



**Los Angeles County – Domestic Violence Council (DVC)
STANDING COMMITTEES**



DVC COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	MEETINGS	CO-CHAIRS
Committee of System Improvement (CSI)	Works to implement DV laws and policies and to provide resources and problem-solving support to community partners when implementation issues and problems arise.	Meets monthly on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month. 2:15pm – 3:15 pm	Gail Pincus, Executive Director Domestic Abuse Center Rachelle M. Neshkes, Sr. Attorney Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice Kate Forrest, Sr. Staff Attorney Jenesse Center Inc.
Health Committee	Works to promote cross-sector collaboration between healthcare and domestic violence advocacy fields, improve response to DV and the health impacts of violence, and advance transformational policy and systems change in intersectional approaches to communities impacted by violence within Los Angeles.	Meets every other month, on the 3 rd Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	Barbara Kappos, Executive Director East Los Angeles Women’s Center Kate Marr, Executive Director Community Legal Aid SoCal
LGBTQIA+ Issues Committee	Works to engage communities, to bring visibility, and to raise awareness of the disproportionate prevalence of domestic violence and multiple other forms of violence impacting LGBTQIA+ communities. Also works to educate service providers about the barriers that LGBTQIA+ community face when accessing services. The goals are to expand LGBTQIA+ affirming inclusiveness services to people who experience violence and people using power and control; and to incorporate the needs of LGBTQIA+ people county-wide.	Meets every other month, on the 2 nd Tuesday. 10:00am – 11:15am	Giovanna Martinez, Associate Director of DV Programs YWCA San Gabriel Valley Jaye Prado, Lead Legal Services Advocate LGBTQ Center Long Beach
Interfaith Committee on Intimate Partner Violence	Works to inform, educate, and support the faith community in the prevention and response to domestic violence, inclusive of all religions.	Meets monthly on the 4 th Tuesday of the month. 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Varsha N., J.D, Founder ROAR Training & Consulting Mayo Clinic Trained Wellness Coach Cecelia Walker, Coordinator Angel Step Inn Bernita Walker, CEO and Co-Founder PeaceMakers, Inc.
LA Regional Policy Committee (LARP)	Works to evaluate and recommend appropriate legislation to its membership and the LA County Board of Supervisors.	Meets monthly on the 3 rd Thursday of the month. 10:00am – 11:30am	Nancy Volpert, Sr. Director of Public Policy and Community Engagement Jewish Family Service of LA Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Legal Services Director Sojourn
Shelter Directors Committee	Works to strengthen domestic violence shelters and to provide comprehensive support to survivors.	Meets every other month, on the 3 rd Wednesday. 2:30pm – 4:00pm	Krysta Warfiel, Outreach Outreach Program Manager Haven Hills Veronica Sandoval, Shelter Supportive Supervisor II Haven Hills



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