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Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations  
Launches New Youth Campaign

The Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission has launched an exciting new youth public education program to combat the roots of hate and hate crimes. With the recent surge in hate crimes due to the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, it is more important than ever to begin creative ways to stop hate crimes. The Commission on Human Relations is directly addressing youth issues by engaging youth and including them in the creation process of a youth public education campaign. The campaign takes a new approach to education targeted at youth. Instead of throwing sound bites and slogans at youth to stop violence, we are working with youth to create images and messages to help start a dialogue about multi-cultural issues. A thought-provoking media campaign will spark dialogue in the community.

**The first step of the new program is the creation of a Youth Advisory Council Team or “Youth A.C.T.” The Council will help the Commission be more in touch with youth issues and will advise the Commission on ways to be more inclusive of youth. Youth will be selected from around the county to participate. Each youth will be paid a stipend for attending meetings. The Council will be an exciting opportunity for youth to be involved with Countywide programs and to help advise the Commission on Human Relations about youth concerns. Participants will also be able to sponsor youth events and conferences.**

We are asking youth to get more involved and apply to the Youth A.C.T. program by filling out a short application, answering three questions and turning in one letter of recommendation. Applications are due by May 15, 2002. The full application is attached. For more information call Cherylynn Hoff at (213) 974-7629.