

Assemblymember Rodriguez Visits El Proyecto



Assemblymember Celeste Rodriguez's visit to El Proyecto included a comprehensive tour of our centers, where she engaged with staff to better understand the organization's impact.

El Proyecto offers a range of services, including health care, employment assistance, child development programs, and behavioral health support, all aimed at fostering a stronger and healthier community.

During the tour, Assemblymember Rodriguez had the opportunity to see first-hand the dedication of El Proyecto's team in delivering essential community services.

The visit underscored the organization's commitment to addressing the needs of the community through accessible and high-quality programs. Following the tour, Assemblymember Rodriguez participated in a round table meeting with El Proyecto executives, managers and Board members. The

discussion focused on the challenges faced by underserved communities and potential legislative solutions to support their well-being. Assemblymember Rodriguez emphasized the importance of collaboration between government and community organizations to create meaningful change. Her engagement with El Proyecto del Barrio highlights her dedication to advocating for policies that uplift and empower vulnerable populations.

Assemblymember Rodriguez has been a vocal advocate for community health clinics, recognizing them as the backbone of California's health care safety net. In her public remarks and legislative efforts, she has emphasized the need to protect and expand Medi-Cal funding.

She has also supported policies that strengthen local health care infrastructure and ensure equitable access to care for under-resourced communities. El Proyecto will continue to work with Assemblymember Rodriguez and her staff.



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El Proyecto Joins Powerful Rally to Save Medicaid



El Proyecto del Barrio joined a powerful rally opposing proposed Medicaid cuts that threaten access to care for millions of Californians. The demonstration, held in solidarity with JWCH and health advocates, patients and providers, was part of a broader response to federal budget proposals that include up to \$880 billion in reduction to Medicaid funding.

commitment to protecting vulnerable communities who rely on Medi-Cal for essential health services. By standing alongside other advocates, the organization helped amplify the urgent message: health care is a right, not a privilege.

The rally served as both a protest and a call to action, urging lawmakers to object and reject Medicaid cuts and prioritize the well-being of low income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

El Proyecto's participation underscored its unwavering

Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's Staff Visits El Proyecto Winnetka Clinic



Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath represents the Third District. Her staff members, Barri Worth Girvan, Director of Community Affairs and Karen Dominguez, Field Deputy, visited the Winnetka Clinic. El Proyecto CEO, Corinne Sánchez, Board Member Maria Townsend and Winnetka Clinic Manager Silvia Sandhu, shared information about El Proyecto services and impact in the community. The impact of proposed Medicaid cuts was discussed and acknowledged by Supervisor Horvath's office.

Pictured from left are Maria Townsend, Karen Dominguez, Corinne Sánchez, Barri Worth Girvan and Silvia Sandhu.

Congressman Gil Cisneros' Staff Visit El Proyecto Azusa Clinic

Congressman Gil Cisneros represents the 31st Congressional District. Members of his staff, Gabriela Albavera, Scheduler/Health Deputy, and Liliana Ortega, Intern, visited El Proyecto's Azusa Clinic to meet with Christian "Ricky" Garcia, Azusa Clinic Manager, and Jackie Carpio, Baldwin Park Clinic Manager, to learn about El Proyecto services in the area and the community organizations we collaborate with. After the meeting, they toured the clinic.

Pictured from left are Jackie Carpio, Gabriela Albavera, Liliana Ortega and Ricky Garcia.



El Proyecto Joins 2025 “Day at the Capitol”



El Proyecto’s “Day at the Capitol” team included Corinne Sánchez, Juan Delgado, Dr. Karmen Tatulian, Dr. Jennifer Mercado and Ruth Novodor.

El Proyecto del Barrio’s recent visit to Sacramento for the 2025 Day at the Capitol, organized by the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), was a resounding success and a powerful demonstration of community-driven advocacy. El Proyecto’s team brought a passionate representation that included impressive data and compelling storytelling, highlighting the organization’s deep-rooted commitment to underserved communities.

During legislative visits, El Proyecto’s team emphasized the importance of sustained funding, and policy support for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). El Proyecto helped amplify the collective voice of community health centers and reinforced the critical role they play in California’s health care system.

El Proyecto is Featured at KRTH’s Cinco de Mayo Live Broadcast

El Proyecto del Barrio was again selected as the official charity partner for KRTH-101’s highly anticipated Cinco de Mayo live broadcast, marking the fourth consecutive year of this impactful partnership. The event, hosted by the KRTH’s #1 rated morning show hosts Gary Bryan and Lisa Stanley, was heard by more than 3.3 million listeners.

Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda Solis and El Proyecto President & CEO Corinne Sánchez were featured for an entire segment during their show. Their presence underscored the importance of community health and empowerment, while shining a spotlight on El Proyecto’s vital services. The broadcast not only celebrated culture and music, but also amplified El Proyecto’s mission to uplift underserved communities through health care, employment and other social services. During the show, Ms. Sánchez announced that the new El Proyecto Baldwin Park Clinic will open this summer.



Corinne Sánchez, Gary Bryan, Hilda Solis and Lisa Stanley.



Pictured from left: Anita Zamora, President/CEO, Valley Community Healthcare; Eloisa Perard, President/CEO Gracelight Community Health; Corinne Sánchez, President/CEO, El Proyecto del Barrio; Maria Avila, Vice President, Contracting, Astrana Health and El Proyecto Board member; and Tina Shabanian, Regional Health Plan Officer, HealthNet.

VICA State Officeholders Dinner

El Proyecto del Barrio President & CEO Corinne Sánchez attended the prestigious VICA State Officeholders Dinner, hosted by the Valley Industry & Commerce Association.

The event brought together influential leaders from across California’s political and business landscape to foster dialogue on key policy issues impacting the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

Corinne’s presence underscored El Proyecto’s commitment to civic engagement and strategic advocacy, ensuring that the voices of underserved communities remain central in conversations shaping the region’s future. Her participation also highlighted the organization’s role as a trusted partner in advancing equitable access to health and other social services.

Dia Del Niño Celebration

Assemblymember Celeste Rodriguez visited El Proyecto's Child Development Center in celebration of Dia del Niño, a cherished holiday honoring the joy, rights, and potential of every child. Her visit with El Proyecto's Corinne Sánchez brought smiles and excitement.



The Music Center's Spotlight Grand Gala



Pictured left to right: LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Corinne Sánchez and Music Center Board Chair Robert J. Abernethy.

As a member of The Music Center Board of Directors, El Proyecto President/CEO Corinne Sánchez attended The Music Center Spotlight Grand Finale.

The Spotlight program was launched 40 years ago to nurture young artists across Southern California, especially those who might not otherwise have access to professional-level training or performance opportunities. The program strengthens the cultural fabric of the community by elevating arts education in schools and neighborhoods where resources may be limited.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Corinne Sánchez

The Spirit of Hope is Alive at El Proyecto!

This issue of the Esperanza News spotlights many of the key relationships with our elected officials and fellow community organizations that have been a hallmark of El Proyecto del Barrio for more than 50 years.



We know that it takes a village to deliver the quality health care, employment, child development and behavioral health services that have made El Proyecto del Barrio a leader in providing those in need in our communities with services that help change their lives for the better.

El Proyecto, like every social services provider in the nation, is doing everything possible to continue to make a difference in the lives of as many underserved people as possible, no matter what challenges we face today or will face in the future. This organization was built on a Spirit of Hope, and we will never give up on those we serve. El Proyecto has always found a way to help more people in need, and we always shall.

