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(Left to right: Laganja Estranja, Latrice Royale, Drew Carey, Mayor Eric Garcetti)

AIDS Walk Los Angeles Prepares to Welcome 20,000 Walkers, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, A Royal Court of Queens From RuPaul's Drag Race, Drew Carey, and Many More October 23 in Grand Park

List of high-profile attendees who will appear at the 32nd annual event benefitting APLA Health grows to include Price Is Right host Carey, Mayor Garcetti, and Drag Race queens and judges Raja, Delta Work, Latrice Royale, Lagnaja Estranja, Morgan McMichaels, Michelle Visage, and Carson Kressley, among others

(Los Angeles, CA; October 13, 2016)—[AIDS Walk Los Angeles](#) is excited to announce a roster of celebrities and elected officials who will be joining the event's opening ceremony and providing post-Walk entertainment on October 23. Confirmed to appear at the opening ceremony are television stars Drew Carey (*The Price Is Right*), Carson Kressley (Logo TV's *RuPaul's Drag Race*), Michelle Visage (*RuPaul's Drag Race*), Bebe Wood (ABC's *The Real O'Neals*), and Jenna Ortega (the CW's *Jane the Virgin*). Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti will speak at the opening ceremony for the third consecutive year, and several more local and state elected officials will also be in attendance.

In addition, AIDS Walk Los Angeles will host a fabulous post-Walk drag show in Grand Park, featuring appearances and performances by *RuPaul's Drag Race* stars Raja (Season 3 winner), Delta Work (Season 3) and Latrice Royale (Season 4), Laganja Estranja (Season 6) and Morgan McMichaels (Season 2), along with judges Kressley and Visage. The post-Walk festivities in the park will include food trucks located near the splash fountain, provided by Palazzolotruck, Slammin' Sliders, Gourmet Genie, and Tainamite.

The Walk, which is expected to draw many thousands of participants in its 32nd year, raises vital funds for the services and programs [APLA Health](#) provides to more than 14,000 people in Los Angeles County annually. Since its inception in 1985, AIDS Walk Los Angeles has raised more than \$82 million for organizations that work to end the HIV epidemic and is one of the largest AIDS fundraising events in the country.

The Walk takes place Sunday, October 23, in Grand Park:

8:30 a.m.: Sign-In

9:15 a.m.: Opening Ceremony begins

10 a.m.: Official Walk kickoff

12 p.m.: Post-Walk entertainment begins

The Walk will pass a number of notable locations downtown, including the Japanese American National Museum, the Broad Museum, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. A route map is available at [la.aidswalk.net](#).

AIDS Walk Los Angeles is supported by many sponsors, including Premier Sponsors Gilead Sciences and Quest Diagnostics; Grand Sponsors ABC7, Delta Air Lines, Paul Hastings, and Paramount Pictures; and Principal Sponsors Anthem Blue Cross, Macy's, PepsiCo, and Toyota.

Participants are encouraged to register at [la.aidswalk.net](#) and begin fundraising. Those who are unable to attend the walk can support efforts by donating funds online, as well.

Join the AIDS Walk Los Angeles community online through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

Find out more about APLA Health and the services it provides by visiting [aplahealth.org](#).

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About APLA Health: APLA Health's mission is to achieve health care equity and promote well-being for the LGBT and other underserved communities and people living with and affected by HIV. We are a nonprofit, federally qualified health center serving more than 14,000 people annually. We provide 20 different services from 15 locations throughout Los Angeles County, including: medical, dental, and behavioral health care; PrEP counseling and management; health education and HIV prevention; and STD screening and treatment. For people living with HIV, we offer housing support; benefits counseling; home health care; and the Vance North Necessities of Life Program food pantries; among several other critically needed services. Additionally, we are leaders in advocating for policy and legislation that positively impacts the LGBT and HIV communities, provide capacity-building assistance to health departments across the country, and conduct community-based research on issues affecting the communities we serve. For more information, please visit us at [aplahealth.org](#).

About AIDS Walk Los Angeles: Since 1985, AIDS Walk Los Angeles has raised more than \$82 million for HIV programs and services throughout Los Angeles County, and has grown into one of the largest AIDS fundraising events in the country. In 2015 alone, 20,000 participants, many of whom were members of 1,600 corporate and

community teams, raised more than \$2.4 million for AIDS Project Los Angeles and 20 other AIDS service organizations. For more information, please visit la.aidswalk.net.

About MZA Events: AIDS Walk Los Angeles was founded in 1985 by Craig R. Miller and his organization of activists, MZA Events. Miller is the AIDS Walk Founder and Senior Organizer and has produced hundreds of public service campaigns and fundraising events, generating more than \$400 million for major AIDS organizations throughout the country. For more information, please visit mzaevents.com.