



LGBTQ Committee Agenda

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 6:30pm

Meetings end at 8:00pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time
Hamilton High School Library Building, Second Floor
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (Meeting will start at 6:30pm)

II. General Public Comment

III. Old Business (5 - 10 minutes each)

- a. Approval of October 30, 2014 Minutes
- b. Tobi Stein - Vice - Co Chair of LGBTQ and Student at Hamilton: Report on Hamilton High School GSA.
- c. Update - Westside Family Health Center and SORO LGBTQ services to constituents.
- d. Update – LAUSD High School Prom status report.

IV. New Business (5 - 10 minutes each)

- a. Motion for SORO LGBTQ Facebook Presence and Motion for Funding Approval.
- b. Partner with Hamilton High future Cleanup on December 14th time TBD.
- c. Tony Briggs - American Red Cross - Discussion on the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross joint statement as follows:

"The safety of volunteer blood donors and the ultimate recipients of blood is our top priority. The National Gay Blood Drive is one way to raise awareness of the MSM issue. Blood donation eligibility in the U.S. is determined by the FDA and all blood centers are required to follow the rules and regulations set by the agency. AABB, America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross believe the current lifetime deferral for men who have had sex with other men should be modified and that donor deferral criteria should be made comparable with criteria for other behaviors that pose an increased risk for transmission of transfusion - transmitted infections."

"We strongly support the use of rational, science - based deferral periods that are applied fairly and consistently among blood donors who engage in similar risk activities. We support ongoing efforts by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health to fund research to evaluate deferral policies and prevent potential risks to the blood supply. We have long suggested the change to a one - year MSM deferral. A number of government - funded research efforts are underway to identify and measure the potential impact of any changes to the current deferral policy."

V. Adjournment

Notes:

Notes by the committee chair(s) are optional. Delete this line if you don't need it. The notes below, however, are required.

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