m., Monday, March 13th!**

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Human Relations Commission is hereby called to be held on

Monday, March 13, 2017
12:30-1:15 pm.

Via Teleconference: 1-866-390-1828; Code: 2613030#

Commissioners will be participating by teleconference from the following locations:

Melina Abdullah, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032.
Jarrett Barrios, 11355 Ohio Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025.
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Porter Gilberg, 2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach, CA 90814.
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Sandra Thomas, 3544 Canon Blvd., Altadena, CA 91001.
Robin Toma, 3175 W. Sixth St., Ste. 400, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

AGENDA

1. Protocol of Providing Notice to Law Enforcement for Public Hearings.
2. Approval of Statement on Anaheim Shooting (and ICE presenting themselves as 'police') and Commission's Hearing on Policing.
3. Support/Sponsorship of 25th Anniversary of 1992 L.A. Rodney King Uprising/Riots

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STATEMENT ON RECENT POLICING CONTROVERSIES AND TOMORROW'S COMMISSION HEARING

Like many in the community, we have all seen the video that emerged on Tuesday showing the assault on Latino and Black school children by a White, off-duty police officer in Anaheim and subsequent firing of his weapon. There is no doubt that the incident was jarring and upsetting for all who witnessed it, and deeply traumatic for the children who were present especially. While the occurrence took place in Orange County, because the officer involved was a member of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission (The Commission) feels compelled to make comment.

We have also heard about the recent reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents who have identified themselves as "police" when contacting LA residents at their home. This too has caused confusion and distrust among residents and those police departments, which have policies of not inquiring about the immigration status of victims or witnesses, nor enforcing immigration laws, in order to have the trust of the immigrant community.

The Commission is dedicated to promoting positive human relations, rooted in an appreciation for and understanding of the diversity that makes our region so rich. The Commission works to develop programs that proactively address racism, homophobia, religious prejudice, linguistic bias, anti-immigrant sentiment, and other divisive attitudes and structures that can lead to inter-cultural tension, hate crimes, and related violence.

The Commission is committed to providing space for community members to honestly share their experiences with law enforcement and make recommendations that can improve public safety in the County. The public is invited to attend the third Public Hearing on Policing and Human Relations for L.A. County's 2nd Supervisorial District on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee (10950 S. Central Ave. Watts, Los Angeles).

Public Hearings are designed as a place of honest community sharing and an opportunity to document lived experiences. A separate hearing for law enforcement agencies is scheduled for a later date. The Commission encourages all residents of the 2nd Supervisorial District who wish to share their experiences with law enforcement agencies or their suggestions to strengthen police-community relations, to attend and provide comment at tomorrow's hearing. The results from this hearing and other hearings held throughout the County will be combined with additional information and best practices obtained by the Commission to develop a report that can be used by community partners to strengthen local public safety systems.

About Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) is committed to providing services which have positive impacts on the lives of the citizens of Los Angeles County. We provide employment services to adults and youth. We work with employers in times of hiring and downsizing. We offer mediation services to avoid court filings. We investigate abuse claims against our older adult and disabled population. We provide nutrition and other life-enhancing services to older adults. Our Human Relations Commission is dedicated to fostering positive inter-group relations.

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Robin S. Toma
 Executive Director, Commission on Human Relations
 Assistant Director, Human Relations Branch
 Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services Department
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Dear Mr. Robin Toma:

Thank you for meeting with the planning partners who are coordinating efforts to host a series of events commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the 4.29 LA Riots. The 4.29 events are being collectively held out of a desire to increase understanding, trust, and communication among different ethnic and cultural groups in Los Angeles. Because the Korean American Federation of Los Angeles (KAFLA) sees a converging interest with the Human Relations Commission in the goal of bridging cultural gaps, KAFLA would like to invite you to support and to participate in this meaningful event.

Many factors like police brutality, economic insecurity, and racial tensions were involved in the LA Riots, and they are not gone. KAFLA and our partners are taking active steps to reduce some of these problems through communication and collaboration. We were pleased to learn about the County Human Relations Commission's priorities, and we are excited to explore potential partnerships with the Commission for the upcoming commemorative events and even more importantly, ongoing community engagement efforts after the commemorative events.

There are 40 partnering agencies in this endeavor—all of which have demonstrated sustained commitment in advocating for the political and social rights and interests of the Korean American communities, and have been leaders in the promotion of cultural exchange between the Korean American community and the multitudes of diverse ethnic communities in Los Angeles. (list of partners are attached).

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On behalf of these diverse community partners who are planning the events commemorating the 25th Anniversary of LA Riots, KAFLA is seeking a formal partnership with the Commission. We request your support in the following ways:

1. Promote the 25th Anniversary calendar of events to the Commission's countywide network
2. Sponsor / Endorse events that are aligned with the Commission's mission to promote intergroup healing and understanding, and prevent future violence
3. Facilitate / Speak at community events that are strategically aligned with the Commission's mission
4. In collaboration with the partners, put together a one page document to bust the myths/counter the narrative of 1992 for distribution at the events, posting online, and sharing.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Laura Jeon, Ph.D.
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25th Anniversary of the 4.29 LA Riots: Partner Organizations

- Korean American Federation of Los Angeles (KAFLA)
- Korean American Chamber of Commerce (KACCLA)
- Korean American Coalition (KAC)
- Council of Korean Americans (CKA)
- Korea Youth and Community Center (KYCC)
- Korean Resource Center (KRC)
- Korean American Bar Association (KABA)
- Korean Community Lawyers Association (KCLA)
- Korean Veterans Association (KVA)
- Korean American Grocers Association (KAGRO)
- Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD)
- World Special Federation (WSF)
- Korean American Women's Association (KAWA)
- The Council of Korean Churches in Southern California (CKCSC)
- Southern California Korean Ministers Association (SCKMA)
- Project Ktown92
- Korean Overseas Foundation
- UCLA
- UC Irvine
- UC Riverside
- K.W. Lee Center for Leadership
- Kore Asian Media (KoreAm)
- Spark LA
- Loyola Marymount University
- Unification of Disabled Latin Americans
- First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME)
- Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Office of Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon
- Office of Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
- Office of Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
- Office of Council President Herb Wesson
- Office of Councilmember David Ryu
- Office of Councilmember Jose Huizar
- Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
- Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
- Office of Councilmember Mitchell Englander
- Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger
- Office of City Controller Ron Galperin
- Office of City Attorney Mike Feuer
- LA Human Resources Department

25th Anniversary of the 4.29 LA Riots

Event Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organization | Event |
|------|-------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 4/25 | TBD | City Hall, Tom Bradley Tower | Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti | City Gathering / Meeting of Religious Leaders |
| 4/25 | 2 – 4:30 pm | UC Riverside | UC Riverside | Roundtable Discussion / Panel |
| 4/26 | 5 – 7pm | UC Irvine | Loyola Marymount University | “Los Angeles 25 Years Later”: 2 Panel Discussions |
| 4/27 | Afternoon | UC Irvine Law | UC Irvine | Roundtable |
| 4/28 | 12 – 7 pm | UCLA | UCLA / Council of Korean Americans / UC Riverside / UC Irvine | Academic Symposium |
| 4/28 | 7 pm | UCLA | Council of Korean Americans / UCLA | Scholarship Dinner |
| 4/29 | 10 am | Grove LA | Unification of Disabled Latin Americans | “Hands Across LA” |
| 4/29 | 11 am | TBD | World Special Federation | Peace March |
| 4/29 | 11 am | First AME Church | Korean American Federation of Los Angeles | 25 th Anniversary of the 4.29 LA Riots Official Ceremony |
| 4/29 | 3 – 6pm | TBD | Korean Churches for Community Development | Closing Commemorative Service |