



# LGBTQ Committee Agenda

Thursday, October 30, 6:30pm

*Meetings end at 8:00pm unless the committee votes to end earlier or extend the time*

**Hamilton High School - Library**

**2955 S Robertson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90034**

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## 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 August and September Minutes

b. Tobi Stein - Vice-Co Chair of LGBTQ and Student at Hamilton:  
Report on Hamilton High School GSA.

c. Update - Los Angeles LGBT Center: Follow up with LA LGBT  
CENTER and SORO LGBTQ Committee outreach progress.

d. Update – LAUSD High School Prom status report.

## IV. New Business (5-10 minutes each)

a. AIDS Walk - Discussion and possible action for 2015 AIDS Walk  
strategic plan.

b. Follow up and discussion and possible actions on how to work  
together with Westside Family Health Center to best reach out to it's  
SORO LGBTQ constituents.

c. Discussion and possible outreach to University United Methodist  
Church. *Background:* The Supreme Court for the University United  
Methodist Church recently made the ruling that the LGBTQ  
people can participate and serve in their Congregations as  
Pastors.

d. 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.*

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*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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