

Long Beach Advancing Peace Steering Committee Portrait

Purpose:

Develop a profile of the current Steering Committee members for integration into the Advancing Peace Website

Name:

Dr. Dinesa Thomas-Whitman

DOB:

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Organization:

[Habitat for Humanity](#)

Target Population:

- Washington Neighborhood
- Greater Long Beach
- Greater Los Angeles

Services:

- Housing Initiatives
- Community Events
- Neighborhood Leadership Program
- Community Beautification & Built-Environment Initiatives
- Washington Neighborhood Stakeholder Coalition Building
- Funding relations

Profile:

As the Vice President of Programs at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, Dinesa Thomas-Whitman, Ed. D, focuses on fostering Washington neighborhood residents' capacity and political efficacy. Dr. Thomas-Whitman's work focuses on improving Washington's built environment such as affordable/suitable housing, working public lighting fixtures, community art, clean and accessible streets, among other factors that impact the incidence of violence. In collaboration with a coalition of community, organizational, city, and philanthropic stakeholders, Dr. Thomas-Whitman passionately works to activate safe public spaces, promote civic engagement, foster community-level advocacy, and raise awareness of resources/services available in the Washington Neighborhood.

