



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO REGARDING COVID-19 AND HOPE EVENTS

A Message to the HOPE Community,

Due to the recommendations from government and public health officials aimed at protecting public health and slowing the spread of COVID-19, which relate to events and gatherings, **we regret to inform you that the 2020 Latina History Day Conference scheduled for Friday, March 13 was canceled.**

HOPE takes the health, well-being, and safety of the community seriously, and we have continuously monitored the developments over recent days to make the best decision for our attendees and the greater community. Given the World Health Organization's designation of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement that gatherings over 250 people should be postponed or canceled, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's call for the postponement or cancellation of events over 50 people, it became clear that it was impossible for HOPE to convene this event. Latina History Day has always been an opportunity to join together in being Resolved, Resilient and Recharged and so this was an incredibly difficult decision.

For the same reasons, we have decided to postpone HOPE's Latina Action Day Sacramento, scheduled for Monday, April 20 to a later date. We look forward to providing additional information about the new Latina Action Day conference date soon.

With growing concerns about COVID-19, protecting the health and well-being of the Latinas we serve, and the greater community, is incredibly important to us. As a values driven organization, we have the responsibility to do our part by prioritizing the best interests of our conference participants and the community at large.

Registrants of HOPE's Latina History Day conference have been contacted and provided with instructions to process the refunding of their purchased tickets.

Please continue to stay updated by checking HOPE's social media and your email regularly as we may have the possibility of delivering some of our programming virtually, and for communication about our new Latina Action Day date. We thank you for your understanding and patience during the next few days.

HOPE will continue to monitor developments around COVID-19 and its potential impact on future HOPE events scheduled for this year.

We thank our attendees, speakers, staff, sponsors and community partners for their understanding and flexibility. We apologize for any inconvenience this brings. **We do not take this decision lightly, and encourage those with questions or concerns to reach out to the HOPE team at events@latinas.org.**

Please keep safe and strong during these challenging times. I like to remind our leadership program participants that HOPE is always with us, since each of us represents HOPE for our community. HOPE is what gets us through difficult moments in our lives, and it is what connects us all.

With much respect for our community and the Latinas we serve,

Helen Torres
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Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)