



# LGBTQ Committee Agenda

Thursday, October 2, 2014 - 6:30pm

Hamilton Senior High School Library Building, Second Floor  
2955 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034  
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## I. Call to Order & Roll Call (Meeting will start at 6:30PM - 8PM)

## II. General Public Comment

## III. Old Business (5-10 minutes each)

- a. Approval of August Minutes
- b. Discussion and possible action to consider strategic plans for the 2014-2015 FY
- c. Tobi Stein - Vice-Co Chair of LGBTQ and Student at Hamilton: Report on Hamilton High School GSA and possible action on how SORO LGBTQ Committee can work with Hamilton High School GSA to reach out to Hamilton High School LGBTQ students.
- d. Darrel Cummings - Vice President Los Angeles LGBT Center: Discussion and possible actions on how LA LGBT CENTER and SORO LGBTQ Committee can work together with SORO Outreach Committee to best reach out to it's SORO LGBTQ constituents.
- e. Leo Portal - Discussion and possible actions on how to work together with Westside Family Health Center to best reach out to it's SORO LGBTQ constituents.

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

- a. Craig Miller - Founder of AIDS Walk - Discussion and possible action for SORO Members to participate AIDS Walk Marathon.

- b. Tony Briggs - American Red Cross - Discussion and possible action to submit a letter from SORO NC in support of 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."*

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## VII. 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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