#### HATE VIOLENCE VICTIM SUPPORT SYSTEM

The entire hate violence reduction system depends on the willingness of victims to report incidents. Some estimate that only one in ten incidents of hate violence are reported. There are several reasons for under-reporting:

- fear of police and other official agencies;
- fear of reprisal and the belief that bringing attention to oneself as a victim will lead to further attacks;
- fear of acknowledging membership in a group that is a target of hate violence (gay-lesbian).
- inability to communicate easily in oral English;
- lack of knowledge of where or how to report;
- belief that reporting hate violence is not worthwhile

The hate violence reduction effort in Contra Costa County is centered around the victim and the needs of the victim. The whole effort depends on getting the victim to report hate violence and bias-related incidents. The plan to train agencies organizations to serve victims of hate violence is believed by the members of the Task Force to be the best design for ensuring that hate violence is reported and the needs of victims responded to appropriately. Contributions to the design of the plan were made by representatives from the Probation Department's Victim Assistance Program, the Crisis Hotline, and organizations representing people who are most frequently victims of hate crime.

#### **Objective**

To train 30 agencies consisting of neighborhood watch programs, religious institutions and relevant community agencies to:

- a. maintain a network of staff and volunteers to provide emergency counseling and support to victims of bias-related incidents;
- calm community tensions, resolve conflicts, and control rumors;<sup>20</sup>
- c. respond to incidents of harassment and intimidation motivated by bigotry that are referred by law enforcement because of the necessary elements of a "crime".

#### Steps

- Select 30 organizations to provide services to victims of hate violence. Criteria for selections will include, but not be limited to:
  - the likelihood of a victim of hate violence to seek or accept services from the organization;
  - b. stability of the organization and its level of commitment to meeting the needs of victims of hate violence;
  - c. availability of volunteers or staff during evening hours or weekends;
  - d. location in areas of the county needing hate violence victim support services;
  - ability to communicate with victims who speak languages other than English, or who use other methods of communication because of a disability;

The Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission has received a grant under Garamendi legislation to train community leaders in the assessment, intervention and resolution of biasrelated conflict.

#### Steps (Continued)

- 2. The Hate Violence Reduction Task Force will contract for services to supplement existing resources to provide training to staff and volunteers of organizations providing services to victims of hate violence.
- 3. Victim referrals to community agencies, other than direct contacts, will come from law enforcement, schools, human relations commissions, and the Hate Violence Reduction Center in accord with the protocols included in the hate violence reduction project.
- 4. The Hate Violence Reduction Center will be responsible for:
  - a. coordinating the training and monitoring the work of the victim support programs;
  - b. serving as the central collection point for data provided by victim support organizations.

#### HATE VIOLENCE VICTIM ASSISTANCE CURRICULUM

#### TRAINING MODULES

- A. A half-day curriculum designed for staff and volunteers whose responsibilities will be limited to receiving calls or visits from victims and witnesses of bias related incidents;
- B. A full-day curriculum designed for staff and volunteers whose responsibilities will include serving as a catalyst to identify and access resources to meet the needs of the victim of a bias-related incident.

#### LEARNING GOAL:

TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF HATE VIOLENCE.

#### HALF-DAY FRAMEWORK

#### Training Objectives:

- 1. The trainee will understand the county hate violence prevention and response system and laws relating to "hate crimes".
- 2. The trainee will demonstrate their skill to de-escalate a caller in crisis.
- 3. The trainee will demonstrate their ability to focus a caller in crisis and obtain the information necessary to complete a report and identify the needs of the victim.
- 4. The trainee will demonstrate their knowledge of the reporting procedures and guidelines relating to confidentiality and follow-up.

#### FULL-DAY FRAMEWORK

Training Objectives: All of the above and -

- 5. Trainees will demonstrate their ability to identify resources available to meet the needs of victims of hate violence.
- 6. Trainees will demonstrate knowledge of methods to gain the use of resources to meet the needs of victims of hate violence.

- 7. Trainees will demonstrate their ability to enable a victim of hate violence to understand what they must do to make use of available assistance.
- 8. Trainees will be able to explain civil and criminal laws and procedures necessary to bring suit against or prosecute perpetrators of hate violence.
- 9. Trainees will be able to identify law enforcement personnel who have agreed to work with them in their role as a victim support provider.
- 10. Trainees will be able to identify District Attorney's staff who have agreed to work with them in their role as a victim support provider.
- 11. Trainees will be able to identify local school personnel who have agreed to work with them in their role as a victim support provider.

#### CURRICULUM:

#### All Participants

- A. Autobiographical introduction relating to interest in providing assistance to victims of hate violence.
- B. Introduction to training:
  - 1. learning goal and training objectives
  - 2. definition of terms, i.e. "hate violence"
  - 3. multi-media (video, news clips) presentation on impact of hate violence on county
  - 4. expectations of trainees during sessions
  - 5. discussion/reaction/questions
- C. Where do you fit in? The County Hate Violence Reduction Plan and Applicable Laws
- D. The Nature of the Calls
- E. Introspection coming to terms with the challenges and stresses of being a provider of victim support
- F. Communication Skills
  - De-escalation of a victim or witness (role play)
  - 2. Active listening clarifying and validation (interactive interview with another trainee about a crisis)
  - 3. Focusing a caller in crisis (role play)
  - 4. Discussion

#### **BREAK**

- G. Reporting Procedures (The County hate violence system and civil and criminal laws)
  - 1. What you should report and how
  - 2. What the caller should report, how and to whom
  - 3. Confidentiality
  - 4. Follow-up

- H. Half-Day Exercise
  - A. Receive a call
  - B. Complete a report
  - C. Describe the procedure
  - D. Discussion

#### HALF-DAY CURRICULUM COMPLETED FULL-DAY CURRICULUM CONTINUES

- I. Presentations by resource agencies of their availability and access requirements.
  - 1. criminal justice
    - a. police
    - b. district attorney
    - c. victim/witness program
  - 2. private attorneys
  - 3. schools
  - 4. health
    - a. emergency medical assistance
    - b. mental health
  - 5. emergency aid and shelter
  - 6. community support
    - a. churches
    - b. community based organizations
    - c. public agencies
- J. Report Analysis and Action Plan Exercise
  - 1. Trainees review their half-day exercise and list the steps they would take to ensure the victim received the appropriate resources.

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- Incident reports and lists are discussed in small groups (2-4)
- 3. Class discussion
- K. Training Evaluation

#### LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES PROJECT

#### **Objective**

To involve a cross-section of 1,000 diverse people in Contra Costa County in "living room" dialogues where they can communicate openly about differences, and negative stereotypes can be challenged in a non-confrontational manner.

#### Steps

- 1. The Hate Violence Reduction Task Force will contract for services to plan and facilitate 100 "living room dialogues" in homes of Contra Costa County residents. The dialogues will bring people together from different racial, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds to share information about the backgrounds, lifestyles and aspirations of the participants with the objective of enhancing communication to break down uninformed stereotypes. Services contracted for will include:
  - a. the training of volunteer facilitators
  - b. planning the logistics involved in hosting the dialogues
  - c. publicity
  - d. the formation of an evaluation process
  - e. overall coordination of the activities.
- 2. The Hate Violence Reduction Task Force will identify homes where the dialogues can occur and will help recruit participants.

#### **APPENDIX M-1**

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HATE CRIME PROCEDURES

## Office of District Attorney

Court House, Fourth Floor P.O. Box 670 Martinez, California 94553 (415) 372-4500





Fred Persily
Executive Director
Contra Costa Human Relations Commission
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

#### Dear Fred:

Enclosed is the Contra Costa County District Attorney's procedure and protocol for handling crimes involving hate violence. I believe this will mesh well with comparable policies from the various law enforcement agencies in our county.

The two important features of this plan are procedures for informing the District Attorney and involving him in the decision making process and the use of the strategy of vertical prosecution to ensure continuity in the handling of the case.

I will distribute copies to other members of our committee at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

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GARY T. YANCEY District Attorney

Jack N/ Waddell
Deputy District Attorney

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## RESPONSE TO RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION COMPLAINTS

#### A. POLICY

- 1. It is the policy of the Contra Costa County District Attorney to ensure that rights guaranteed by State laws and the United States Constitution are protected for all people regardless of their race, color, ethnic background, religion, or sexual orientation. When such rights are infringed upon by violence, intimidation, or other harassment, the Department shall take all available steps to identify responsibles and bring them to justice.
- 2. All criminal offenses of violence, intimidation, or harassment based on racial, religious, ethnic background, or sexual orientation shall be viewed as serious, and prosecution shall be considered a high priority. Such acts tend to generate fear and concern among victims and the public. They have a potential for recurrence and escalating to the point of counterviolence.

#### B. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 1. R/R/E/S Refers to race, religion, ethnic background, and sexual orientation.
- 2. R/R/E/S crimes are acts or attempts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage, which is or appears to be motivated, all or in part, by race, ethnic background, religion, and/or sexual orientation.
- 3. R/R/E/S crimes are defined in Penal Code Sections 422.6 through 422.9 which are summarized as follows:
  - Subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 generally makes it unlawful to interfere, by force or threat of force, with another person's free exercise of state or federal constitutional or statutory rights because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sexual orientation. A violation of this subdivision cannot be based on speech alone, unless the speech itself threatened violence against a specific person or group of persons and the defendant had the apparent ability to carry out the threat. [Penal Code Section 422.6, subd. (c).]

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422.6b Subdivision (b) of Section 422.6 generally makes it unlawful to deface or damage another person's property because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sexual orientation.

Violation of subdivision (a) or (b) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment in county jail for up to six (6) months, or both. [Penal Code Section 422.6, subd. (c).]

Penal Code Section 422.7 is a provision which, under certain circumstances, permits crimes which are presently misdemeanors to be charged as felonies if the crime was motivated by bigotry. This "wobbler" provision applies in any one of the following cases:

(1) the crime was committed against the person of another and either included the present ability to commit violent injury, or caused action physical injury;

(2) the crime was committed against the property of another and caused damage in excess of \$1,000; or (3) the defendant has previously been convicted of violating Penal Code Section 422.6, discussed above, or of a conspiracy to violate that section.

If any of these conditions are met, then a crime which would otherwise be a misdemeanor becomes a "wobbler," if the crime was committed against the person or property of another, because of the other person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sexual orientation, and for the purpose of interfering with the other person's state or federal constitutional or statutory rights. Felony arrest powers would apply in a case where an officer has reasonable cause to believe that a felony has been committed under this section [Penal Code Section 836, subd. (3).]

#### C. PROCEDURE

- 1. All cases involving possible R/R/E/S crimes shall be submitted to the <u>FELONY FILING DESK</u> of the appropriate branch of the District Attorney's Office. The normal appointment procedure shall be followed.
- 2. The Bane Civil Rights Act has both a civil and a criminal component. the civil provisions, found at Civil Code Section 52.1, permit the Attorney General, district or city attorneys, or a victim, to seek an injunction against threatened violent interference with state or federal constitutional or statutory rights.

The District Attorney will not accept cases for civil action.

Victims of all R/R/E/S incidents which cannot be criminally prosecuted but which may be actionable under Section 52.1 of the

Civil Code should be referred to the private bar or the Attorney General.

3. Orders issued under Civil Code Section 52.1 are enforced by local law enforcement agencies, much like restraining orders in domestic relations cases. [Civil Code Section 52.1, subd. (e); Penal Code Section 422.9, sub. (c).]

Willful violation of an order issued under Civil Code Section 52.1 is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment in county jail for up to six (6) months, or both. [Penal Code Section 422.9, subd. (a).] However, a person who has previously been convicted of violating such an order is subject to imprisonment in county jail for up to one (1) year. [Penal Code Section 422.9, subd. (b).]

#### D. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. <u>Senior Deputy District Attorney</u>

- a. Advise the District Attorney immediately of all R/R/E/S cases brought to his attention;
- b. Participate with the felony filing attorney in filing conference and advise District Attorney of proposed decision (whether or not to issue a complaint);
- c. Assign case to staff attorney for vertical prosecution;
- Submit suggested press release to the District Attorney for approval;
- e. Advise the District Attorney of any community leaders or victim support groups who have expressed an interest in the development of the case.

#### 2. Felony Filing Attorney

- a. Notify the Senior Deputy District Attorney in charge of the branch of any R/R/E/S case brought to the office for potential prosecution;
- b. Make filing decision and complete investigation request to local police agency when necessary. See Appendix A to aid in decision-making process;
- c. Use felony filing forms in Appendix B 1-3;
- d. Consider the applicability of additional codes, e.g.:
  - PC 11411 Terrorism: Burning or desecration of religious symbols; placement or display of physical impressions;

- PC 11412 Threats obstructing exercise of religion;
- PC 11413 Terrorism: Use of destructive device, explosive or commission of arson; places of worship, places or meetings involving abortion;
- e. Assign investigative follow-up duties to District Attorney Investigator;
- f. Prepare written "Decision Not to Issue" form explaining any decision why case cannot be prosecuted and forward copy to local chief of police and District Attorney;
- g. Make bail recommendations and file PC 1269 form, if appropriate.

#### 3. Assigned Attorney

- Review all investigation reports and prepare supplemental investigation requests;
- b. Appear at bail study when necessary;
- c. Contact victim within five (5) days of filing to establish rapport and assess victim needs;
- d. Appear at all significant stages of the proceedings, including bail study, preliminary hearing, readiness conferences, trial, motions, and sentencing;
- e. Do not enter into a negotiated disposition of any R/R/E/S case without the express approval of the Senior Deputy District Attorney in charge or the District Attorney;
- f. File statement of aggravation in all sentencing hearings; include the following when applicable:
  - PC 1170.75 Felony attempted or committed because of victim's race, color, religion, nationality, or country of origin: aggravation of time
  - PC 1170.8 Arson, robbery, or assault in places of worship: aggravation of time

PC 422.7 CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION

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# CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION

It is further alleged, pursuant to PENAL CODE SECTION 422.7, that the defendant

1 #NAME

, committed the above offense against the person or property of

2 #NAME OF VICTIM

, for the purpose of intimidating or interfering with the free exercise of his/her constitutional rights because of #RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION. \*

It is further alleged that the offense was committed under the following circumstances:

#IT WAS A CRIME AGAINST THE PERSON OF ANOTHER, AND THE DEFENDANT DID CAUSE OF HAVE PRESENT ABILITY TO INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON VICTIM./ THERE WAS PROPERTY DAMAGE, IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 TO VICTIM./ BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF THIS OFFENSE, THE DEFENDANT ON (DATE), IN (COURT), DID COMMIT THE OFFENSE AND WAS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION A OR B PENAL CODE SECTION 422.6.

<sup>\*</sup> Choose one or more if applicable

#### **Testimony of**

# Eugene S. Mornell, Executive Director Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

#### Before the

# Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence June 30, 1989

Since 1980 the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations has been monitoring and responding to incidents of racially and religiously motivated vandalism and violence in Los Angeles County.

We are not aware of any other agency in California, or the nation, that systematically gathers data, investigates individual cases, provides service to victims, develops preventive programs and reports regularly on what have now come to be known as "hate crimes."

I am leaving with you a copy of our most recent report, a 31-page summary of hate crime in Los Angeles County in 1988, which describes our highest level of activity in nine years: 95 racial incidents, 111 religious incidents and 61 incidents based on sexual orientation. (This was our first full year of reporting on crimes against Gays and Lesbians.)

These incidents included graffiti, disruption of religious services, vandalism, cross-burnings, arson, gunshots at persons and property and physical assaults, which accounted for almost 25 percent of the racial crimes and 64 percent of the crimes based on sexual orientation, the highest level of crimes against persons we have ever reported.

The report covers data collection, definitions of hate crime, non-criminal acts, hate group activity, perpetrators, reaction by public officials and the community, legislation and the Commission's own work.

Each of the 267 incidents documented in 1988 is summarized in the appendices of the report.

In the limited time available this morning, I do not want to cover what you will find in the report, but instead I want to mention briefly several key issues:

#### **APPENDIX N**

1. Hate crime is the tip of an iceberg, and it reflects the greater level of prejudice, discrimination, anger and intergroup tension that generally remains below the surface of public awareness.

People who commit hate crimes, which we define very specifically in terms of law violations, are acting out the feelings of a larger group.

- 2. Hate crime is under reported, especially among Latinos, Asians, Arabs and other immigrant and refugee groups who are often unfamiliar with American law. fearful of the police, less proficient in English and faced with a variety of cultural barriers.
- 3. Although we have seen a larger number of different racial and religious groups affected by hate crime in the recent years, Blacks and Jews, the traditional victims of bigotry, continue to be the primary targets.
- 4. Most perpetrators of hate crime are not apprehended, and it is therefore difficult to suggest that most are Ku Klux Klan members, neo-Nazis, "skin-heads," or members of other hate groups.

In 1987, for example, we had the largest number of arrests for hate crime ever: 15 adults and 13 juveniles were arrested in connection with 31 crimes, out of 194 crimes documented. We are able to link only a few of these perpetrators to hate groups.

Although we reported an increase in hate group demonstrations and other non-criminal activity in 1987, which activity was down in 1988 and hate group membership seems to be at a low point nationally, primarily because of Federal prosecution. On the other hand, "skinhead" activity now seems to be rising, as does the general level of bigotry. Additionally, some hate groups are actively recruiting "skinheads" in an effort to expand their membership.

Media attention to hate groups, however, such as the recent appearances of David Duke and Tom and John Metzger on the Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey television shows, and regular news coverage of hate group meetings, has served to give these groups unprecedented publicity and intensify community tension.

5. We have received forceful and unanimous support from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for our Commission's recommendations regarding hate crime: public condemnation of bigotry, vigorous prosecution and increased penalties for perpetrators of hate crime, and improved coordination among the 50 law enforcement agencies in the County.

Last year a County Hate Crime Task Force, appointed by the Board of Supervisors and chaired by our Commission, consisting of representatives from law enforcement and related public agencies, issued a suggested policy and procedures statement on hate crime. It was disseminated to all police departments in the County by the Board of Supervisors, and I am also leaving a copy of this statement with you.

6. Let me mention several other Commission activities related to hate crime. Our Commission has developed, and now staffs, a Network Against Hate Crime, consisting of racial, ethnic and religious community groups, fair housing councils and other organizations. The goals of the Network are to improve data collection, provide assistance to victims and initiate preventive programs.

We have also developed a number of community coalitions to work on other aspects of intergroup tension, including a Latinoblack Roundtable and a Black-Korean Alliance.

The Commission is very much involved with "A World of Difference," an anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith program that originated in Boston and began in Southern California in January of this year. This extensive effort, which is being supported by KCBS and the Los Angeles Times, aims at the reduction of racial, ethnic and religious prejudice in our community.

7. We have just received the date from a school hate crime survey, jointly conducted with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and sent to all 1,500 public schools in the County. So far as we know, this is the most comprehensive school hate crime survey ever conducted in the United States. We expect to release a report on the survey this fall.

In conclusion, let me respond to the questions in your letter of invitation to this hearing.

We strongly support the recent amendment of the Ralph Civil Rights Act and establishment of the Bane Civil Rights Act, strengthening relief available for victims of hate crime. However, since only 16 percent of hate crime perpetrators were apprehended in our best year, it is realistic to assume that the effect of these laws will be limited.

The greatest need at this time is for greater awareness of hate crime on the part of law enforcement, including adoption of specific hate crime policies and procedures, and for a higher rate of apprehension and prosecution of hate crime perpetrators. Law enforcement sensitivity and diligence in connection with "Gay bashing" is particularly critical.

In addition, for several years we have strongly urged that there be mandatory reporting of hate crime by all law enforcement agencies in the State.

Based on a preliminary assessment of the data collected in our school hate crime survey, it is likely that we will call for the establishment of some mechanism to systematically track such incidents in primary and secondary schools, as well as suggest preventive action. Specific recommendations will be forthcoming in our report.

Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you, and thank you for holding this hearing.

#### **APPENDIX O**

#### HATE CRIME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 1988\*

A Report to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
February 1989

Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 320 West Temple Street, Suite 1184 Los Angels, California 90012

<sup>\*</sup> For complete copy of report, contact:

# STOP PROGRAM MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Stop program educates juvenile perpetrators of hate violence about the impact of their behavior on victims and the entire community.

The program was started in 1982 by the Office of the Human Relations Commission at the request of the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Commission for first offenders instead of sending them through the court system. The courts and police departments refer juveniles to STOP in addition to other penalties.

The program requires that juvenile perpetrators and their parents attend five two-and-a-half hour sessions, and juveniles are also required to perform 40 hours of community service. In November, 1988, the program expanded to include repeat juvenile offenders.\*

For more information, contact:

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\*SOURCE: Montgomery County Government News Release, November 3, 1988 and STOP Program literature

# Excerpts, California Department of Education History/Social Science and English/DramaticArts Framework Objectives

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Education sub-committee of the Hate/Violence Reduction Task Force has met a number of times to discuss the role of the schools in efforts to reduce hate/violence incidents. Representatives from Martinez, Acalanes, San Ramon, Richmond and Mt. Diablo participated in the meetings. All were in agreement that:

- 1. State frameworks, county guides and district courses of study reflect clear objectives related to this issue. No new curricula need to be developed. Rather, existing documents should be examined to identify those basic objectives which must be emphasized in each district. (This task was completed by three members of the larger committee.) All committee members agree that a rich program includes lessons related to unlearning prejudice and appreciating diversity. New activity programs such as the World of Difference project will enhance what is currently in place.
- 2. Staff development is needed to provide training for teachers in dealing with sensitive issues related to the specific curricula, and for all school staff in dealing appropriately with the living curricula related to hate/violence and human relations which presents itself in formal and informal settings throughout the day. Staff needs include development response systems for detecting, reporting, intervention and victim support when a hate/violence incident occurs.

The State Department of Education provides a framework for each of the major disciplines. Each district develops courses of study reflective of these frameworks.

The Committee recommends that each district examine its curricula to determine that major objectives related to the reduction of hate/violence are prominent in their documents.

Districts will emphasize to teachers the importance of stressing these goals and objectives in their classroom activities. In service programs will be provided for school site staffs on both the effective delivery of the curriculum and the handling of unusual situations.

#### HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE FRAMEWORK

I. The goal of knowledge and cultural understanding is pursued by developing students' literacy in history and other humanities (including ethics), geography, economics, sociology and political science. Certain essential learnings are integral to the development of each of these literacy strands.

#### A. <u>Historical Literacy</u>

Develop a sense of historical empathy. (In every age, knowledge of the humanities helps develop a keen sense of historical empathy by allowing students to see through the eyes of the people who were there.)

Understand the importance of religion, philosophy and other major belief systems in history. (By understanding a people's religion, philosophy, folkways and traditions, students gain an understanding of a culture's ethical and moral commitments.)

#### B. Ethical Literacy

Recognize the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual.

Understand the ways in which different societies have tried to resolve ethical issues.

Understand that the ideas people profess, affect their behavior.

Realize that concern for ethics and human rights is universal and represents the aspirations of men and women in every time and place.

#### C. Cultural Literacy

Understand the rich, complex nature of a given culture. Learn about mythology, legends, values and beliefs of a people.

Develop a multicultural perspective that respects the dignity and worth of all people.

#### D. Socio-political Literacy

Understand the close relationship between social and political systems.

Understand the close relationship between society and the law.

Understand comparative political systems.

II. The curricular goal of democratic understanding and civic values is centered on essential understanding of the nation's identity and constitutional heritage; the civic values that undergird the nation's constitutional order and promote cohesion across all groups in a pluralistic society; and the rights and responsibilities of all citizens.

#### A. National Identity

Recognize that American society is now and always has been pluralistic and multicultural.

Understand the American creed as an idealogy extolling equality and freedom.

Recognize the status of minorities and women in different times in American history.

Understand the unique experience of immigrants from Asia, the Pacific Island and Latin America.

Understand the special role of the United States in world history as a nation of immigrants.

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Realize that true patriotism celebrates the moral force of the American ideas a nation that unites as one people the

descendants of many cultures, races, religions and ethnic groups.

#### B. <u>Constitutional Heritage</u>

Understand the basic principles of democracy.

Understand the historical origins of basic constitutional concepts.

#### C. Civic Values, Rights and Responsibilities

Understand what is required of citizens in a democracy.

Understand individual responsibilities for the democratic system.

#### **ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS FRAMEWORK**

I. Each student will have opportunities to:

Develop a clearly communicated sense of common values and common goals that respect diversity.

Develop a solid body of knowledge derived from a common cultural heritage.

Experience confronting important human issues and conflicts.

Develop a strong sense of values including personal, social and aesthetic values.

Prepare to function as informed and effective citizens in our democratic society.

Experience a literature-based program that encourages reading and exposes all students, including those whose primary language is not English, significant literary works.

Experience instructional programs that guide all students

through a range of thinking processes as they study content and focus on aesthetic, ethical and cultural issues.

Experience literature which reminds us of the best in human character, the most admirable human character, the most articulate human speech, whether those thoughts and feelings come from ancient Greece or modern Japan, from puritan New England or tribal Africa, from Renaissance England or contemporary Mexico.

Capture the breadth of human experience through a strong literature program which offers the language and literature of many nations and perspectives of racially, ethnically and culturally diverse societies; and of poems and narrations, fables and legends, and stories and plays.

Establish a climate for learning, respecting languages and dialects that are linguistically different from standard English.

Recognize the importance of minority languages and cultures in preventing alienation and inhibitions about language that prevent learning.

#### **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

#### A. Aesthetic Perception

Through increased perception students are sensitized to the individual and to the world through increased aesthetic perception. Students respond to the elements of an object or event and to express and appreciate it in greater depth.

#### B. Arts Heritage

Through knowledge of the artistic accomplishments of the great cultures of the world, students see the places of the arts in relation to those cultures and to grasp the relevance of the arts in contemporary society. Through knowledge of the arts of various cultures, past and present, students gain appreciation and understanding of these cultures and of their heritage.

#### C. Dance

Through dance education students understand and appreciate one's own culture and the cultures of others.

Through dance education students understand similarities and differences among races, religions and cultural traditions.

Students will <u>recognize</u> dance as a universal language in world cultures, will articulate the historical rules of dance in relation to social, ritual and performance contexts.

#### D. Drama/Theater

Through experiences in drama students will be able to recognize major themes, historical periods and cultural backgrounds.

Students will recognize the importance of today's theater as a means of understanding and appreciating cultural differences.

#### E. Music

Through the study of the music of the world and of historical periods and styles, students will recognize the relationships between music and the lives of people.

Students will recognize the uniqueness of each cultural heritage as well as the similarities to our own culture.

Students will recognize that different cultures express their beliefs, values, goals, rituals and customs in unique art forms.

Students will recognize that the visual arts of cultures from which this society emerged are relevant to our current life because they are links to our origins, guideposts to our future and starting points for new ideas.

## **INTERGROUP CONFLICT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOLS\***

Report on a Survey of Hate Crime

October 1989

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Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 320 West Temple Street, Suite 1184 Los Angeles, California 90012

#### **California Penal Code § 628**

#### **CHAPTER 1.2 REPORTING OF SCHOOL CRIME**

#### § 628. (Legislative Intent)

It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to ensure that schools, school districts, local government, and the Legislature have sufficient data and information about the type and frequency of crime occurring on school campuses to permit development of effective programs and techniques to combat crime on school campuses.

#### § 628.1. (Development of reporting form; Contents)

By June 30, 1985, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Justice and a representative selection of school districts which currently compile school crime statistics, shall develop a standard school crime reporting form for use by all school districts throughout the state. No individual shall be identified by name or in any other manner on this reporting form. The form shall define what constitutes the criminal activity required to be reported and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Description of the crime.
- (b) Victim characteristics.
- (c) Offender characteristics, if known.
- (d) Total students enrolled at the school reporting the crime on November 15 for the first reporting period and April 15 for the second reporting period.

#### § 628.2.

On forms prepared and supplied by the State Department of Education, each principal of a school in a school district and each principal or director of a county-operated program, site, or school under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent of schools shall forward a completed report of crimes committed thereon at the end of each

reporting period to the district superintendent or county superintendent of schools.

The district superintendent or, as appropriate, the county superintendent of schools, shall compile the school data and submit the aggregated data to the State Department of Education not later than February 1 for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, and not later than August 1 for the reporting period January 1 through June 30.

The superintendent of any school district that maintains a police department pursuant to Section 39670 may direct the chief of police or other administrator of that department to prepare the completed report of crimes for one or more schools in the district, to compile the school data for the district, and to submit the aggregated data to the State Department of Education in accordance with this section. If the chief of police or other designated administrator completes the report of crimes, the chief of police or designated administrator shall provide information to each school principal about the school crime reporting program, provide information to each school principal about the school crime reporting program, the crime descriptions included in the reporting program, and validation criteria identified by the State Department of Education for each crime description.

The State Department of Education shall distribute, upon request, to each office of the county superintendent of schools and each county probation department, a summary of that county's district reports, county reports, and the summary of statewide aggregated data. This information shall be supplied not later than March 1 of each year for the previous school year. In addition, commencing with the second annual report, the department shall also identify trends in school crime by comparing the numbers and rates of crimes and the resulting economic losses for each year against those of the previous year and the baseline reporting year.

All school district, county, and statewide reports prepared under this chapter shall be deemed public documents and shall be made available to the public at a price not to exceed the actual cost of duplication and distribution. § 628.4.

By June 30, 1991, the State Department of Education shall publish and distribute to all school districts and county offices of education an annual school crime reporting update that describes typical errors in school crime reporting procedures, describes effective and efficient methods of monitoring and reporting school crime data, and identifies trends in school crime drawn from the annual school crime report submitted to the Legislature.

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The Legislature hereby recognizes that all pupils enrolled in California public schools have the inalienable right to attend classes on campuses that are safe, secure, and peaceful. The Legislature also recognizes the importance of accurate school crime data in development and implementing school safety strategies and programs.

By June 30, 1990, the State Department of Education, in consultation with school districts and county offices of education, shall identify criteria for validating the reported incidence of each crime description contained on the standard school crime reporting forms prepared pursuant to Sections 628.1 and 628.2. Validation criteria shall be established for each crime description, that include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following: assault, battery, assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful fighting, homicide, sex offenses, robbery, extortion, chemical substance offenses, possession of weapons, destructive devices, arson, burglary, theft, and vandalism. By January 1, 1991, the State Department of Education shall pilot test the validation criteria in a representative sampling of school districts and county offices of education.

#### § 628.6

Beginning July 1, 1991, the State Department of Education shall use tested validation criteria in a representative sample of school districts and county offices of education to assess the accuracy of school crime data submitted to it by those agencies.

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The State Department of Education shall inform school districts and county offices of education of the validation criteria for the crime description included on the standard school crime reporting forms specified in Section 628.1. Each district and county office of education shall in turn notify their respective schools, programs, and sites of the validation criteria.

#### APPENDIX T

# POST-SECONDARY HATE VIOLENCE RESPONSE CHECKLIST

#### Fred Persily, June, 1989

## ELEMENTS NEEDED TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO BIAS RELATED INCIDENTS

- 1. An ongoing process for encouraging victims of bigotry to report incidents and a simple well publicized process for making reports.
- 2. Uniform reporting forms used by campus organizations (including campus police) designated to receive complaints of bigotry, and a protocol for funneling reports into a campus repository for analysis.
- 3. A procedure for ensuring immediate victim support and protection.
- 4. A response plan that goes beyond apprehension of the perpetrators to include strategies to prevent recurrence.
- 5. Contingency plans to prevent the escalation of incidents into broader campus conflict.
- 6. A monitoring and assessment process designed to identify precursors of hate violence and provide recommendations to prevent potential flare-ups.
- 7. Creation and support of ongoing programs designed to promote understanding and prevent conflicts among the diverse populations on the campus.
- 8. Ongoing training of relevant campus staff (including campus police) and student organization representatives to enable them to carry out their responsibility for preventing or responding to hate violence.

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#### CAMPUS HATE VIOLENCE REDUCTION CHECKLIST

#### **PREVENTION**

- I. Recruitment materials reflect philosophy of appreciation for diversity and pluralism.
- II. Orientation includes commitment to diversity and importance of reporting and responding to bias-related incidents.
- III. Greek, dormitory and other campus living units include written material on commitment to diversity and system for reporting and responding to bias-related incidents.
- IV. Permanent posters on campus response system placed in conspicuous areas, e.g. student union, bookstore, administration building encouraging reporting of bias-related incidents.
- V. Student conflict prevention programs, i.e. community boards for campus approved living units.
- VI. Courses on unlearning prejudice and methods for preventing bigotry.

#### **RESPONSE**

- I. Campus Police
  - A. Policies and procedures for responding to hate violence;
  - B. Training on implementation of policies and procedures;
  - C. Procedures to include notification of administration and referral to resources for victim support.

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### II. Campus Organizations and counselors

- A. Training in responding to victim needs.
- B. Policies and procedures for working with campus officials in easing campus tensions.
- C. Reporting procedures.

#### III. Campus Officials

- A. Establish and maintain central depository for reports of bias-related incidents.
- B. Appoint committees or commissions to assess campus climate, review incident reports, and identify potential problems when action can still be taken to prevent incidents.
- C. Design and implement rumor control protocol in coordination with the faculty and classified office staff.
- D. Trained in crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- E. Design crisis response procedures in collaboration with campus organizations to ease tensions and deal with media.

#### **Testimony of**

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#### Before the

# Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence June 30, 1989 Hearing

UCLA condemns acts of "hate violence" and shares that Attorney Genera's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence's concern for minimizing such occurrences. Like college campuses across the nation, UCLA has experienced incidents of harassment and intimidation. During the past few years, it has taken a number of steps to create a climate on campus in which differences based on race, ethnicity, gender, physical capacity, religion, and sexual orientation are not barely tolerated or understood, but valued. This is particularly important to UCLA since as a result of twenty years of student affirmative action, it has the most ethnically mixed and culturally diverse student population of universities in the United States. Today ethnic minority students make up more than 40 percent of undergraduates and more than half of the new freshman.

Over the last year, under the leadership of the Student Affairs department, UCLA has developed a strategic plan to minimize tensions that had developed between various racial and ethnic groups and to foster mutual understanding and appreciation. Employing administrative, academic, political, community and human resource strategies, this "Campus Community Development" plan takes a comprehensive approach to creating a pluralistic campus community. The plan is an evolutionary one in which a number of students, faculty and staff have been involved. We believe it can be a model for other universities. A copy of it is attached to this statement.

Within a strategic framework, a number of actions have been taken to enhance intergroup relationships. They include:

#### **APPENDIX U**

1. The development and issuance of interim harassment policies and procedures (see the attached "UCLA Interim Student Conduct Policies and Student Discipline Procedures In Cases of Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Exploitation or Intimidation). Procedures included the establishment of harassment information centers for the reporting and informal resolution of complaints. Announcements in the campus newspapers and in-service training by the Dean of Students' Office for Faculty, staff and student groups have brought the policies and procedures to the attention of the campus community. Recently, UCLA's Interim Policies and Procedures were reviewed favorably by the Office of the President.

In addition to to establishing its own policies and procedures, UCLA requested and the Office of the President has appointed a system-wide advisory task force to review the University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students.

- 2. To help foster positive relationships among various groups, Student Affairs organized a retreat in the Fall Quarter 1988 for the undergraduate student council and members of special interest groups and special interest papers. The Chancellor and other top administrators, faculty and staff also participated int he retreat. Follow-up included skills building sessions.
- 3. Through a variety of written and oral statements, including his speech at Freshman Convocation, a statement published in all campus newspapers at the beginning of Spring Quarter 1989, and a letter to new students, the Chancellor has communicated the value the campus places on diversity and pluralism and the unacceptability of intolerance, insensitivity and harassment.
- 4. A number of multicultural programs in residence halls and other campus venues, including a week-long "Word Fest" (see attached brochure) and a multi-ethnic "Freedom Seder".

- 5. Educating members of the campus community to understand and value persons whose race, ethnicity, gender, physical capacity, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation is different from their own. Efforts include a diversity workshop series by Student Affairs entitled "Let's Be Different Together" (see attached brochure and Spring 1989 workshop booklet), the development of a similar program by Facilities Management (in process), the development of a Staff Affirmative of a model program that can be adapted by all units on campus (in process), and training for orientation counselors, Academic Advancement Program staff and counselors, and residence halls staff and counselors. The campus has sought the assistance of community groups with expertise in multicultural awareness training.
- 6. The establishment of a Chancellor's Community Advisory Commission, comprised of noted community leaders representative of the region's diverse population, to serve as a bridge between the campus and the community and to assist the campus in dealing with quality of campus life issues.

The initiatives that UCLA has undertaken are very much in the spirit of SB 1358 (Torres) and are at the forefront of steps being taken by other universities and colleges. Although most of UCLA's actions were taken prior to--or were in process at the time of--the October 4, 1988 hearing on "Racial/Ethnic Tensions on University of California Campuses" of the Senate Special Committee on University of California Admissions (Senator Torres, Chairman), that session enriched its awareness of the racism that exists on campuses and strengthened its resolve to do all it could to minimize harassment. Although it may not be possible to completely eradicate racism or prevent incidents of "hate violence," UCLA believes its efforts will contribute significantly to the creation of a pluralistic community on its campus. We will continually review and refine our programs and develop new initiatives as needed.

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