



## ACT AGAINST HATE ALLIANCE

### ANTI-HATE CRIME MEDIA FORUM

*Part of the inaugural year ACT Against Hate Alliance initiative, this 10-segment program is provided as a critical response to the alarming rise in hate crimes in California and across the United States. It will bring ethnic media together with community leaders, government officials, educators, law enforcement experts, NGOs, and key stakeholders across communities statewide to define the issues and explore solutions.*

#### **August 17, 2022 — INAUGURAL CEREMONY** STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO

Bi-partisan leaders of California government, NGOs, education, and media come together to celebrate establishment of ACT Against Hate Alliance and its dedication to finding and implementing solutions to stop the continued spread of hate crimes.

#### **CO-FOUNDERS & HOSTS:**

- **Senator Bob Huff**
- **Mei Mei Ho Huff**

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **California Treasurer Fiona Ma**
- **Senator Josh Newman**
- **Senator Patricia Bates**
- **Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh**
- **Senator Brian Dahle**
- **APAPA Founder CC Yin**
- **Bob Rose, National Diversity Council, and the National Asian American Coalition, and ChimeTV**
- **Corrin Rankin, Chair of CRP Outreach & Inclusion of Diverse Communities**
- **Darren Chan, Junior, The Citadel Military College of South Carolina**

#### **September 14, 2022 — Program 1**

**TOPIC: EXAMINING THE RISE IN HATE CRIMES ACROSS CALIFORNIA**

#### **PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**

The rise in hate crimes across the US has created fear, isolation, and mistrust. Victims often report feeling re-victimized by the very institutions charged with protecting them. The Asian community has been especially impacted, raising the questions of why this is happening and what role our institutions may be unwittingly



playing. This program will start with a clear definition of hate crime, followed by a look at the influence media and law enforcement can have on addressing it. Our speakers will discuss these topics through a solutions-centric lens and respond to audience questions at the conclusion.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **David McMurrin**, Orange County Deputy District Attorney, Special Prosecuting Unit
- **Detective Jan Wong**, LA County Sheriff's Department, Hate Crimes Coordinator
- **Regina Wilson**, Executive Director, California Black Media
- **Mei Mei Huff**, Executive Director, Act Against Hate Alliance – Host
- **Senator Bob Huff**, Former Senate Minority Leader - Moderator

#### **October 12, 2022 — Program 2**

**TOPIC: CRITICAL ROLE OF EDUCATION IN SOLVING SPREAD OF HATE CRIMES**

#### **PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**

Hate Crimes and incidents have increased dramatically, while reporting these crimes often falls far short of the actual numbers. Immigrant communities often face language barriers and fear of retaliation that keeps them from reporting. When they do report, secondary victimization sometimes occurs because people processing their report have racial biases, don't have enough training or may just be insensitive to the victim's experience. Creating a supportive interface with law enforcement interaction is critical to facilitating accurate and open reporting if hate crimes are to be effectively addressed. The education system likewise offers key opportunities for interrupting the cycle of hate that can lead to hate crimes, by creating an atmosphere of respect and inclusion from the earliest age possible.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Gloria Romero**, former Majority Leader California State Senate, advocate for school choice, education reformer and author
- **Natalie Salazar**, Executive Director for the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Program, a non-profit organization facilitating anonymous reporting of crime
- **Mei Mei Huff**, Executive Director, Act Against Hate Alliance – Host
- **Senator Bob Huff**, Former Senate Minority Leader - Moderator

#### **November 16, 2022 — Program 3**

**TOPIC: LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER AND MEDIA EXPERT DISCUSS SOLUTIONS**

#### **PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**



Far more than just the immediate harm, rising hate crimes and hate incidents throughout California and across the United States have deep implications for our democracy. These heinous acts ripple across entire communities, threatening ethnic groups, and attacking the elderly and vulnerable, causing a loss of confidence in who we are as a nation and what it is we truly stand for. To protect against continued erosion of our country's foundation, we must act decisively to identify solutions and vigorously implement them. Law enforcement must be part of any effective solution, and this requires properly educating and training every officer at every level. Fair, unbiased, and accurate reporting on hate crimes and hate incidents is likewise an essential facet to any solution.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Walter Allen III**, City of Covina Councilmember, Director of Rio Hondo Police Academy
- **Louis Freedberg**, Principal, California Media Directive, former Executive Director at EdSource
- **Mei Mei Huff**, Executive Director, Act Against Hate Alliance – Host
- **Senator Bob Huff**, Former Senate Minority Leader - Moderator

**December 14, 2022 — Program 4**

**TOPIC: *IMPACT OF HATE CRIMES ON THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY***

#### **PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**

LA County's Commission on Human Relations recently issued its annual report documenting a 23% jump in County hate crimes from the previous year. While the official report noted that Asian hate crimes once again recorded the largest percentage increase, local news coverage only gave a glancing reference, without the dramatic percentage increase to the Asian community. Hate crimes affect all of us, some more than others. One major implication of all hate crime growth is on the state's economic vitality, as fear of being victimized can affect businesses by making them targets or by keeping customers away out of fear of being attacked. Act Against Hate Alliance goes beyond the talk to identify solutions, and to do so is bringing together stakeholders from every sector with a solutions-specific focus. This program will consider the economic impact of hate crimes and address their similarity to terrorism and will also explore a more historical view of hate crimes and their targeted communities, from the 1980s to present day.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Fiona Ma**, California State Treasurer
- **Adam Rose**, Research Professor of Price School of Public Policy, and University of Southern California
- **John Duran**, Civil Rights Attorney and LGBTQ+ Leader
- **Mei Mei Huff**, Executive Director, Act Against Hate Alliance – Host
- **Senator Bob Huff**, Former Senate Minority Leader - Moderator



**January 18, 2023 — Program 5**

**TOPIC: EDUCATION FOCUS FOR HATE CRIME SOLUTIONS**

**PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:**

**ACT Against Hate Alliance Rings in 2023 with an Education Focus for Hate Crime Solutions**

*Seeds of hate can take hold early; an astute education program can help eradicate them*

Act Against Hate Alliance (AAHA) was founded in 2022 to focus on finding and implementing solutions against hate crimes. With collaboration from government leaders, community members, experts, law enforcement, educators, policymakers, and thought leaders, AAHA progress is already notable with an honest dialogue commenced identifying root causes of hate crimes and the practices resulting in revictimization of hate crime victims. One fundamental key to the AAHA solutions focus is programming for education institutions at all levels, from pre-school to university, programming that provides students with a nurturing platform for discussion, open expression, and a consistent, clear foundation that makes inclusion and diversity not something they do, but who they are. But just as important is getting students at different levels involved in minimizing hate crimes and hate incidents as part of their civic engagement while attending school.

Launching 2023 with education leading the AAHA agenda, the first Media program on Wednesday, January 18, will set the stage by bringing together trailblazers in several facets of education. We welcome Senator Josh Newman, who is introducing a State Resolution to declare January 28<sup>th</sup> the “Stand Against Hate Action Day”, the leader of a top national K-12 school executive recruiting and school training firm, a Trustee on a county board of education, a law enforcement leader whose California community took action against hate crime, and a high school and college student who are spearheading action in their schools to empower students to recognize and speak out against hate in all forms.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Senator Josh Newman**
- **Denton Carlson**, San Ramon Chief of Police
- **Dr. Kevin O’Mara**, President of SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT
- **Tim Shaw**, Trustee, Orange County Board of Education
- **David Chan**, Sophomore, UC Berkeley, Political Science Major
- **Aidan Chao**, Junior, Flintridge Preparatory School
- **Josh Newman**, California State Senator, Senate District 29
- **Mei Mei Huff**, Executive Director, Act Against Hate Alliance – Host
- **Senator Bob Huff**, Former Senate Minority Leader – Moderator



**February 8, 2023 — Program 6**

**TOPIC: *LAW ENFORCEMENT ROUNDTABLE: ACTION AND PROACTION CRITICAL KEYS TO PREVENTING AND STOPPING HATE CRIMES***

**March 8, 2023 — Program 7**

**TOPIC: *THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY PLAYS CRITICAL ROLE IN ANTI-HATE CRIME SOLUTIONS***

**April 12, 2023 — Program 8**

**TOPIC: *NON-PROFITS IN ALLIANCE AGAINST HATE CRIMES; STUDENTS TAKING LEADERSHIP AGAINST HATE CRIMES***

**May 10, 2023 — Program 9**

**TOPIC: *RELIGIOUS LEADERS UNITED WITH COMMUNITIES AGAINST HATE CRIMES***