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## **County of Orange to Release 2022 Hate Crimes Report**

Santa Ana, Calif. (September 07, 2023) – On September 21, 2023, the public is invited to participate in the release of the 2022 Orange County (OC) Hate Crimes Report, where the Orange County Human Relations Commission (Commission) will present Orange County hate activity trends for 2022. The County produces and publishes this report annually to increase awareness, strengthen hate crime prevention programming, and promote a bias-free community. The Report will be available online upon release on the OC Human Relations Commission website at OC Human Relations Commission | OC Community Resources (ocgov.com).

The County of Orange, in partnership with Groundswell (formerly known as OC Human Relations Council), issues an annual report on bias-motivated hate activity trends in Orange County. The collected bias-motivated hate crime and hate incident data from law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and victims are analyzed and compiled in a report and shared with the community to increase awareness, better understand the impact of bias-motivated hate, and serve as a guide for prevention campaigns and policy decisions.

"We have been at the forefront of denouncing hate and expanding our reporting accessibility and victim resources," said Chairman Donald P. Wagner, Third District Supervisor of the OC Board of Supervisors. "Through this annual report, we can identify ways to prevent hate and ultimately strengthen our community. Together, we can show that hate has no place here in Orange County."

## **2022 OC Hate Crimes Report Release Information:**

Date:	Thursday, September 21, 2023
Time:	9-10:30 a.m.
Location:	In-Person, Buena Park Community Center (6688 Beach Blvd. Buena Park, CA)
Panel Speakers:	<b>Stephanie Van-Dyke Camacho</b> , Director of Advocacy & Education, The LGBTQ Center of OC
	Ernesta Wright, Executive Director, The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation
	Julia Kelley, Student-to-Student participant, Jewish Federation of OC
Registration:	conta.cc/3qABV8R

For registration assistance, please contact Maureen Dadabhoy at maureen@ochumanrelations.org

The County of Orange would like to thank the OC Human Relations Commission which is comprised of volunteer members of the public appointed by the OC Board of Supervisors to seek out the causes of tension and conflict; discrimination and intolerance based on race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or marital status; and attempt to eliminate those causes.

The County of Orange would also like to thank Groundswell, which is contracted by the County to support the Commission and work closely with law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, diverse faith leaders, and community members to respond to and track hate crimes and incidents on behalf of the County.

To learn more about services provided by the County through the OC Human Relations Commission, please visit OC Human Relations Commission | OC Community Resources (ocgov.com).

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