LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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Board Meeting – September 15, 2026

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

J. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 19 to Recognize October 18-24, 2026, as United Against Hate Week.

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 19 as part of the regular County Board meeting on September 15, 2026; and further recognize October 18-24, 2026 as United Against Hate Week and encourages school districts and schools, consistent with their local policies resources to provide opportunities during United Against Hate Week for students, educators, staff, families and community partners to learn about the impacts of hate, prejudice, bias, discrimination and bullying; Promote respectful dialogue and understanding among people of different backgrounds and perspectives; Celebrate the diversity and contributions of students, families and communities throughout Los Angeles County and encourage students to stand against hate and support individuals and communities affected by hate; Promote safe and inclusive school climates in which all students feel valued, respected and a sense of belonging.

Board Resolution No. 19 follows on the next page.

Next Steps:

- Disseminate the **United Against Hate, L.A. vs Hate** and **Explore Justice Toolkits** to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) via various distribution lists.
- Post and promote United Against Hate Week on social media and online platforms.
- Promote United Against Hate Week with and provide resources to School Counselors and other Student Support Services Staff and Administrators through a variety of LACOE newsletters, social media, and network meetings.
- Disseminate training to schools and districts related to anti-hate and bias.
- Uplift activities and strategies to build awareness and reduce hate within the school community.

BOARD RESOLUTION
No. 19: 2026-27
Recognize October 18-24, 2026 as United Against Hate Week

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, representing people from a wide range of racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, linguistic, socioeconomic and other backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, schools play a critical role in fostering understanding, respect, empathy, belonging and meaningful relationships among students, families, educators, staff and communities; and

WHEREAS, acts of hate, bias, prejudice, discrimination can cause significant harm to individuals and communities and can undermine students; and

WHEREAS, there has been an alarming increase in expressions of hate and hate ideologies as a means of intimidation in our communities; and can undermine students' ability to fully participate in and benefit from their educational experience; and

WHEREAS, hate incidents, often fueled by racism, antisemitism and anti-LGBTQ+ sentiments, can have profound consequences for students' mental health, academic performance and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, schools are continuously working to address this issue through various initiatives, including violence prevention curricula, anti-bias programs and improved reporting mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, United Against Hate Week provides an opportunity for schools and communities to recognize the harmful effects of hate and bias and encourage individuals to take positive action against discrimination, intolerance and hate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, United Against Hate Week offers an opportunity to affirm the shared values of respect, inclusion, compassion, civic responsibility and peaceful engagement throughout Los Angeles County's educational communities; and

WHEREAS, awareness in schools can be increased by promoting understanding, and building empathy through use of posters, classroom discussions, assemblies and collaborations between schools, community organizations and local leaders which can amplify the impact of United Against Hate Week; and

WHEREAS, educational activities and school-community partnerships can

empower students to recognize bias, challenge stereotypes, practice empathy, resolve conflicts peacefully and become active participants in building inclusive and welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, when cities and their residents work together against hate, we can restore respect and civil discourse, embrace the strength of diversity and build inclusive and equitable communities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Office of Education recognizes that every student deserves to learn in a safe, welcoming inclusive and respectful school environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying and acts of hate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education recognizes October 18-24, 2026, as United Against Hate Week and encourages schools throughout Los Angeles County to participate in age-appropriate educational, civic and community-building activities that promote respect, inclusion, empathy, belonging and opposition to hate and bias, to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that include seven days of action by people in every community to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our schools and surrounding communities in solidarity with the United Against Hate Week Coalition.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2026, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent

Theresa Montaño, Ed.D.
Board President