



Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund Left Out of the 2022/23 California Budget Again

Greetings!

For the second year in a row, the Governor is ignoring calls from Black and Brown communities to support the Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund. The Fund, included in the Senate budget priorities and supported by over 200 organizations in California, would advance health equity and racial justice by directly funding community-based organizations, clinics, and tribal organizations to identify and develop solutions to the deepest injustices in their communities.

The Health Equity & Racial Justice advocacy coalition, of which Roots of Change is a member, is glad to see strong investments in climate protection, farmworker housing, healthy school meals, soil building and water conservation, but we are disappointed that racial justice is left out again. We will continue to fight for the fund in the final budget negotiation in the months ahead. See the full statement from PHI [here](#).



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Community Rally in
San Ysidro on
Monday, May 23

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**MONDAY, MAY 23
11AM - 12PM**

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Health Equity
&
Racial Justice
Fund

Join us as we uplift the important work of local community partners & organizations, & urge Gov Newsom to include the Health Equity & Racial Justice Fund in California's 2022/23 budget.

**114 W HALL AVE
SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173**

Food & refreshments will be available.
Parking: Cypress Parking Lot

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Update on ROC's Projects



ARC Project

The Achieving Resilient Communities (ARC) Project, in Collaboration with the Ventura County Agriculture Industry, is working to identify effective protocols that protect workers from becoming heat stressed or ill while working in hoop structures used for agricultural production. We are collaborating with [Dr. Annemiek Schilder](#),

Director, UCCE Ventura County and Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the Ventura County Farm Bureau to explore hoop structure worker safety protocols in the search for best management practices to protect workers from heat distress and illness. We will keep you posted on the progress of this project.

Local Regenerative Meat Processing Project

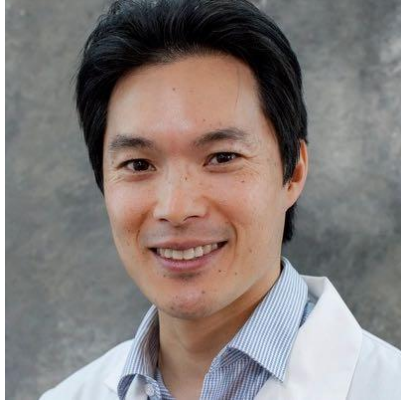
The [recent news](#) exposing how the biggest industrial meat corporations lied to the government about supply shortages in the early phase of the pandemic in order to avoid protection of workers is not surprising. It turns out



international meat exports and profits were up when shortages were declared. The news proves once again that profits come before people at these institutions. What is surprising is that so far there are no consequences for the death of hundreds of packing plant workers and the 334,000 COVID cases estimated to have originated from these meat factories. This is the only one reason why our work with UC Davis, California Cattlemen's Association, and a dozen other allies is so important. We are launching our survey of ranchers, processors, butcher shops and retailers now. Please [email us](#) if you would like to take the survey or pass it to a meat source or processor you know. The data gained will aid us in creating more local processing and outlets for meat produced on farms and ranches dedicated to stewardship of resources, humane treatment of livestock and carbon capture in the soil.

Flipping the Table Podcast Season 4, Episode 6

Food as Medicine: Produce Rx & Medically Tailored Meals



In this episode Michael is joined by Dr. Steven Chen to explore the concept of food and medicine and how Dr. Chen applies food as medicine to his work as a family physician serving low income families in Alameda County, CA.



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.

- 5/31/22: 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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We work for a just and healthy agriculture and food economy that is a solution to the many challenges of our time: the climate crisis, health disparities, racial injustices, the wealth gap, rural degradation due to food chain worker's low wages, and outdated policies that favor industrial food corporations over small and mid-scale farms and ranches. We cannot do this work without your support. Please think of us as you make your donations to those seeking to improve our world.

Thank you for your support!

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