

VIDEO REMARKS FOR ACCLA LAUNCH

- Hello all, I am Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Representative to California's 37th District.
- As an advocate for the arts, I am excited about the launch of the African Cultural Centre of Los Angeles (ACCLA) and the prospect of hosting the center in my district.
- A space to honor African history, culture, and community is vital to fostering understanding and inclusivity.
- As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I recognize the importance of celebrating the African diaspora that includes African Americans, Afro Latinos, Caribbeans, and Africans in the Los Angeles area.
- June is also both Caribbean Heritage Month and Immigrant Heritage Month.
- In this vein, we can welcome the influx of Haitian and African refugees and migrants who now call Los Angeles their home and use the center as a space to make them feel safe and seen.
- We must provide the opportunity for Angelenos to learn about this rich history and encourage them to understand African culture within the fabric of our city.
- I cannot wait to see what the future of the ACCLA holds and hope to see them in CA-37 soon.
- Thank you.