



L.A. NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP ON MONKEYPOX, HIV AND STDs

PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE MOST BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT

Marshalling the forces of government to fight infectious diseases is a sacred trust.

We live in a shrinking world. Diseases that pop up somewhere else are destined to arrive here. Existing epidemics including monkeypox, HIV and STDs that continue to plague us disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men and transgender women. LGBT+ and people of color communities distrust the public health system for very good reasons dating back to the beginning of AIDS.

LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TREATS THE TRUSTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY WITH CONTEMPT

Rather than partnering with them they demean and minimize them. The delayed and inadequate response to monkeypox is only the most recent example.

Public health relies on the support of the public. Yet, L.A. Public Health prefers a top-down approach which dictates to the community rather than enlisting their support and sets community groups against one another. The time for change is now.

PUT THE PUBLIC BACK IN PUBLIC HEALTH

