



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON HIV



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ◆ 2ND DISTRICT

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WORLD AIDS DAY (WAD) 35,  
REMEMBERING THE JOURNEY TO HERE:

CELEBRATING THE  
EXPERIENCES OF BLACK  
PEOPLE IN THE HIV MOVEMENT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

9:00AM-11:00AM (PROGRAM)  
11:00AM-1:00PM (RESOURCE FAIR)

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# PROGRAM

## OPENING REMARKS

9:05AM-9:05AM

## WELCOME

9:05AM-9:10AM

## COMMEMORATION REMARKS

9:10AM-9:15AM

## HISTORICAL MOMENT OF SILENCE

9:15AM-9:20AM

## WELCOME ADDRESS

9:20AM-9:30AM

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

9:30AM-9:45AM

**Dr. Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, MD**  
Dean, College of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU)

**Cheryl A. Barrit, MPIA**  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH)

**Danielle M. Campbell, MPH**  
**Gerald Garth, MBA**  
Co-Chairs, COH Black Caucus

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**Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell (PRE-RECORDED)**  
Second District, Board of Supervisors  
**Jessica Jew, MPH**  
Assistant Health Deputy for Health & Wellness, Second District

**Reflections: A Song and Word of Empowerment by TIE the Oracle**  
**"Protect Both Statutes" Spoken Word by The HIVE's Women of Color Cohort**

## HIV: A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

9:45AM-10:20AM

**Jayda Arrington**  
Unaffiliated Consumer Commissioner

**Arlene Frames**  
Unaffiliated Consumer Commissioner

**Pastor Sammie Haynes**  
Lead Pastor, Vision Church of LA

**Pastor Curt D. Thomas**  
Senior Pastor, Renewed Church LA

**Shellye D. Jones, MSW, LCSW**  
Clinical Supervisor, Drew CARES, CDU

**Dr. LaShonda Spencer, MD**  
Director, Drew CARES, CDU



# PROGRAM

**CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE:  
HONORING OUR  
CHANGEMAKERS**  
10:20AM-10:30AM

COH Black Caucus  
Dr. William D. King, MD, JD,  
AAHIVS  
Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan, MD, MPH  
(In Memoriam)

**BRINGING THE MOVEMENT  
FULL CIRCLE**  
10:30AM-10:55AM

Phill Wilson  
HIV/AIDS Champion & Activist

**WALKING CHARGE AND  
CLOSING REMARKS**  
10:55AM-11:00AM

Gerald Garth, MBA  
Co-Chair, COH Black Caucus

*Led by Diamond Xavier, Community Engagement & Training Coordinator, AMAAD Institute, all are invited to join in singing 'Lift Every Voice & Sing.' Let's come together in harmony and celebrate the power of our collective voices.*

(LYRICS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE PROGRAM)

## Community Resource Fair

11:00AM-1:00PM

We extend a warm invitation to the community to participate in a Community Resource Fair, offering complimentary lunch, free HIV testing services, free haircuts & braiding services, wellness swag bags, raffle prizes, and access to local community resources.

Our goal is to foster a holistic approach to health and wellness within our communities and an opportunity for individuals to engage with a diverse range of resources aimed at promoting and supporting overall well-being.

Come and join us in celebrating community, health, and vitality.  
Your participation contributes to the collective effort of building a healthier and more connected community.



# 'Lift Every Voice & Sing'

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise  
high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet

come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,

out from the gloomy past,  
till now we stand at last  
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,  
thou who hast by thy might  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

shadowed beneath thy hand,

may we forever stand,

true to our God, true to our native land.

