



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, August 19, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Virtual
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Wolfe
Commissioner McAtee
Commissioner Goulet
Commissioner Ventour
Commissioner Seagraves
Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Settles

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Connecting with Ann Arbor Public Art Commission - Allison Buck, AAPAC Chair
- B. "L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day," a Global Mural Painting Event
[2021 LITA Day Planning Presentation rev 7-30-21pdf](#)

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Appreciation to Garrett Schumann for Service to Arts Commission
- C. Vacant Positions on Arts Commission - Schumann's Position and Youth Representative

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances

B. Artist and Community Survey

C. Public Art Process + Guidelines

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

X. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, June 17, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The ARTS COMMISSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, June 17, 2021, in the Zoom Meeting.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Wolfe - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Schumann - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County (Excused Late)
Commissioner Goulet - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Kirkpatrick - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Thompson - City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Commissioner Settles - Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County

Absent:

Commissioner McAtee
Commissioner Ventour
Commissioner Seagraves

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add an additional item under updates. The additional item was to discuss public art opportunities from a recent Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority meeting.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

Approved:

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 4

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Settles.

Approved:

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 4

5 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

No comments were made.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Allison Buck of the Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission intended to present, but she had to reschedule to the August meeting. All members of the Ypsilanti Art Commission were invited to the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission's August 4th meeting.

7 NEW BUSINESS

None.

8 OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Proposed Busking Policy to Support Street Art Performances** - Commissioner Schumann presented a brief update.
- b) **Artist and Community Survey** - Commissioners Goulet and Wolfe discussed a plan to move forward with the survey.
- c) **Public Art Process + Guidelines** - No updates, but the commission intends to discuss in more detail at the July meeting.

9 DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

10 UPDATES

- a) **Black Lives Matter Street Mural Project** - Commissioners Wolfe, Settles, and Thompson discussed their experiences attending the project.
- b) **Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority** - Commissioner Goulet and Elize Jekabson of the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority discussed new public art initiatives and opportunities for the Art Commission to consider. Commissioners Thompson, Schumann, and Goulet also discussed recent public art projects they've participated in, and Elize Jekabson discussed Ypsilanti Pride 2021.

11 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

None.

12 PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Goulet discussed the possibility of inviting the new Riverside Arts Center director to a future Art Commission meeting.

13 NEXT MEETING DATE

July 15, 2021

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schumann.

Approved:

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 3



3rd Annual L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day
Friday, September 17, 2021
The Movement Goes Global

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People All Over The World Are Taking The
L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Pledge, which is:

I pledge to **LEARN** about the people in my community,
to unconditionally **OPEN** my heart to their needs as if
they were all immediate family members, to
VOLUNTEER to be part of the solution in their life
during both good and challenging times, and to
EMPOWER everyone I meet to do the same as if our
lives depended on each other.

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L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day

Friday, September 17, 2021

Will Include:

- Our goal is for groups of peace officers and other community members to paint murals in all 50 States, in several U.S. Territories, and on every continent on the same day!
- There will be activities at each location: food, entertainment, wellness sessions, etc.
- The day will end with a Global Zoom from 2 to 6 pm pacific time, where representatives of each local event will show off their mural and talk about what L.O.V.E. Is The Answer means to their community.
- Participants will be asked to submit videos and photos from their local events for consideration for prizes for their community and possible inclusion in the MUSIC VIDEO we will release featuring the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer theme song, titled "Try Love Now." The World premiere of the music video will take place on Valentine's Day 2022!
- It's going to be a fun, meaningful, and inspiring celebration of life and the power of love.
- This is a global day of spreading L.O.V.E. (Learning about others, Opening our hearts to them, Volunteering to be part of the solution in their life, and Empowering others to do the same).
- Any group that is licensing the film may host an official L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day event.

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L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day

Friday, September 17, 2021

How You Can Participate:

- Donate wall space on the outside or inside of your building for a permanent mural exhibit.
- Join or create a local committee to help make the day a success!
- Participate as a mural painter on the day of the event.
- Help lead a local L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day event in your community. If your organization is a licensee of the film, WALKING WHILE BLACK: L.O.V.E. Is The Answer, you can lead a local event in your community. Email info@loveistheanswermovement.com for information on licensing the film.
- There will be three Co-Chairs for each local event. At least one of the Co-Chairs must be a member of the local organization licensing our film. Two of the Co-Chairs must be a Teen and a Peace Officer.
- Sponsor mural painting supplies, sunscreen, Covid-safety supplies, food, beverages, seated massage or other wellness activities, children's activities, or other supplies to help make the day fun, safe, and engaging.
- Ask your local elected officials to issue a proclamation declaring 9/17/21 as L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day.
- Help spread the word to media, sponsors, and volunteers.
- Purchase L.O.V.E. Is The Answer books at <https://loveistheanswermovement.com/the-book/> to give away to your fellow committee members, mural painters, and your local peace officers and students.
- Help set up and/or clean up.
- Help send out thank you letters to all of the volunteers, sponsors, media, and others.

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Get Started! Do These 3 Things Now:

1. Learn all about L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day at this link: <https://loveistheanswermovement.com/lita-day/>.
2. Sign up to participate on a local committee in your area at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CdThMDv87f5cRkF_efB2EOqYX5Um_b8AqRcsiCVQIKA/edit?usp=sharing.
3. Register for our weekly Zoom planning meetings, which are taking place every Friday until September 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM Pacific Time, 1 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Each meeting will last 1 hour and each meeting will be recorded for those who can't make it. Register in advance for our planning meetings at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scOmsrjstG9cUdZuKfxP-4W41IONHjzvC>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Once you've registered for one, you can attend any of the planning meetings using the same link. Please mark it on your calendar as a recurring meeting!



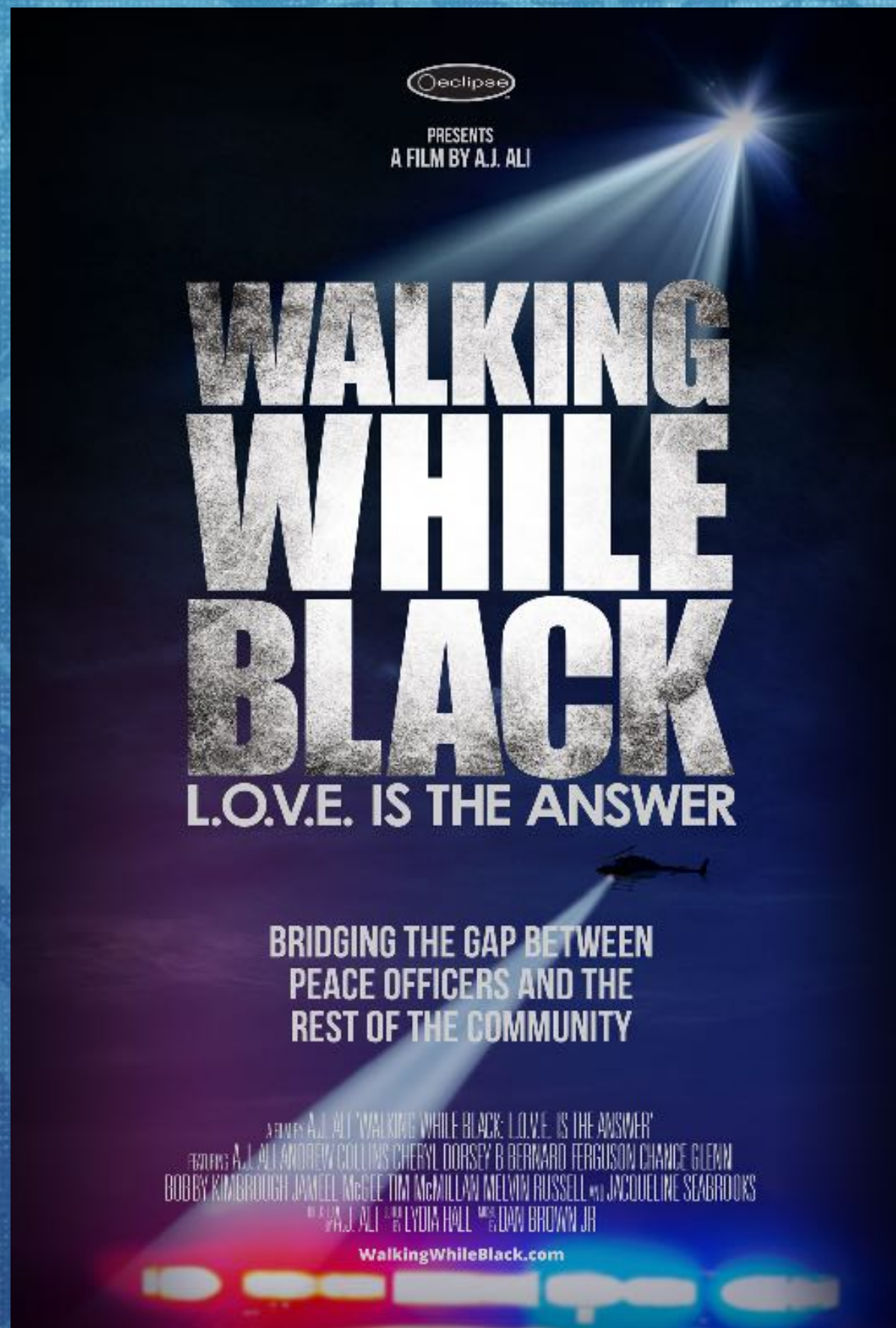
What is L.O.V.E. Is The Answer all about?
LEARN about the people, *OPEN* your heart to their needs, *VOLUNTEER*
to be part of the solution, and *EMPOWER* others to do the same.

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It all started with our film. WALKING WHILE BLACK: L.O.V.E. Is The Answer was released in February 2017. It won several awards, and quickly began to break down barriers and build bridges between people.



The late Congressman Elijah Cummings was a huge supporter of the film and the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer movement. He hosted two pivotal screenings of our film: one at the Congressional Black Caucus conference in Washington D.C. in 2017 and another in Howard County, MD, that led to sweeping changes in their police department, including the hiring of that department's first Black female chief.

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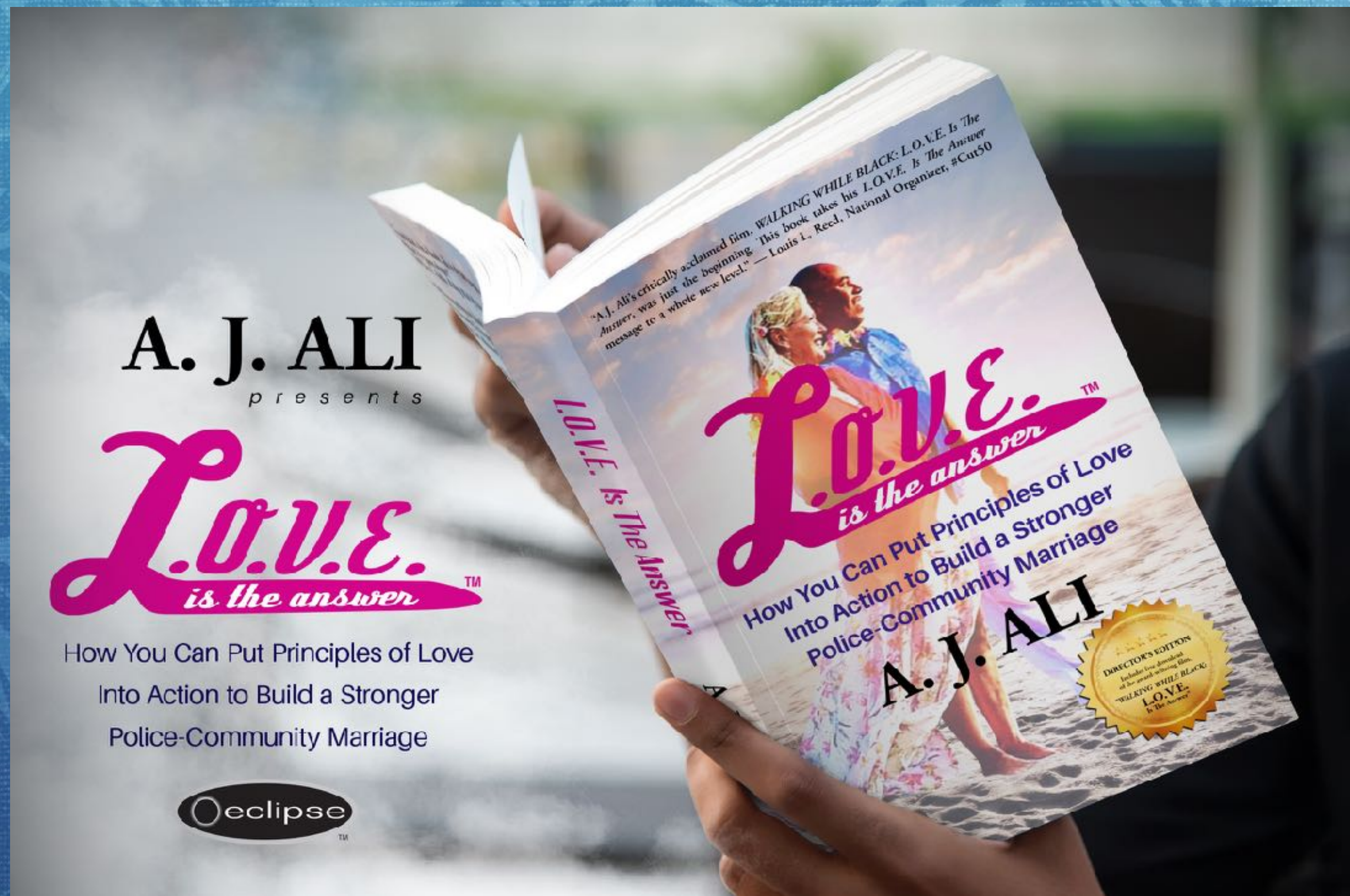
Since the February 2017 debut of our award-winning film, L.O.V.E. Is The Answer has led hundreds of film screenings, workshops, webinars, conferences, and other educational events throughout the U.S.



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The L.O.V.E. Is The Answer book was published in 2020 as a companion to the film, and became an instant classic. It's being used not only by law enforcement agencies and social justice groups, but by companies improving diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI) methods, ministries, schools, those seeking a closer relationship, and many others!



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L.O.V.E. Is The Answer provides tools and safe “re-humanization spaces” for peace officers and other community members to grow closer.

Police Reach Out to Community, Engage in One-on-One, Heart-to-Heart Dialogue

‘Community Dialogue Meeting’ praised by participants, some hail the outreach as another sign the Department has entered a new era of greater transparency

By EDDIE RIVERA, Community Editor, Photography by JAMES CARBONE

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In the fall of 2019, we held our inaugural National Day of Reconciliation in a dozen cities — an annual event that has now been renamed “L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Day.”



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These are some of the groups L.O.V.E. Is The Answer has worked with throughout the U.S.

Other notable relationships:

- Presenter, National Youth At Risk Conference
- Member, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Member, California Crime Prevention Officers Association
- Member, NAACP
- Member, NAACP CA/HI Criminal Justice Committee
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- 2019 Vanguard Social Determinants of Health Fellow
- Santa Monica PD Citizens Police Academy Graduates
- Santa Monica College General Advisory Board Members
- U.S. Air Force Service Disabled Veteran





The world's first L.O.V.E. Garden was established in May 2021 in Yeadon, PA by Police Chief Anthony "Chachi" Paparo. Our ultimate goal is for there to be at least one L.O.V.E. Garden in every U.S. state and territory, and in every country worldwide.



L.O.V.E.
is the answer

Why is L.O.V.E. Is The
Answer needed?





A Google search or one look at a news cycle of coverage of the police-community relationship will show you why L.O.V.E. Is The Answer is needed.



Language of Equity: Police Brutality ...
nevadapartners.org



Some
ktla.co



What the data say about police ...
nature.com



George Floyd death: Police violence in ...
cnbc.com



What
apa.o



Police brutality: Let's get serious ...
thehill.com



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What are the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer principles?
LEARN about the people, *OPEN* your heart to their needs, *VOLUNTEER*
to be part of the solution, and *EMPOWER* others to do the same.



LEARN ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

LEARN about your community and the people within it. For peace officers, that means embracing true community policing with the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Principles as the standard of every interaction, listening to people, getting to know them, serving them and earning their trust. Ministries, make sure there is at least one person from your ministry serving as a chaplain with your local law enforcement and public safety offices. Learn about the adversity our peace officers face, both in the community and within their own department. Companies, seek out ways to nurture and employ members of your community that have been marginalized. Take an active interest in learning about the specific needs of the community.



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OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

OPEN your heart to the humanity in the community. After you take the time to learn, let that knowledge enter your heart. As knowledge seeps into the heart, something magical happens — you start to relate and care on a deeper level. Views and solutions become two-way, not just one-way. Patterns of respect and commitment develop and real relationships are built.



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VOLUNTEER YOURSELF TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER yourself to be part of the solution. Let yourself go there – into that place that makes you both professional AND human. It's OK. It's not a weakness. It's a strength. Change the mindset from "us versus them" to "we're all in this together." Treat every person you deal with like they are your most favorite member of your family and pretty soon, that's exactly what they will become.



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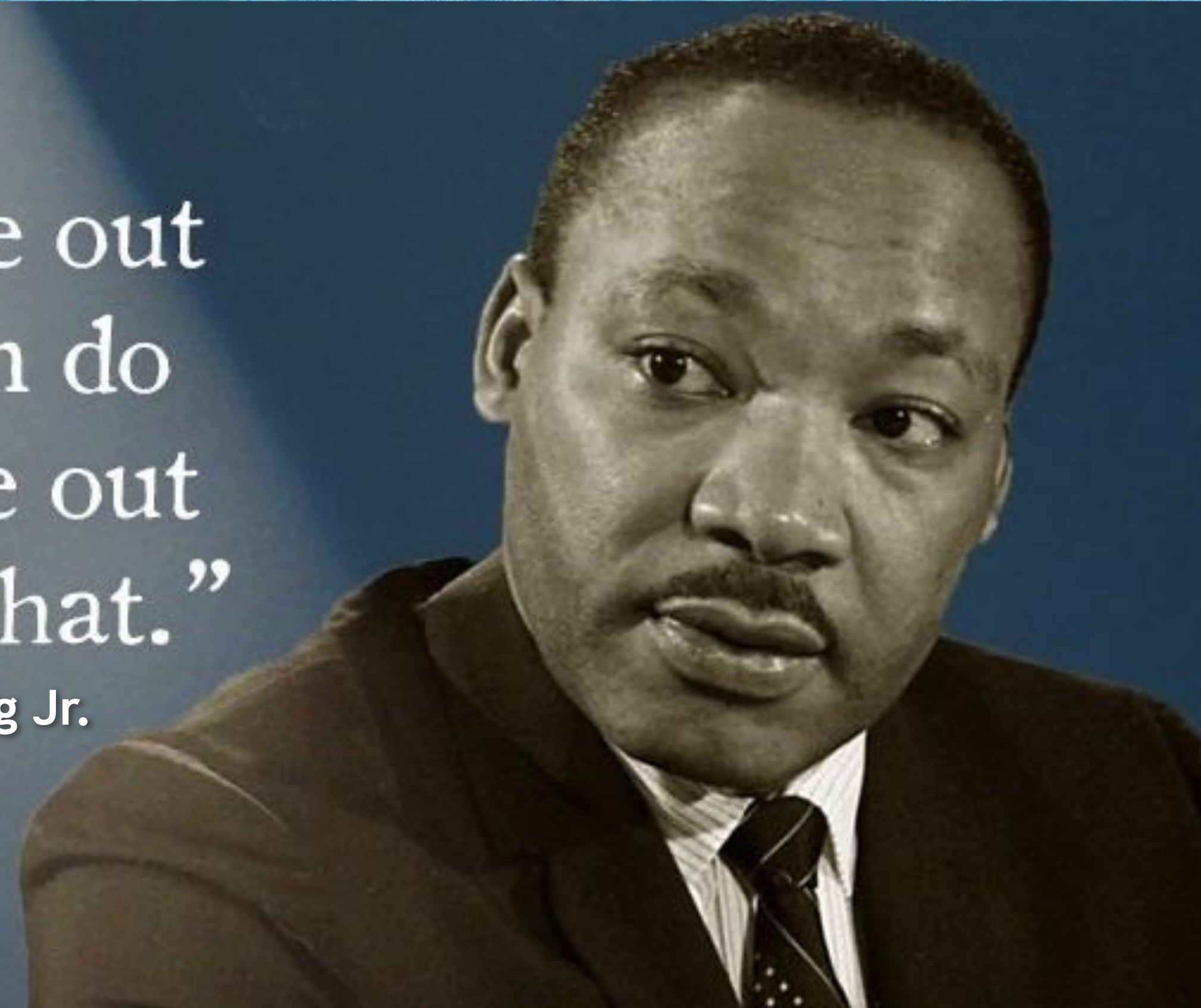
EMPOWER OTHERS TO DO THE SAME

EMPOWER others to do the same. As you practice the first three steps (LEARN, OPEN, & VOLUNTEER), reach out to others in your life to encourage them to do the same thing. When you do this, you'll start to experience a change in attitudes and a stronger community.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jr.





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Let's put L.O.V.E. into action in our community!

Three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love. — 1 Corinthians 13:13 — www.trylovenow.com