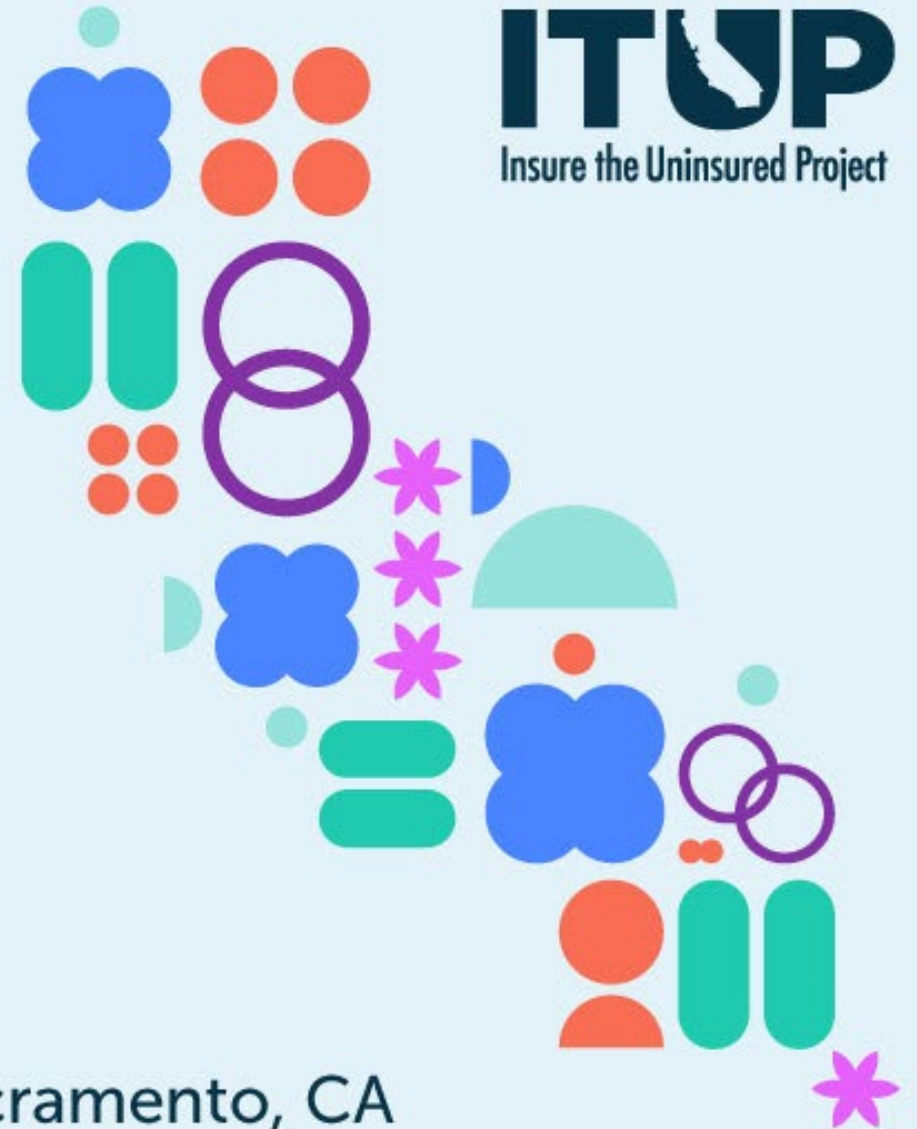


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Data sources

UC Merced Farmworker Health Study

1200+ farmworkers interviewed 2020-2022 throughout California by community-based organizations.

Range of health issues: demographics, health access and utilization, women's health, labor conditions, social determinants of health, COVID-19

Funded By CA Department of Public Health

National Agricultural Workers Survey

California Findings 2015–2019

Employment-based, random-sample survey of U.S. crop workers that collects demographic, employment, and health data in face-to-face interviews.

RWJ Foundation Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems

Grant to UC Merced, CRLA Foundation, ITUP and Diringer and Associates to develop policy options for expanding coverage for farmworkers.

California Farm- workers

- 69% men
- Average age was 40; median age was 39
- 63% married
- 89% Spanish was their primary language
- 8th grade average level of formal education
- Half of all California farmworkers (51%) were undocumented
- 23% all California farmworkers had family incomes below poverty - 28% of *unauthorized* workers
- 21% had a *personal* income of >\$30,000. 44% had a *family* income of >\$30,000

Source: NAWS 2015-2019 California sample

Farm- worker health coverage

- About half (42% to 49%) of California farmworkers are without health coverage
 - Two most common reasons for not having insurance was ineligibility due to immigration status (36%) and expense (28%)
- Of those with insurance,
 - About half (43% to 54%) receive public insurance, primarily Medi-Cal
 - 20% to 31% have employer-based coverage.
- 74% - 91% of California farmworkers said that all of their children had health insurance
- Authorized workers and settled workers were much more likely to report having health insurance (78% and 60% respectively) than unauthorized workers and migrant workers (38% and 45% respectively)

Sources: NAWs 2015-2019 California sample; UCM FHS

Immigrant eligibility for coverage

- Approximately one-half of farmworkers are undocumented workers and are often not eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits, nor any coverage through Covered California
- Medi-Cal has recently removed immigration status as an eligibility criterion for otherwise eligible persons under age 26 and for those 50 years and older. Beginning in 2024, undocumented persons in all age groups will be eligible for Medi-Cal.
- Our estimates show that 40 percent or more of California farmworkers are over 138% income threshold and will not be eligible for Medi-Cal expansion

Sources: UC Merced Farmworker Health Study and NAWS 2015-2019 California sample

Health care utilization

- 22% had no usual source of care
- 65% of California farmworkers used a health care provider in the US in the last 2 years
- Insured farmworkers in California were nearly twice as likely to visit private medical doctors or clinics
- For California farmworkers who visited a health care provider, the provider for their latest visit was a
 - private medical doctor's office or private clinic (38% NAWS; 29% UCM)
 - community health center or migrant health clinic (38% NAWS; 58% in UCM)
 - dentist (15% NAWS)
 - hospital (6% NAWS; 7% UCM)
 - another providers such as a healer, chiropractor, or emergency room (2% NAWS)

*Sources: UC Merced Farmworker Health Study and NAWS
2015-2019 California sample*

Beyond Medi-Cal expansion

- Medi-Cal income expansion up to 250% of federal poverty level or higher
- Expansion of Covered California to allow for enrollment of undocumented persons for workers above Medi-Cal income limits.
 - Section 1332 waiver just approved for Washington State and Colorado to allow undocumented persons to use Exchange. No federal subsidies.
 - Subsidies will be key
- Creation of a statewide Medi-Cal program for mobile and migratory workers beyond the regional Medi-Cal managed care programs
- Innovative plans to enhance employer supplied coverage with public support
- Expansion of CalAIM to cover farmworkers

Making Medi-Cal work

- Outreach and enrollment
- Utilization of available services
- Provider access especially beyond primary care
- Removing barriers to care – clinic times, transportation, language
- Overcoming immigration fears and discomfort with US system of health care
- Beyond county/regional managed care
- Churning – on/off season
- Coordination with employer benefits
- Cal-AIM inclusion of farmworkers

Speakers

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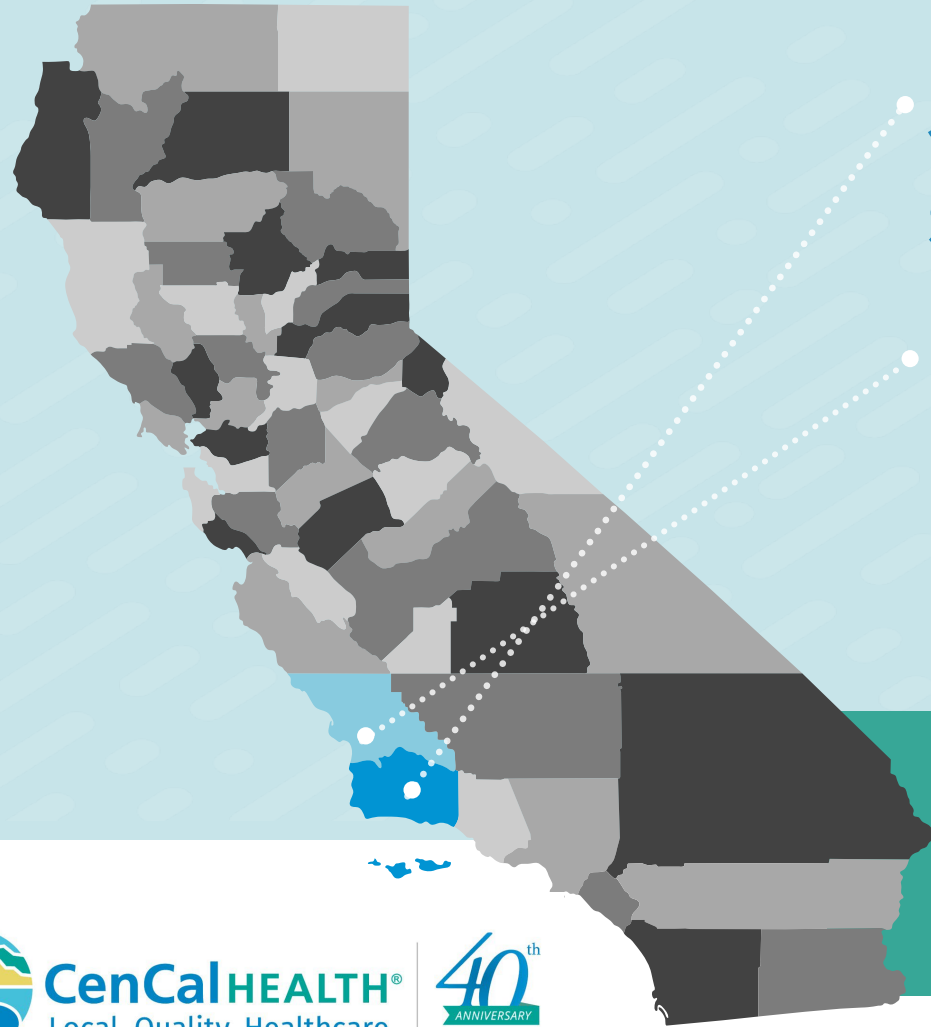
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Chief Customer Experience Officer
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February 7, 2023



WHO WE ARE



- Serving Santa Barbara County **since 1983.**
- Serving San Luis Obispo County **since 2008.**



Headquartered in Santa Barbara
with San Luis Obispo & Goleta offices.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

More than
229,000 Medi-Cal members

1 in 4

residents of
Santa Barbara
County

1 in 5

residents of
San Luis Obispo
County



CCH Investment & Support



Fund outreach
& engagement efforts



Partner with trusted
community leaders



Partner with provider
community



Our outreach efforts

- ✓ Partnered with FQHCs and County PH to do outreach
- ✓ Supported CBOs and trusted messengers

During COVID

- Distributed bilingual postcards in neighborhoods to support pop-up vaccine clinics
- Launched Spanish media campaign to ensure safe enrollment and access to services
- Supported CBOs and providers with media outreach and incentives



Preparing for the next expansion

- Age group: 26-49 years
- Partner with trusted community leaders
- Partner with county DSS
- Culturally and linguistic outreach materials and events



Roles and Responsibilities



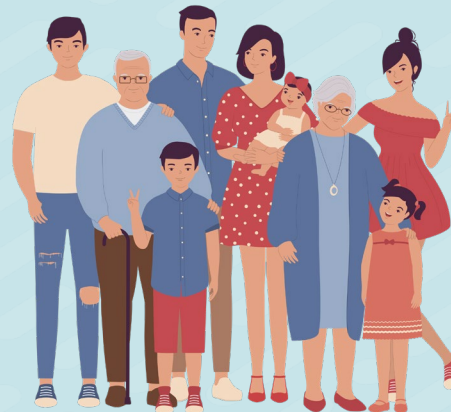
New members receive packets & automated welcome call highlighting key information.



Patient navigators in Member Services call new members to assist with on-boarding.



Assigned providers reach out to new patients.



Partnership between CCH, Providers, & CBO to reach new members.

Barriers & Lessons Learned

- **Be proactive** with community partners & providers.
- **Do more Spanish radio** outreach.
- **Be innovative** in partnerships & community forums.
- **Disseminate bilingual communications** simultaneously.



Our VISION

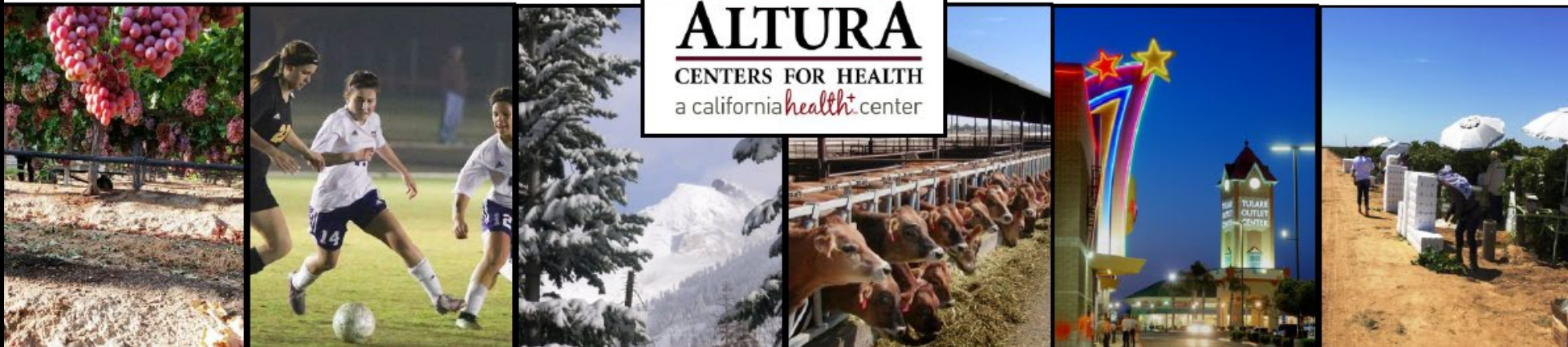
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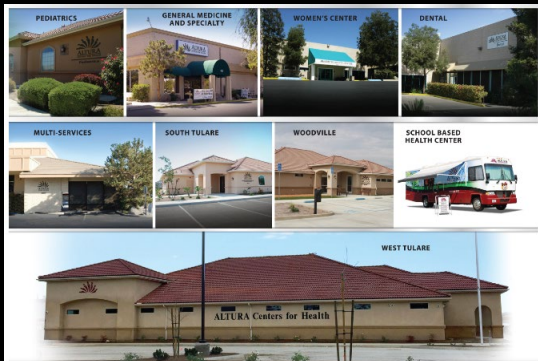


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Graciela Soto Perez, CEO
Altura Centers for Health (ALTURA)
February 7, 2023

Perspective from a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)/Clinic

- Altura Centers for Health (ALTURA) is located in Tulare, California
 - 8 Locations in Tulare and 1 location in Woodville
- In Calendar Year (CY) 2021 the clinic treated 27,423 unduplicated patients and 150,615 billable visits
- FQHC's are required to treat patients regardless of ability to pay.
- Social security numbers are not a requirement to be treated.



Services to Farmworkers

Cuadrillas in Partnership with La Ley Radio Station 94.5 FM and 1370 AM

- Glucose (sugar) test
- Hemoglobin (iron)
- Blood pressure
- Height
- Weight
- Education on Covered California
- Education on test results
- Education on health topics
- Sponsor free lunch
- COVID 19 test kits
- Sometimes COVID 19 vaccines and Flu vaccines
- Raffle items



Outreach Team in the Fields

- Outreach Team working in the fields so that farmworkers will not lose production while education is being offered by ALTURA.
- In this type of grape harvest, farmworkers are compensated per box.



Core Services

- Primary Care
 - Family/General Practice
 - Internal Medicine
 - OB/GYN
 - Pediatrics
 - Dental
- Specialty
 - Behavioral Health
 - Hematology
 - Nephrology
 - Neurology
 - Oncology
 - Ophthalmology
 - Pediatric Cardiology
 - Adult Cardiology
 - Podiatry
 - General Surgeon
 - Vascular Surgeons
 - Endocrinology
 - ENT/Otolaryngology
 - Chiropractic



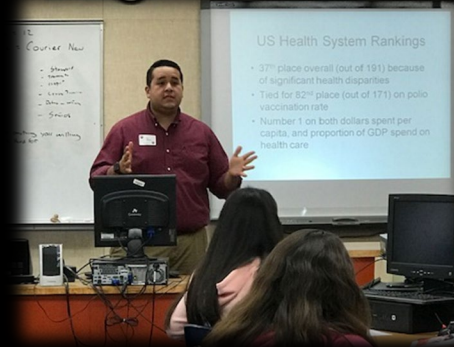
More Services

- Health & Diabetic Education
- International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)
- Comprehensive Perinatal Services (CPSP); Birth Education
- Registered Dietitian for pregnant women
- Pregnancy tests & family planning services (Title X)
- Circumcision – (ALTURA patients only)
- Immunizations
- Free Dental Screenings for children 0 – 5 years of age
- Patient Portal
- PrEP Enrollment (Prevent HIV)
- HIV Rapid Tests
- COVID 19 Rapid Tests
- Transportation
- Covered California
- Other Insurance Enrollments
- Promotoras
- Zumba and Bailoterapia
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Posada in Woodville
- UCSF Group Medical Visits (Diabetes and Hypertension)
- UCSF Provider Affiliation
- Annual backpack giveaway
- Farmworker Crews (Cuadrillas) health education and screenings
- COVID 19 and Flu vaccination events



Continued Services

- Physical Examinations
- Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP)
- Counseling (marriage, post partum depression, etc.)
- Prescription Assistance Programs
- Diagnosis, medical/dental treatment, follow-up for illness and minor injuries
- Enrollment into Family PACT, Every Woman Counts, Healthy Families. Also, provide services for these programs.
- Referral to Specialists
- Outreach/Case Management
- In-Patient services for OB/GYN
- LEEP Procedures
- Medical Residents from Kaweah Delta Medical Center
- Medical Residents from the University of Southern California (USC)
- Medical Residents from Adventist Health
- Medical students from CSHSU, Clovis
- Student Internships (Tulare PreMed Pathway program, Tulare Adult School, etc.)
- Walk with a Doc
- Career Day Presentations
- And more+



Finance

- ALTURA accepts the following:
 - Medi-Cal
 - Dignity–Medi-Cal
 - Health Net –Medi-Cal and Private Plans
 - Anthem Blue Cross – Medi-Cal and Private Plans
 - Blue Shield
 - Credit Cards
 - Medicare
 - TRICARE
 - Delta Dental
 - Blue Shield of California
 - Cash
 - Sliding Fee Scale Available: **Program is for under insured and low income patients.**
 - And other private insurances



Challenges for the Uninsured

- Any services outside of our four (4) walls are not covered by the Sliding Fee Scale Program that we offer.
- i.e. laboratory, imaging (Mammograms, CT scans, MRI, colonoscopy, electrocardiogram (ECG), electroencephalogram (EEG), gastroscopy, etc.)
- Addiction Treatment
- In-patient services such as hospital stays or surgeries
- Long term care such as Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy
- Medications
- Specialty outside our four walls



Health Issues Encountered for Undocumented Farmworkers

- Gall bladder and kidney stones
- Injuries at work such as falling off a ladder
- Cancer
- Diseases/Conditions caused by diabetes
- Heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses
- Pesticide exposure
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Mental health issues include depression and anxiety due to fear of being discovered, separated from their families and deported.





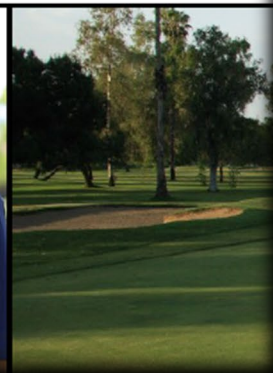
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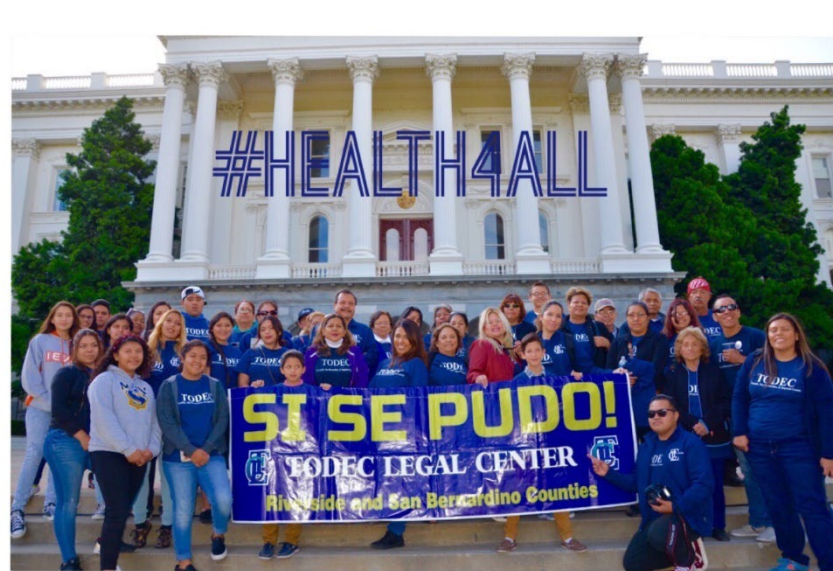
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NOTICIAS SOBRE SALUD
DE KASER

Como madre soltera e in-
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decepcionar a su
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ra la crianza de sus dos hijos.
No que cuando Becerra se
enteró que California extendió co-
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mentadas, también surgió la ex-
pectativa de que pronto la ayuda se
extienda a personas adultas, en-
tonces ella.

Becerra, de 30 años, de Puerto
Rico, madre de gemelos de salud que
le impiden conseguir un trabajo
estable. En tiempos complicados.
Tiene dos hijos, un niño de 8 años
de edad con autismo, y un joven
de 18 años de edad que quiere de-
sistir.

VIA ATENCIÓN PAG. 9





Elevating our Realities, Education, & Outreach

Hi, todec

'A lot of people are scared': Groups work to educate California farmworkers about COVID-19 vaccine

Rebecca Plevin
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Maria Isabel Ventura rushed her husband from Blythe to Palm Springs several weeks ago, watching with despair as he struggled to breathe along the 120-mile journey through desert. Infected with COVID-19, he was so weak by the time they arrived that he needed a wheelchair to travel from the car to the doors



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Inland Empire Organizations Hold Rally to Call For More Human Services Funding in State Budget



TODEC Organizer Luz Gallegos leads a group of residents in a protest chant.

Organizers from over a dozen organizations convened at the steps of San Bernardino City Hall on Friday, January 9 to





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