



Community Based Organizations Come Out in Support of Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund (#HERJF)

Greetings!

ROC and our campaign allies advocating for the #HERJF are pleased to announce that community groups from across the state are showing up to call on Governor Newsom to include our Fund in his May revision of the proposed 2022-23 budget. The organizations that staged rallies represent the communities in our state most impacted by racial injustice and the resulting harms to health due to malnutrition, violence, lack of health care and more. So far events have taken place in Los Angeles, Fresno and Sacramento. Their message has been clear: effective public health actions and the ending of racial prejudice cannot be accomplished without the leadership and funding of community based organizations focused on these issues. The local responses to pandemic, violence, wild fires and extreme weather disasters reveal the critical contributions of community based organizations. They must be included in the budget to ensure they operate on a continuous basis to heal and improve our communities. We'll keep you posted on the Governor's response to the calls for support from our communities.



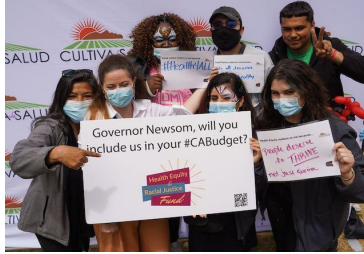
An advocate from Hunger Action LA pointing out that health inequities are preventable. Los Angeles, April 19.



Two girls from the United Parents & Students community writing postcards the Governor for the HERJ Fund. Los Angeles, April 19.



A group of United Parents & Students advocates gathering in front of the LA County Department of Public Health in Los Angeles.



A group of local Cultiva La Salud advocates at the rally in Radio Park in Fresno, April 21.



Genoveva Islas, Founder & Director, Cultiva La Salud, speaking to a reporter from Univision 19, Sacramento, April 22.



Two young advocates in front of the Capitol asking the Governor to please include the Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund in the CA Budget.



Megan McClaire, Public Health's Chief Deputy Director explaining to Nataly Tavidian, a report from KNX News, Los Angeles, on how Community Based Organizations are far more effective in communicating with their community members than government agencies:



Genoveva Islas from Cultiva La Salud delivering an impassioned appeal to the Governor: "If we are good enough to pick your food, and if we are good enough to care for your children, then we should be good enough to be treated with respect and dignity, we should be good enough to have health care, and our children should be good enough to have access to quality education."



Introducing another one of our Fantastic Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund Partners!

We would like to introduce you to our partner in Los Angeles, United Parents & Students, who assisted us in educating their base on the Health Equity and Racial

Justice fund and mobilizing their constituents to support the cause taking part in the HERJF rally in Los Angeles.

Meet Veronica Toledo, Associate Director at United Parents and Students, a non-profit organization

committed to empowering communities to become powerful self-advocates for quality schools and sustainable neighborhood revitalization. UPAS partners with local public schools and community-based organizations to create training centers that teach families the formal skills of community organizing and authentic civic engagement.



Update on ROC's ARC Project



ROC's partner organizations from the Achieving Resilient Communities project selected to present at the big fall [National Adaptation Forum](#).

Our Achieving Resilient Communities project partners will present at this year's National Adaptation Forum from October 25-27, in Baltimore,

MD. They will share their approach to action planning with farmworkers and other stakeholders. These actions include improving enforcement of workplace safety standards to protect workers from extreme heat and smoke and use of indigenous languages in emergency planning and response communications.

ARC has entered a partnership with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Farm Bureau to invent a better way to supply cool water to field workers harvesting in hot weather.

CDC guidelines require 1 liter of potable water of 59F to protect workers in high temperature environments. However, there are logistical challenges to keeping water cool in hot farm fields. The ARC team, with technical support from the Ventura County Farm Bureau, is developing a project with the Cal Poly's Departments of Engineering. The goal is for seniors from multiple departments to invent a technical solution and a prototype in the next academic year.

Flipping the Table Podcast Season 4, Episode 5

Two Young Regenerative Meat Producers Share Their Challenges and Solutions

Guido Frosini and Sarah Silva, members of the Bay Area Ranchers Cooperative, tell us what production and

processing challenges they face and how they are solving these challenges even amidst global warming.



Sarah Silver, [Green Star Farm](#) Guido Frosini, [True Grass Farms](#)



Future Podcast Topics

Below is the podcast line-up for the first half of 2022. We hope you enjoy listening and learning about what's going on in the frontlines of our food system work with partners from across the state and country.

- 5/17/22: Food as Medicine: Produce Rx & Medically Tailored Meals
- 5/31/22: The Budget Battle for a Just & Regenerative CA Food System
- 6/21/22: Lobbyists Weigh-in: How is the Movement Doing Politically
- 7/19/22: From the Frontline: Are We Making Progress on Food Justice
- 8/16/22: Check in with Miakoda Jyll Taylor re Racial Healing
- 9/20/22: Food Movement Rising: Building Political Power

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Thank you for your support!

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