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Dear Friends:

I have the distinct privilege of serving as the top prosecutor in one of the nation's most diverse counties.

We are fortunate to share in the rich and diverse cultures that make Los Angeles County a very special place to live, work and visit.

Given the recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, I want to remind the people of Los Angeles County that we in law enforcement are committed to keeping every member of our community safe.

We have and must continue to coexist peacefully and within the law.

We will not tolerate violence and hate crimes targeted at any group within our community.

As a former hate crimes prosecutor, I am especially sensitive to how this type of home-grown violence aimed at a single person based on his or her identity can terrorize an entire community.

My office is committed to prosecuting anyone who uses violence and credible threats of violence to try to intimidate and harm people in a protected category.

Hate crimes undermine the foundation of equal justice in our society – and they will not be tolerated in Los Angeles County.

For more information about hate crimes, please go to the office's website at <http://da.lacounty.gov/community/pamphlets>.

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