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public, including the CA vs. Hate Hotline, the Community Conflict Resolution Unit services, and additional resources for immigrants.

Commissioner Cuellar introduced the topic of the forum: Community-Based Organizations' Responses to Anti-Immigrant Hate. She shared information about immigrant populations in California. She also noted that ING would no longer present.

Links Shared in the Chat:

<https://www.CAvsHate.org>

<https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/community-conflict-resolution-unit/>

<https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant#resources>

<https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/Posters/>

II. Informational Presentations on the Topic: "Hate Against Immigrant Communities: Resources and Solutions from Community-Based Organizations"

A. Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Commissioner Cuellar introduced Emily Romero, Program Coordinator at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights.

Emily Romero presented the following information:

- CHIRLA's mission is to support an inclusive community for immigrants by providing resources for immigrants to live dignified and safe lives.
- CHIRLA has been involved in anti-hate work since its inception in 1999 following the murder of Joseph Ileto, a Filipino postal worker, by a white supremacist.
- Their current anti-hate work focuses on community outreach, breaking down the stigma and normalization of hate acts within the immigrant community, and encouraging reporting and seeking support despite fears related to immigration status or distrust of institutions.
- CHIRLA conducts extensive direct community outreach, meeting people in various settings including local consulates, schools, and public events to provide anti-hate resources and information.
- Educational materials are distributed in multiple languages and include information on the definition of hate incidents and crimes, how to report hate, and mental health resources.
- The organization operates an Immigrant Assistance Hotline for questions on immigration law, workers' rights, law enforcement engagement, public benefits, and civic engagement.
- CHIRLA partners with various organizations and engages with commissions like the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to promote culturally-sensitive hate crime responses by law enforcement.

B. Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA)

Commissioner Cuellar thanked Emily Romero and introduced Annie Lee, the Managing Director of Policy at Chinese for Affirmative Action.

Annie Lee presented the following information:

- The significant impact of anti-immigrant policies and rhetoric on Asian American communities.
- Two-thirds of Asians and multiracial Asians in California are foreign-born, and nearly one in five undocumented Californians are Asian.
- Specific Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) groups disproportionately affected by immigration policies include: 1.5 generation Asian Americans who have a history of criminal legal system involvement, international students, and H-1B visa holders.
- There is a correlation between political rhetoric and surges in anti-Asian hate.
- About half of AAPI adults in California experienced hate in 2024 due to their race, ethnicity, or nationality, according to a representative survey.
- CAA provides direct services including naturalization assistance, legal referrals, information to community members, a rapid response hotline, and also collaborates with other immigrant rights organizations in San Francisco.
- CAA provides immigrant rights trainings.
- CAA engages in policy and advocacy work, as well as community-building, to combat anti-immigrant and anti-AAPI hate.
- Community members are encouraged to report hate to California vs. Hate and Stop AAPI Hate, engage in campaigns, and prioritize mental health in the face of ongoing discrimination and hate.

C. Fresno Immigrant and Refugee Ministries (FIRM)

Commissioner Cuellar thanked Annie Lee and introduced Christine Barker-Dominguez, the Executive Director of the Fresno Immigrant and Refugee Ministries.

Christine Barker-Dominguez presented the following information:

- FIRM has more than 30 years of experience serving diverse immigrant and refugee communities in Fresno and throughout the Central Valley.
- FIRM provides direct services, including community health work and a Family Welcome Center to serve as a "one-stop shop" for new immigrants.
- Current challenges faced by refugee and immigrant communities include: family separation due to policy changes; the uncertainty of temporary status; and concerns about belonging and possible deportation.
- FIRM actively combats these challenges through radio shows and videos in a variety of languages. They also hold community events that celebrate cultural diversity and foster a sense of belonging.
- She provided recommendations to the State, including to maintain funding for "trusted messengers" and to provide assistance in appropriate languages.
- She expressed concern that proposed state budget cuts to services such as Medicare could mirror federal cuts to food and healthcare access for refugees and other documented immigrants.

One commenter emphasized the importance of undocumented individuals like himself sharing their stories.

Another commenter offered to share the report findings from his master's capstone project on California's anti-hate infrastructure.

The next commenter shared that the LA County Commission on Human Relations accepts reports of hate crimes and incidents and has recently released its first annual hate incident report.

Chair Levin congratulated Grace Löwenberg who is retiring from the LA County Commission on Human Relations.

IV. Adjournment of the Meeting

Commissioner Roybal thanked the presenters, Commissioners Cuellar and Feiler, and CRD staff for their work on the forum and expressed gratitude for addressing the topic.

Commissioner Cuellar thanked all the presenters and CRD staff and reminded attendees to report hate incidents to California vs. Hate.

The forum adjourned at 4:47 pm.

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