

Los Angeles County Measure ER is Approved!



Los Angeles County Measure ER, known as the Essential Services Restoration Act, is a temporary half-cent sales tax increase that raises the county sales tax from 9.75% to 10.25% for five years to help protect public hospitals, community clinics, and other health services from severe federal funding cuts. The measure is expected to generate about \$1 billion a year to help reduce the risk of hospital and clinic closures, healthcare layoffs, and cuts in care for low-income and uninsured residents.

June 10, 2026 — Leaders of Measure ER, spearheaded by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and El Proyecto CEO, Corinne Sánchez gather to celebrate a victory. Los Angeles County Measure ER is critical because it created a temporary half-cent sales tax expected to generate about \$1 billion a year to help protect public hospitals, community clinics, and other essential health services at a time when major federal cuts are threatening care for vulnerable residents. Measure ER is designed to reduce the risk of hospital and clinic closures, layoffs, and disruptions in healthcare, as federal funding diminishes.

Supervisor Solis enthusiastically promoted the Measure ER because she argued Los Angeles County had to fight to preserve critical services for residents and families who depend on the health care safety net. Corinne Sánchez representing El Proyecto Board of Directors joined forces to endorse Measure ER because community-based organizations and clinics experience firsthand how funding cuts can leave low-income families, uninsured patients, and underserved neighborhoods without access to care, and the Measure ER offered a way to keep those services available for those most in need.

While Measure ER will bring much needed relief to LA's health care safety net, we will continue to advocate for long-term, sustainable funding solutions. Mr. Jim Mangia, President/CEO of St. John's Wellness & Family Center is to be commended for initiating and leading the Measure ER passing.



El Proyecto Shares Emergency Resources with about 600 Boyle Heights Fire Victims

June 27, 2026 — Supervisor Hilda Solis' leadership continues to partner with County and community-based organizations to connect residents impacted by the Boyle Heights Fire with emergency resources. Recently community health clinics, including El Proyecto, provided recovery assistance including masks, air purifiers, and hygienic items. Ricky Garcia, Clinic Manager at our Azusa Clinic and his staff setup tables for health screenings and information. This outreach helped amplify the collaborative efforts at Belvedere Park, where El Proyecto and other community clinics were present to provide critical and immediate support to approximately 600 people.



Pictured above: El Proyecto Patient Service Representative Marcela Perez; Medical Director, Karmen Tatulian M.D.; and Azusa Clinic Manager Ricky Garcia with Supervisor Hilda Solis.



Jennifer Roza: An El Proyecto WorkSource Success Story



Jennifer played a role in the campaign to pass Measure ER, demonstrating her commitment to improving access to health care and strengthening services for local families.



Jennifer Roza, Community Outreach Coordinator with Valley Community Healthcare, is a proud example of the impact of workforce development and community leadership.

Jennifer was enrolled at El Proyecto WorkSource Center in Sun Valley in June 2013 where she received training and employment assistance that supported her professional growth. Jennifer continued her education to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from CSUN.

Today, Jennifer continues that commitment by helping connect residents and community partners to important health resources and services. Seeing individuals grow through our programs and go on to serve their communities is exactly why we do what we do.

Jennifer's journey is a powerful story of how workforce development and healthcare come together to create meaningful change.

We're proud to stand alongside leaders like Jennifer and continue supporting pathways into meaningful careers that strengthen our communities.



Jennifer visited with legislators at Day at the Capitol in Sacramento. She is pictured with El Proyecto Executive Staff and a Board Member.

Orange County Health Coalition Meeting

April 10, 2026 — El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. and JWCH joined Supervisor Hilda Solis in a visit to Serve The People Health Center, which operates community health centers in Santa Ana, Orange and Placentia in Orange County.

Community leaders and advocates gathered for a meeting hosted by the Orange County Health Coalition.

Participants discussed key priorities, including the future of healthcare delivery and the importance of community-driven advocacy, including highlighting the ongoing collaboration between public leaders and grassroots organizations.

The event brought together partners committed to strengthening healthcare access and advancing policies that support the well-being of local families throughout the region.



Pictured at left are (left to right) Al Ballesteros, CEO JWCH; David Becerra, CEO, Serve the People; Supervisor Solis; Corinne Sánchez, CEO El Proyecto; Dani Bryant, Coalition Program Manager, Policy & Government Affairs; Sonia Shah Coalition Vice President, Healthcare Operation; and Alvin Tagayun, COO, Serve the People.

Pacoima Juneteenth Walk and Resource Fair

June 19, 2026 — Pacoima came together to celebrate Juneteenth. Participants walked 2.5 miles from Broadous Elementary School to Pacoima City Hall, symbolizing the 2.5 years it took for news of emancipation to reach enslaved people in Texas.

The walk served as a unifying moment of reflection, education, and community pride, bringing together residents of all ages to commemorate freedom and continued progress toward equity.

Following the walk, El Proyecto participated in the resource fair at Pacoima City Hall featuring community organizations, services, and cultural activities that further strengthened connections and support within the neighborhood. Rev. Zedar Broadous is a key organizer/lead for the Pacoima Juneteenth walk.

Opal's Walk for Freedom, a powerful and meaningful event honoring the legacy of civil rights activist Dr. Opal Lee, known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth."



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El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc. Celebrates Pride Month

June 27, 2026 — The El Proyecto HIV Program proudly participated in San Fernando Valley Pride 2026 Celebration in Van Nuys. The event brought together LGBTQ+ community members, allies, elected officials, advocates, and service organizations to celebrate diversity, visibility, and inclusion. El Proyecto staff conducted outreach, shared HIV prevention education and health resources, and connected attendees to culturally responsive services. During the event, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and California State Senator Caroline Menjivar visited the El Proyecto booth, interacting with staff and recognizing the organization's ongoing efforts to promote HIV awareness, health equity, and community wellness.



Mayor Karen Bass
with HIV Program
Mgr. Bessy Herrera.



State Senator Caroline Menjivar
celebrated Pride Month with El
Proyecto HIV Staff.

JWCH-Wesley 65th Year Celebration

June 6, 2026 — JWCH Institute celebrates a major milestone—its 65th Anniversary—marking decades of dedicated service and advocacy. JWCH has become a trusted cornerstone in the community, addressing critical gaps in care and providing compassionate,



culturally responsive services. Its deep roots and partnerships have strengthened neighborhoods, empowered individuals, and improved health outcomes for generations of families across Los Angeles. This special event not only honors the organization's

longstanding commitment to improving access to quality healthcare but also recognizes the leadership and impact of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.

As a champion for health equity, workers' rights, and community empowerment, Supervisor Solis has played a vital role in supporting initiatives that align closely with JWCH's mission. The celebration serves as both a tribute to the organization's history and a renewed commitment to advancing wellness, dignity, and opportunity for all in the years ahead.

