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CLUB MEETING AGENDA

➔ NEW DATE & LOCATION ◀

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Newport Beach Civic Center Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach

5:30: Networking & Light Refreshments – Members Free; Non-Members \$15

- Check-In, Name Tags, Program Materials
- Membership Information & Dues Payment
- Networking Opportunity

6:00: Call to Order & Welcome: President Rima Nashashibi

- Meeting Sponsor Introduction: Aava Dental (FB [@AavaDentalUnion](#))
- General Introductions

6:15: Speaker Program: Hate Crimes/Incidents on the Rise . . . What can be done?

- **Norma López**, Director, OC Human Relations Commission
- **Deputy Chief Jeff Brouwer**, Newport Beach Police Department
- **Undersheriff Don Barnes**, Orange County Sheriff's Department
- **Sergeant Mike Abdeen**, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

7:00: In Celebration of International Women's Day & International History Month:

- Meet 16-yr old feminist Isabel Shiao and her parents
- Learn about the work of [The Afghan Women's Association of Southern California](#)
- Q&A

In Celebration of Women's History Month

- Honoring NBWDC's Founding Officers

7:30: NBWDC Indivisible Task Force Activism Report

- Activism Activities
- Action Items for the Week

WeLeadOC Political Training Program, [April 2017](#)

8:00: Adjourn Club Meeting

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Speaker Topic
Hate Crimes/Incidents on the Rise.
What can be done?

Norma López, Director, OC Human Relations Commission



Norma López joined the OC Human Relations team in late 2014 and became Commission Director in 2016. She serves as executive support staff to the Human Relations Commission and leads the Community Building Team. Mrs. López has found that her purpose is unremittingly rooted in the idea that one must “help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours”. Consequently, Norma was able to find purpose as she took a leap into the realm of community organizing, social justice, and leadership development by joining the Peace Corps after completing her undergrad work. Through this journey, she discovered an unending source of fearlessness that has allowed her to follow the path less traveled both professionally and personally. Mrs. López is passionate about bolstering emergent change agents and is stimulated by building meaningful relationships that continue to enrich and expand her worldview.

Norma is bilingual and bicultural with Salvadoran cultural roots. She earned a Bachelor’s in International Studies from University of La Verne and a Master’s in Public Administration from Baruch College – The City University of New York (CUNY).

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Deputy Chief Jeff Brouwer, Newport Beach Police Department



Deputy Chief Jeff Brouwer is currently assigned as the Detective Division Commander of the Newport Beach Police Department. The Detective Division Commander exercises line command over personnel in the Detective Division and serves as a member of the Command Staff and the Management Team.

Deputy Chief Brouwer began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department where he worked as a patrol officer and a Special Enforcement Unit officer in Rampart Division. He then transferred to Harbor Division where he worked as a patrol officer and a Gang Unit officer. Deputy Chief Brouwer joined the Newport Beach Police Department in 2000. He has worked in a variety of assignments, including patrol, Motors, Background Investigator, Polygraph Examiner, Recruitment Officer, Reserve Coordinator, and Crisis Negotiation Supervisor. He then promoted to the rank of Sergeant and worked as a Patrol Supervisor, and Personnel and Training Sergeant. He then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and went back to patrol as a Watch Commander. As a patrol watch commander he was also responsible for the K-9 Unit and the Department's jail facility. He then transferred to the Detective Division as the Detective Lieutenant. From detectives he transferred to the Office of the Chief of Police as the Executive Officer. In his role as the Executive Officer, he was responsible for managing the Press Information Officer, Crime Prevention Specialist, Payroll, Emergency Operations and Internal Affairs. He then promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief.

Deputy Chief Brouwer is a current member of the California Police Officers Association's Law and Legislative Committee. He also serves on the Orange County AB109 Working Group. He is a mentor for the Corona Del Mar High School Mentor Program and also serves on the Board of Directors for Speak Up Newport.

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Undersheriff Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff's Department



Undersheriff Barnes is a 28 year veteran with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. As Undersheriff, Don is the organization's Chief Operating Officer overseeing the daily operations of the department's 3,800 employees. Prior to his promotion as Undersheriff, he was the Assistant Sheriff responsible for executive oversight of the Administrative Services Command, responsible for four divisions of the department: Financial Services, Research and Development, Communications, and Systems. Don previously lead the Professional Services Command, encompassing five divisions of the Sheriff's Department: Professional Services Division: S.A.F.E. Division, Training Division, Coroner's Office, and the Orange County Crime Lab. Preceding his role as Assistant Sheriff, Don served as Commander of the Field Operations and Investigative Services Command, overseeing all patrol operations, as well as the Airport Operations, Homeland Security, and Investigations Divisions.

His experiences include Field (Patrol) Operations, Investigations, Jail Operations, Facilities Planning, and Administration. Prior to promotion to Commander, Don was the Captain (Division Commander) of the South Operations Division, overseeing the ten contract cities that comprise South Orange County and serving more than 570,000 residents. As a lieutenant, Don served as the Chief of Police Services for the City of Lake Forest, a police services contract partner.

Undersheriff Barnes has participated in and managed numerous emergency management incidents, was the Law Enforcement Incident Commander during the Santiago Canyon Fires in 2007, the Incident Commander for the Saddleback Civil Forum for Presidential Candidates Barack Obama and John McCain in 2008, and the Director of Emergency Services for a site area emergency at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Throughout his career, Don has managed a variety of other critical incidents, demonstrations and protests.

Undersheriff Barnes has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, USC's CREATE Program on Counter-Terrorism, Senior Management Institute for Policing, and IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations. Don serves on numerous community boards and is the Chair of Orange County Crime Stoppers. In addition, Don is adjunct faculty and teaches for Peace Officers Standards and Training through California State University, Long Beach, and is an instructor at the Orange County Sheriff's Department Academy.

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Sergeant Mike Abdeen, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



Sergeant Mike Abdeen is a 26 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. His assignments have included working in Custody Division, Patrol Division, Detective Division and Homeland Security Division. He worked as an Investigator and a Task Force Officer on the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) for several years.

Sergeant Abdeen is an Arab American, and he is the Arabic Language examiner for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Abdeen is currently assigned to the Special Operations Division/Community outreach and engagement unit. Sergeant Abdeen established the Muslim Community Affairs Unit, the first of its kind in the State of California and the nation, with the objective of building trust and partnership with the Muslim Communities in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas.

Sergeant Abdeen is also an instructor for cultural awareness and sensitivity training for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department staff and academy recruits, he coordinates outreach efforts with other local, state and federal agencies at the Interagency Coordination Group (ICG) in Los Angeles.

Sgt. Abdeen received several awards and published several articles on community outreach and Countering Violent Extremism, he travelled internationally to share his expertise to several countries to include Egypt, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Malaysia. Sgt. Abdeen presented the LA CVE model at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.

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