

2026- 2027 Public Events, Projects and Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

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Our Ad Hoc subcommittee's goal is to propose a variety of events and projects that EHRAC members can choose from to include in EHRAC's 2026-27 work plan. In addition, where possible, we'll propose a budget for the events and projects.

Note: EHRAC Regular Meeting Months are:
July, October, January and April.

We recommend holding one of the proposed events in October during United Against Hate Week.

Possible events for 2026-2027:

-- Presentation on Guashna Village:

Extend an invitation to the *Culver City Historical Society* to host a joint meeting or collaboration presentation on "Guashna Village: Gabrielino Tongva Origin Village Site."

We would like to invite Christina Conley, Historian for the Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, to share information from the 2021 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors commissioned report titled "We Are Still Here: A Report on Past, Present and Ongoing Harms Against Local Tribes" as well as information on Guashna.

Possible Date: October 27, 2026, which appears to be available on the Historical Society's calendar

Budget: \$1000 for Honorarium and \$100 for snacks/refreshments.

-- Event At The Ballona Discovery Park

The [Ballona Discovery Park](#), in Playa del Rey, CA, honors the **Gabrielino-Tongva** people, who inhabited the resource-rich Ballona Wetlands for over 8,000 years. The park features educational exhibits about their history, a reconstructed *Kiiy* (traditional dwelling), and native plants crucial to their daily life and culture.

The [Friends of Ballona Wetlands](#) provides guided tours and educational programs that explore this history. We can collaborate with them to host an event at The Discovery Park.

Possible Date: Sometime near Indigenous Peoples Day 2026 (ideally)

Budget: TBD

-- Community/Courageous Conversation

Theme/topic: Supporting our LGBTQAI+ students.

Invite a panel of LGBTQAI+ identifying students in Culver City to share their experiences, both challenging and positive... Once the panelists have finished their presentations, the audience can engage in Q&A with the panelists to help us better understand their needs and how we can better support them as a community.

Budget: \$200 for snacks.

-- Community/Courageous Conversation

Theme/topic: How to be an anti-racist/Allyship and community

In March 2024 EHRAC hosted a courageous conversation workshop that was facilitated by Maia Ferdman, Founder of Bridges | Intergroup Relations Consulting. (www.intergroupbridges.com) Given the very positive experience we had working with Maia, we propose inviting Maia to facilitate another workshop for EHRAC focusing on the theme of how to be an anti-racist/cultivating allyship and community.

Budget: \$1600.

This amount would include compensation of \$1500 for Maia Ferdman, and \$100 for purchase of snacks.

-- Community/Courageous Conversation

Theme/topic: Connecting hearts across the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

The Culver City community is still holding deep divides and unrest over the issue of Israel and Palestine. We propose hosting a "Listening From the Heart" courageous conversation as designed by The Parent's Circle. (<https://parentscirclefriends.org/listening/>)

Listening From the Heart is a transformative program offering communities a chance to engage in meaningful dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a human perspective.

Through compelling videos of personal narratives from bereaved Israelis and Palestinians, and a comprehensive Facilitator's Guide, Listening From the Heart fosters understanding, empathy, and reconciliation.

Budget: \$2500 to \$3000.

This amount to include fees of \$850 (non-profit package) to gain lifetime access to the videos, facilitation guide and other resources needed to host the program.

\$1500 to \$2000 for professional facilitator(s).

\$150 for snacks.

--Stories and Facilitated Small-Group Discussion

Theme/Title: Oppression, Forgotten Histories, Personal Perspectives, and Healing

One factor in healing is being heard.

Speakers: A Gabrielino-Tongva person, a Japanese American person, a Black person, an Hispanic person, a Jewish person, a Palestinian person. The storytelling would be followed by small group discussion with the assistance of a trained facilitator.

Budget: \$1,100 (\$1,000 for facilitator and \$100 for snacks)

In addition to the above listed events, EHRAC will continue to engage in the following projects:

-- Equity and Human Relations Awards

Budget: \$500-\$1000

--Diversity Awareness Projects Budget: \$0

--Community Survey re. peace resolution: \$0