

# NEWS

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Los Angeles City Hall and LAX Pylons Will Light Up Teal for Ovarian Cancer Awareness on September 29**

**Together with the Ovarian Cancer Circle, the City of LA will bring awareness to honor those who are living with and those have lost their lives to Ovarian**

**WHAT:** For the Fifth year in a row, Los Angeles City Hall and will illuminate teal colored lights on to its façade for Ovarian Cancer Awareness starting sunset September 29th. In addition, the iconic LAX pylons will also light up teal on that evening. Teal is the nationally recognized color of Ovarian Cancer Awareness. For the fourth year in a row, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Paul Koretz (CD5), Council President Nury Martinez (CD6) and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7) will recognize Ovarian Cancer Awareness in City Council announcements but due to COVID there will be no in-person presentation. The illumination of City Hall and LAX pylons is inspired by the work of grassroots non-profit organization, [The Ovarian Cancer Circle/Inspired by Robin Babbini](#) (co-founded by her mother Paulinda Babbini), UCLA gynecologic oncologist Dr. Sanaz Memarzadeh, as well as ovarian cancer survivors. It is The Circle's intention to educate the public about the disease, highlighting the often missed, silent symptoms and the importance of being your own health care advocate.

Ovarian Cancer is one of the deadliest gynecologic cancers. More than 22,000 women are diagnosed each year with a 50 percent mortality rate. And for those who fight it successfully, there is still a 50 percent chance of recurrence. Ovarian Cancer can happen to any woman of any age. Women should know that while annual pap tests determine cervical cancer, it does not detect ovarian cancer. In fact, there is no early detection test for the disease other than a CA125 (that measures for cancer antigen 125 protein) which is not always accurate. Therefore, ovarian cancer usually gets diagnosed in the later stages of the disease which is partly why it has a high mortality rate.

**WHEN:** Sunset, Wednesday September 29, 2021 until Sunrise September 30th  
**WHERE:** Los Angeles City Hall Exterior & LAX Pylons  
**WHO:** Councilmember Koretz, Council President Nury Martinez (CD6) and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez (CD7).

Together with the [Ovarian Cancer Circle](#), the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center, Dr. Memarzadeh and her G.O. Discovery lab, the City of Angels continues to bring awareness and honor to those who have lost their lives to ovarian cancer and for those who are living with the disease. For more information: <https://www.theovariancancercircle.org/>

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