

**Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
May 20, 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Virtually via Zoom**

Introductions via chat function

Call to order at 10:03 a.m. by Nancy Volpert

2021 Legislation & Policies

a. State

Begin with review of the bill chart, which is maintained as a Google doc, please contact Nancy, Minty, Sandra or Jolene if you do not already have access and need to get access to the chart. See chart for updates.

Of interest during the bill chart discussion were comments by participant JP about the potential impact of SB731 on survivors, expect further discussion on these important topics during June meeting

b. Federal

No updates on VAWA, as it continues to be pending in the Senate

Stephanie Molen has issues of import to raise but had to leave, so we look forward to discussion in June

c. Local

Chanel confirmed that City Council had not yet pass a budget

Emerging Issues

a. Paraprofessional Legal Services for DV Survivors

Julia reports that paraprofessional workgroup at State Bar still moving forward, proposing paraprofessional be able to provide full in court representation in family law; activists mobilizing for feedback

b. Criminal Justice Reform – DA Policies Impacting DV Survivors

Follow up discussion to the DVA meeting on DA Gascon's policies, including discussion on great bodily harm, how injured a victim must be to qualify for enhancements, unintended consequences of policies, and victims desire to hold perpetrators accountable. Tiffany explained that no physical injuries required to charge for attempted murder and that policing policies not within the purview of the DA's office. Cecelia responded that the policies are all part of the system. Hopefully there will be more to address this further at next meeting and Tiffany will attempt to invite others from DA's office to join the discussion.

Matters not on the posted agenda

Nancy invites people to let her or Minty know about discussion topics for future meetings at least 10 days prior to the meeting so it can be posted onto the agenda.

No public comments made

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 17, 2021**