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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](mailto:norma@ochumanrelations.org)

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