



MEDIA ADVISORY

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CELEBRATE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS AT THE CALAVERA LGBTQ+ FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, 10/24

WHAT: The Latino Equality Alliance (LEA) returns with its Calavera LGBTQ+ Festival, a culturally affirming, intergenerational community event that combines Día de los Muertos traditions, LGBTQ+ culture, and nonpartisan civic engagement. The festival will take place on October 24, 2026, in Boyle Heights from 5:30 PM to 10 PM. Highlights include:

- Mobile Voting and Ballot drop-offs
- Lively Day of the Dead altars
- Various performances
- Live music and DJ sets
- Local community resources

WHO:

- Joaquin Gutierrez and Jaqueline Llamas, Festival Hosts
- Eddie Martinez, Executive Director, LEA
- Performers, community leaders, and families

WHEN: **Saturday, October 24, 2026**
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Ace Mission Studios in Boyle Heights**
516 S Mission Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90033

WHO: The Latino Equality Alliance (LEA) was founded in January of 2009, as a direct response to the passing of Proposition 8, the California ballot initiative that took marriage rights away from same-sex couples. Today, the mission of LEA is to advocate for safety, equity, and wellness for the Latine LGBTQ+ community. The organization strongly focuses on youth empowerment, family acceptance, educational equity, public health, and civic engagement.

#VOTEATCALAVERA

The Calavera LGBTQ+ Festival will make civic participation fun, accessible, welcoming, and connected to the Latine community. LEA will blend Día de los Muertos traditions with nonpartisan civic engagement to encourage Los Angeles residents to participate in the 2026 General Election. In partnership with the Los Angeles County Mobile Voting Program, attendees will have access to on-site voting services and secure ballot drop-off. The LA City Clerk's Office will also provide trusted, nonpartisan election information and support eligible community members with voter registration and questions about the voting process.