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MEDIA ALERT

County of Orange to Host Virtual Listening Session Following an Increase in Hate Activity in Wake of COVID-19

SANTA ANA, Calif. (September 18, 2020) — On October 6, 2020, the County of Orange and Orange County (OC) Human Relations Commission are inviting the public to participate in *Understanding Our Implicit Biases & Community Experiences*, a virtual listening session focused on fear-driven hate.

WHO: This forum is open to all members of the public and comes as a result of an increase in hate activity following COVID-19.

WHEN: Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Time: 5-6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Webinar via Zoom

WHY: Currently, 60% of the hate activity tracked by the OC Human Relations Commission has targeted the Asian American/Pacific Islander community due to the origins of the COVID-19 virus. This forum will focus on a discussion around how implicit bias may drive individuals into hateful rhetoric and actions; the impacts of fear and panic during the COVID-19 crisis; and ways to heal together.

REGISTRATION: Register for free at <https://forms.gle/T5S6irAcpLt9Zdbf6>.

OTHER LINKS: OC Human Relations Commission website: <https://occommunityservices.org/ochrc>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact OC Human Relations Commission staff, Norma Lopez, at norma@ochumanrelations.org

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The County of Orange
& OC Human Relations Commission
Presents

UNDERSTANDING OUR IMPLICIT BIASES & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

A Listening Session Focusing on Fear-Driven Hate

During times of crisis, every single one of us may face challenges impacting multiple facets of our lives. This can also lead us to act out on our implicit biases due to fear of the unknown.

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- The impacts of fear & panic during the crisis
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