



*Houston Coalition Against Hate (HCAH) is a network of community-based organizations, institutions and leaders in Houston that have come together to collectively address and prevent incidents of hate, bias, discrimination and violence against Houstonians on the basis of their religion, race/ethnicity, gender, gender identity/expression, disability, age, sexual orientation, and immigration status.*

## **HISTORY**

Concerned by reports of the steady rise in incidents of hate and bias in Houston, especially incidents against African-American, Jewish, Muslim and LGBTQ communities, a group of over 30 community stakeholders came together in early 2017 to develop a coordinated communitywide plan to reduce incidents of bias and hate. Over the past two years, the group organized itself as the Houston Coalition Against Hate (HCAH) and has worked toward strengthening connections between organizations working in this space, facilitating the exchange of information, skills and experience, and establishing partnerships with law enforcement agencies and other institutions, so that Houston can improve its systems to effectively prevent, reduce and address incidents of hate. Key activities of HCAH in 2017 have included: mapping of resources that communities access to address incidents of hate and bias; training to develop a common understanding of bias, hate, and intersectionality of issues; meeting with Police Chief Art Acevedo to discuss law enforcement's response to incidents of hate; and collaboration with the Department of Justice (DOJ), local law enforcement, and community leaders, about incidents of hate and bias in the Muslim, Arab and South Asian communities, including a meeting with DOJ officials and a community forum at the Arab American Cultural Center.



## **MISSION**

HCAH is a network of community-based organizations, institutions and leaders who come together to reduce hate and encourage belonging.

## **VISION**

To be a successful model for the prevention of hate, bias, discrimination, and violence.

## **APPROACH**

- Prevention and intervention through the arts, policy and community engagement.
  - Conduct and support research for understanding, addressing and reducing hate and bias incidents.
  - Fostering relationships between law enforcement and member organizations to better serve the communities they both serve.
  - Create opportunities for collaboration amongst coalition members to increase capacity and the cohesion of community initiatives by serving as a convening body for local grassroots and national organizations.
  - Work collectively to develop best practices, including but not limited to uniform systems of response to hate and bias incidents.
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## **LOOKING BACK JANUARY-JUNE 2018**

### **ENGAGING MEMBERSHIP | Highlight**

Building on the work of 2017, Coalition members created SMART goals with the intent of developing robust strategies that engage a wide range of partners.

### **COORDINATOR SEARCH | Highlight**

Marjorie Joseph was selected by HCAH to coordinate the work.



## HCAH FROM JULY-DECEMBER 2018

### FORMING COMMITTEES | By the Numbers

In order to steer and direct the work of the Coalition four committees were created: Organizational, Research and Response, Prevention and Law Enforcement.

### ENGAGING MEMBERSHIP | By the Numbers

The Coalition has increased from 43 to 56 active members with monthly meeting participation increasing from an average of 15 to 35 members.

### ENGAGING COMMUNITIES | Highlight

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brazos Bookstore, HCAH in collaboration with the Refugee Council USA, ACLU TX, CAIR Houston, and United We Dream hosted a timely discussion on the rise in hate across the country. Arjun Sethi, community activist and civil rights lawyer, read excerpts from his new book *American Hate: Survivors Speak Out*, which chronicles the stories of individuals targeted by hate. The reading was followed by a panel discussion with community leaders and facilitated by the HCAH coordinator.

## MEMBERS

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| Alliance for Compassion and Tolerance (ACT)   |
| American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)         |
| American Pakistan Foundation (APF)            |
| Anti-Defamation League (ADL)                  |
| Asia Society                                  |
| BakerRipley                                   |
| Black Lives Matter Houston (BLMHOU)           |
| Boniuk Center (Rice University)               |
| Catholic Charities                            |
| Center for Advancing Innovative Policy (CAIP) |
| Chinese Community Center (CCC)                |
| Coalition Of Community Organizations (COCO)   |
| Council for American Islamic Relations (CAIR) |
| Culture of Health Advancing Together (CHAT)   |
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| Deborah Mouton (Houston Poet Laureate)                                 |
| Dialogue Institute (DI)  |
| Earl Carl Institute (ECI of Texas State University)                    |
| Educational Excellence Resource Group (EERG)                           |
| Engage USA   |
| Empowering Communities Initiative (ECI)                                |
| Equality Texas   |
| GLBT Political Caucus  |
| Harris County Civic Engagement Initiative (HCCEI)                      |
| Hindu American Foundation (HAF)  |
| Hindus of Greater Houston (HGH)  |
| Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC)                                     |
| Houston Endowment Inc. (HEI)   |
| Houston Grand Opera (HGOco)  |
| Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative (HILSC)               |
| Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL)  |
| Imaginoir  |
| Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston (IMGH)                        |
| Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)                                       |
| Justine Fanarof, Esq.  |
| Mi Familia Vota  |
| My Brother's Keeper (MBK) - City of Houston                            |
| OCA - Greater Houston  |
| Office of New Americans - City of Houston                              |
| Partnership for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees (PAIR) Houston |
| Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church (RMCC)                      |
| Rothko Chapel  |
| Sikh Coalition   |
| Sisterhood of Shalom Shalom (SoSS)                                     |
| Stardust Fund  |
| Tahirih Justice Center (TJC)   |
| Texas Civil Rights Project   |
| Texas Criminal Justice Coalition (TCJC)                                |
| Texas Organizing Project (TOP)   |
| The Alliance Texas   |



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| The Jung Center                                     |
| The Montrose Center                                 |
| Transgender Law Center (TLC)                        |
| United We Dream (UWD)                               |
| University of Houston (UH) - College of Social Work |

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