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**The Empowerment Congress and
L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to Host
Days of Dialogue
Trayvon Martin: Unfinished Business**

What: At 9 a.m., on Saturday, August 3, the Empowerment Congress will host Days of Dialogue, to debate and discuss issues regarding Trayvon Martin's tragic death and the recent exoneration of his killer, George Zimmerman. In small groups, participants will discuss a broad range of topics and reactions arising from this case.

When: Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Who: Days of Dialogue, the Empowerment Congress, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, the Institute for Nonviolence in Los Angeles

Background: Throughout its 22-year history, the Empowerment Congress' distinctive and deliberate model of civic engagement has educated, engaged and empowered communities to achieve vital outcomes and impact public policy. Days of Dialogue began in 1995, after Los Angeles' deeply divided reaction to the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial revealed how differently the diverse communities of Los Angeles perceived matters of race and law enforcement.

To quell escalating tensions, then-Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas called a meeting with civic leaders. Out of that meeting was born what is now a Los Angeles tradition, Days of Dialogue.

Where: Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Exposition Park Constituent Service Center
700 Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

For more information, please visit: daysofdialogue.org or call the Empowerment Congress:
(213) 346-3246

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