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RE: Reverend Aliah K. MaJon, PhD  
Founder, Next 50 Years Project & Youth Expecting Support (Y.E.S.) Dialogues

Dear School Administrators, Parents, Youth & Y.E.S. Program Supporters:

As Commanding Officer of LAPD's Community Relationship Division (CRD), I am in full support of the **Y.E.S. Dialogues** for Los Angeles Schools & Community Programs, and am endorsing the partnership between our team and Reverend Dr. Aliah K. MaJon from the Next 50 Years Project. Beginning with myself, our officers wish to respond to the needs of the youth in Los Angeles, and like the acronym in the name Y.E.S. (Youth Expecting Support) Dialogues has brought to our attention: **Youth "expect" our support, and we are answering "yes!"**

Throughout my more than 20 year career with the LAPD, I have witnessed firsthand what happens to young people when comprehensive support is not present in their lives. And, as a result of me sincerely caring about this issue, I have made it my professional responsibility to get involved with positive influences in the lives of youth, as well as to make sure that uplifting support for them is sustained. Therefore, when Reverend Dr. Aliah presented us with the proposal to partner with the efforts of her organization, the Next 50 Years Project, and introduced the Y.E.S. Dialogues and related special programming, we were thrilled to do so. The CRD is eager to collaborate on this initiative to educate, inspire and support better relations between youth and police.

And, this is only the beginning... The Community Relationship Division (CRD) is committed to Los Angeles youth, schools, citizens and neighborhoods, and it is my intention that our work in L.A. will be relevant and far-reaching. So, we are thankful for Reverend Dr. Aliah, and the part she is playing in the achievement of our goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Malachi".

RUBY F. MALACHI, Captain  
Commanding Officer  
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