



THE CENTER
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On behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund (SJVHF), we invite you to join state legislative and community leaders in a day of advocacy entitled *Equity on the Mall*, taking place on February 9 at our state capitol in Sacramento. Enclosed is additional information about the event.

The San Joaquin Valley is ground zero toward efforts to improve the overall health of Californians. While this region is responsible for producing much of our nation's fruits and vegetables, it is also home to some of the state's worst health outcomes. Families lack basic access to safe drinking water and seven of the ten California counties with the highest child poverty rates are in the Valley.

***Equity on the Mall* is intended to bring much-needed urgency and attention to the health challenges that children and families living in the San Joaquin Valley face.** The event kicks off a longer-term movement to catalyze local, state, and federal policymakers to take action to improve the health of our Valley communities.

This day-long series of events will bring together more than 1,000 community leaders and residents from cities throughout the Valley, along with statewide partners representing key agencies and nonprofit organizations. We are pleased to have the participation of legislative leaders such as Senate Pro Tem Kevin De León, Senator Ricardo Lara, and Assemblymembers Joaquin Arambula and Rob Bonta as well as California Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley.

During the day of events, we will host a briefing and unveil a new report, *California's San Joaquin Valley: A Region and its Children Under Stress*, prepared by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change and Pan Valley Institute. This powerful study provides new and important insights and data about the health disparities that disproportionately impact the Valley, and the effects on the lives of families raising children in the region. Based on direct input from local leaders and community residents, the report also outlines a collective vision for a healthier San Joaquin Valley.

The SJVHF is a partnership of more than 58 nonprofit organizations, along with nine state and national foundations, who are jointly working to build a greater level of health equity in this important part of our state. Issues that are being addressed include health care access, pesticide exposure, immigration, access to safe drinking water, violence prevention, housing, and sustainable agriculture.

If you would like further information, or to let us know your availability, please contact our Director of Health Programs Kaying Hang, khang@sierrahealth.org. Thank you for your consideration and we hope you join us.

Sincerely,

Chet P. Hewitt
President and CEO



Equity on the Mall
Overview
February 9, 2017

What: Equity on the Mall will be an empowering convening at the California State Capitol inspired directly by the voices of San Joaquin Valley Health Fund (SJVHF) partners as they unite across issues, counties and races.

Concurrently, we will unveil *California's San Joaquin Valley: A Region and its Children under Stress*, a report commissioned by the SJVHF, with funding from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and Sierra Health Foundation, and prepared by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change. This powerful study documents disparities and the effects they have on the lives and opportunities of families raising children in the region. The report shows that the children of the Valley—its future—will thrive only when systems and policies are changed to be more equitable.

Why: For far too long, communities across the Valley haven't had access to the same opportunities that make California golden for other regions. Our policy platform reflects an all-in approach for racial and health equity on some of the most pressing issues facing the Valley, including health care access, domestic violence, immigration, access to safe and affordable drinking water, pesticide exposure, education, environmental justice, housing, community safety and sustainable agriculture.

Who:

- Over 1,000 community residents and leaders from the Valley
- Diane Dooley, Secretary of California Department of Health and Human Services
- State elected officials including confirmed Senate Pro Tem Kevin De León (CA-24), Senator Ricardo Lara (CA-33) and Assemblymembers Joaquin Arambula (CA-31), Rob Bonta (CA-18) and Tony Thurmond (CA-15)
- Local elected officials including Michael Tubbs, Mayor of Stockton
- State policy and Philanthropic leaders
- Youth poets

When: Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM; Report briefing from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Where: West Side of the California State Capitol and Briefing hosted in Capitol Room 4202

Join us! To learn more, visit www.shfcenter.org/sjvhealthfund

About Us: The SJVHF is a partnership of more than 58 nonprofit organizations, along with nine state and national foundations, who are jointly working to build a greater level of health equity in this important part of our state. SJVHF is managed by The Center with funding from Sierra Health Foundation, The California Endowment, Rosenberg Foundation, The California Wellness Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Blue Shield of California Foundation, Wallace H. Coulter Foundation, Dignity Health and Tides Foundation.



2016 San Joaquin Valley Health Fund Awards

ACT for Women and Girls

Tulare County

Youth Leadership

ACT's Youth Health ACTivism, ACTION and ImpACT

To influence policies that impact teen health outcomes in Tulare County by cultivating youth leaders through outreach and education programming. Learn more at www.actforwomenandgirls.org.

Alliance for Community Transformations

Merced County

Violence Reduction

Human Trafficking Awareness and Outreach

To increase awareness and change the perception of victims of human trafficking by fostering the continued development of the Human Trafficking Coalition for Merced and Mariposa counties. Learn more at www.alliance4community.org.

Black Parallel School Board (Sacramento Independent Learning Center Corporation)

Fresno, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties

Parent Leadership/Involvement

Movement Building to Create Healthier Schools

To establish the Black Parallel School Board regionally to strengthen the Central Valley Movement Building Project and support diverse communities around school discipline and school push out policies. Learn more at www.blackparallelschoolboard.com.

The San Joaquin Valley Health Fund strengthens the capacity of communities and organizations in the San Joaquin Valley to improve health and well-being by advancing programs and policy changes that promote community health and health equity for all. By combining resources and working with local leaders and residents, together we are creating positive, lasting change. The SJVHF is managed by The Center.

**California Center for Public Health Advocacy
San Joaquin County
Land Use**

Build Health - Stockton

To promote the need for health policies in the Stockton General Plan Update through investment in African American leaders to advocate for policy change. Learn more at www.publichealthadvocacy.org.

**California Coalition for Rural Housing Project
Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties
Housing/Shelter**

San Joaquin Valley Healthy Homes Project: Part II

To increase affordable housing collaborations throughout San Joaquin Valley by strengthening partnerships and disseminating study findings identifying key proximity requirements for competitive housing program applications and from Cap and Trade. Learn more at www.calruralhousing.org.

**California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)
Fresno and San Joaquin County
Domestic Violence**

Immigrant Youth Advocating for Victims of Domestic Violence

To develop an infrastructure that directly supports the organizing, advocacy and leadership capacity of immigrant youth in advocating for undocumented immigrants who are victims of domestic violence to seek help without fear of deportation. Learn more at www.ciyja.org.

**California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
Fresno County
Sustainable Communities**

Civic Engagement Training in Del Rey

To build community resident capacity in the unincorporated community of Del Rey to participate in local land use decision-making through outreach and a four-part civic engagement and community funding training series. Learn more at www.crla.org.

Californians for Pesticide Reform (Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles Chapter)

Fresno and Tulare Counties

Pesticide Exposure

Protecting Children from Agricultural Pesticide Exposure at School

To protect children from hazardous agricultural pesticide exposure by advocating for stricter pesticide buffer zones around schools through community engagement, education and trainings. Learn more at www.pesticidereform.org.

Catholic Charities of Stockton

San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties

Sustainable Communities

Sustainable Communities Coalition

To promote healthier, more walkable and less vehicle-centric communities in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties through coalition-building for Sustainable Communities Coalition implementation advocacy. Learn more at www.ccstockton.org/Programs/EnvironmentalJustice.aspx

Center on Race Poverty & Environment

Tulare County

Clean Drinking Water

Alpaugh and Allensworth Watershed Improvement Program

To promote clean, affordable drinking water by engaging residents of Alpaugh and Allensworth through training and advocacy with Tulare County and statewide decision makers. Learn more at www.crpe-ej.org

Central California Asian Pacific Women

Fresno, Madera and Merced Counties

Domestic Violence

Mobilizing the Hmong Community to Reduce Domestic Violence

To work toward ending domestic violence in the Fresno Hmong community by developing capacity of community leaders to advocate for policy and system change through advisory groups, training and community forums. Learn more at www.ccapw.org

**Central Valley Immigrant Integration (Education and Leadership Foundation)
Fresno, Madera and Merced Counties
Immigrant Integration/Immigrant Rights**

**Immigrant Integration in Central Valley Communities: Capacity Building and
Organizational Development**

To promote policies for immigrant integration in communities by strengthening the regional collaborative and increase the capacity of partner organizations through training. Learn more at www.vallecentral.org

**Centro Binacional Para El Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño
Fresno and Madera County
Health Services**

Empowerment of Indigenous Communities

To support policy change for Oaxaqueño/indigenous residents in Fresno and Madera Counties by continuing to engage with local coalitions, fostering Health for All work, and providing advocacy training. Learn more at www.centrobinacional.org/en/.

**Children Now
Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties
Positive Early Childhood and Youth Development**

Organizing on Early Childhood in the Central Valley

To create an organizing strategy to address early childhood issues by linking with networks in Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Learn more at www.childrennow.org.

**Community Foundation of San Joaquin Inc.
San Joaquin County
Asset-Based Community Assessment**

Reinvent South Stockton Coalition's Asset-Based Community Assessment & Organizing

To mobilize residents of South Stockton and increase civic engagement through an asset-based approach that will evaluate capacities, strengths and involvement in community associations. Learn more at www.reinventsouthstockton.org.

**Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin
San Joaquin County
Positive Early Childhood and Youth Development**

YOUTH THRIVE Stockton Initiative

To increase youth engagement and advocacy through leadership training and capacity building in Stockton. Learn more at www.cpsfsj.org.

**Community Water Center
Fresno and Tulare Counties
Clean Drinking Water**

Building Community Power to Advocate for Safe and Clean Drinking Water

To improve access to safe, affordable drinking water for rural southern San Joaquin Valley communities by building community capacity to participate in drinking water decision-and policy-making processes. Learn more at www.communitywatercenter.org.

**Congregations Building Community Modesto
Stanislaus County
Youth Leadership**

Youth Leadership Development in Stanislaus County

To increase educational success for at-risk youth of color in Modesto by supporting a core youth leadership team to engage in community outreach and to advocate for meaningful change. Learn more at cbcstan.org.

**CRLA Foundation
Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus County
Health Services**

Undocumented and Insured: Continued Policy Advocacy

To increase advocacy around the health needs of farmworkers by educating decision-makers, advocating for investments by counties for the remaining uninsured, and raising awareness of DACA/DAPA policies with communities. Learn more at www.crlaf.org.

Cultiva La Salud (Public Health Institute)
Fresno County
Health Equity

Powerful People: Building Leadership for Healthy Communities

To improve policies and environments that support healthy eating and active living in low-income, Latino communities in Fresno County by building leadership and advocacy capacity of community members. Learn more at www.cultivalasalud.org.

Cultural Brokers Incorporated
Fresno County
Community/Economic Development

Cultural Brokers Community Partnership Project

To develop a comprehensive Trauma-Informed Communities approach for African American communities by collaborating with local churches in Fresno County and facilitating Positive Parenting courses. Learn more at www.culturalbrokerfa.com.

Dolores Huerta Foundation
Tulare County
Health Services

Overcoming Health Disparities in the Woodlake Unified School District

To reduce health disparities caused by poverty and lack of access to healthy food for children in Woodlake through community advocacy, education and nutrition training. Learn more at www.doloreshuerta.org.

East Bay Asian Youth Center (Fresno Office)
Fresno County
Parent Leadership/Involvement

Full-Service Community Schools Initiative

To improve educational outcomes of students in Southeast Fresno by developing a Parent Action Committee to advocate for a Full-Service Community Schools Initiative. Learn more at www.ebayc.org.

Education and Leadership Foundation
Fresno, Madera, Merced and Tulare Counties
Health Services

Immigrant Integration in Central Valley Communities: Capacity Building and Organizational Development

To strengthen collaborative relationships and build capacity and advocacy among community partners around DACA/DAPA, Health for All and other opportunities through training and workshops. Learn more at www.education-leadership.org.

El Quinto Sol De America (Pesticide Action Network North America Regional Center)
Tulare County
Clean Drinking Water

Water and The Right To Know

To improve water quality in unincorporated communities of Tulare County through community education, providing an understanding of water quality issues and presenting the tools to address them and through engaging local water boards. Learn more at www.elquintosoldeamerica.org.

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
San Joaquin County
Clean Drinking Water

Building Community Power to Realize the Human Right to Water

To improve access to safe, affordable drinking water for northern San Joaquin Valley communities by building community capacity to engage in advocacy for drinking water decision and policymaking. Learn more at www.ejcw.org.

Faith in Community
Fresno County
Criminal Justice

Building Local and Regional Leadership for Reducing Violence and Incarceration Rates in the Central Valley

To reduce violence and incarceration by organizing formerly incarcerated youth, leaders and clergy to advocate for smarter use of criminal justice dollars and proper implementation of Proposition 47 savings in Fresno County. Learn more at www.faithinfresno.org.

Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
San Joaquin County
Community Safety

Addressing the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Stockton and San Joaquin County

To engage in community-based participatory policy advocacy for juvenile justice policies in San Joaquin County through youth leadership training and community organizing. Learn more at www.ffsj.org.

Focus Forward
Fresno County
Juvenile Justice

Reducing Stigma for Juvenile Justice and Foster Care Youth

To reduce stigma of youth in Fresno County child welfare or juvenile justice systems through storytelling, education and community organizing. Learn more at www.focusforward.org.

Foodlink for Tulare County, Inc.
Tulare County
Food Systems

Community Advocacy in Food Equity (CAFÉ) Program

To increase access to healthy food and establish improved nutrition policies and standards within Tulare County food pantries through training and education. Learn more at www.foodlinktc.org.

Fresno Barrios Unidos
Fresno County
Positive Early Childhood and Youth Development

Youth in Action

To provide current and recently incarcerated young men in Fresno County the skills and platform to advocate for change in their communities through "El Joven Noble" leadership training and to empower young men of color to engage in advocacy efforts that impact youth. Learn more at www.fresnobarriosunidos.org.

Fresno Food Commons Trust
Fresno County
Food Systems

Healthy Food Access in Hmong Communities

To address food deserts in Fresno by supporting the establishment of the first Food Commons in Fresno with opportunities to scale it to a multi-functional community food hub that will address healthy food access issues in the Hmong community. Learn more at www.foodcommonsfresno.org.

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries
Fresno County
Housing Rights

HEAL: Housing Education and Leadership

To improve housing conditions in Fresno County communities by creating a Southeast Asian tenant rights advocacy team through a housing education and leadership training program. Learn more at www.firminc.org.

Golden Valley Health Centers
Merced County
Community Safety

Neighbors United for a Better South Merced

To build the capacity of the Neighbors United for a Better South Merced group to effectively advocate for their community through advocacy training and education. Learn more at www.gvhc.org.

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
Kings County
Environment

Kings County/San Joaquin Valley Health, Environmental and Climate Justice Project

To advocate for systemic change and protect the health and environment of vulnerable Kings County/Valley communities through community organizing, leadership development, coalition work and policy advocacy. Learn more at www.greenaction.org.

Greenlining Institute
Fresno, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin and Tulare Counties
Community/Economic Development

Unlocking the Potential of Community Benefit

To inform communities and create advocates throughout the San Joaquin Valley through a comprehensive report and community forums on the community benefit practices of not-for-profit hospitals. Learn more at www.greenlining.org.

Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus
Stanislaus County
Domestic Violence

Youth Community Mobilization

To prevent teen dating violence and promote healthy relationships at Downey High School through a youth leadership development and community mobilization strategy training and policy review. Learn more at www.havenwcs.org.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties
Immigrant Integration/Immigrant Rights

Immigrant Access to Health Care

To promote healthcare access for immigrants by educating health and social services providers and the immigrant community about eligibility for health care programs including the implementation of recent Health4AllKids legislation. Learn more at www.ilrc.org.

Kings Community Action Organization Inc.
Kings County
Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Survivor Advisory Group

To develop best practices for working with survivors of domestic violence in Kings County by creating an advisory group of former victims of domestic violence that can be scaled regionally in community health centers. Learn more at www.kcao.org.

Kings Partnership for Prevention Inc.
Kings County
Community/Economic Development

Strategic Prevention in Kings County

To advocate for better health policies in Kings County through coalition and community mobilization and education. Learn more at www.kpfp.org.

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (Tides Center)
Fresno and Tulare Counties
Housing/Shelter

Back to Basics: Securing Housing and Infrastructure for San Joaquin Valley Residents

To advocate for and implement policies designed to increase access to affordable housing in Fresno and Tulare counties by working in partnership with community residents and partner organizations. Learn more at www.leadershipcounsel.org.

Little Manila Foundation
San Joaquin County
Programs/Curricula Reflect Community Diversity

Little Manila After-School Program

To create deeper knowledge of Filipino American history in the farm worker movement and engaging community members in advocacy efforts to create a healthier community. Learn more at www.littlemanila.org.

Madera Coalition for Community Justice
Madera County
Youth Leadership

Madera Bike for Life

To promote a healthy lifestyle and quality of life by increasing the safety of the City of Madera's transportation system for bicycle riders, increasing cycling and improving the environment. Learn more at www.maderaccj.webs.com.

Merced Organizing Project
Merced County
Positive Early Childhood and Youth Development

Youth Organizing for Health

To improve health in Merced County by expanding grassroots youth organizing efforts through mentoring and development of strong youth groups to advocate for policy change. Learn more at www.mopmerced.org.

Organización en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc.
Fresno, Madera and Merced Counties
Sustainable Communities

Access to Public Transportation Advocacy

To support farm worker women empowerment by providing in-depth training on leadership and advocacy while also advocating for positive transportation and land use policies. Learn more at www.liderescampesinas.org/english.

People and Congregations Together for Stockton, Inc.
San Joaquin County
Community Safety

Expanding Lifelines to Healing

To foster safe neighborhoods and expand health care in Stockton through Neighborhood Cluster networks and advocacy. Learn more at pact4sjc.org.

Project Prevention Coalition (United Way of Merced County, Inc.)
Merced County
Sustainable Communities

Systems Change for Hmong Health Equity

To reduce health disparities faced by the Hmong community in Merced County by compiling equity-focused practices and collaboratively working with county public agencies to implement them. Learn more at www.facebook.com/ProjectPreventionCoalition/info.

Radio Bilingüe, Inc.
Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties
Access

Latino Health Access and Equity Radio Series

To provide education and messaging about Health for All, wellness, health disparities and civic engagement for San Joaquin Valley residents by creating Spanish language radio segments for broadcast. Learn more at www.radiobilingue.org/en.

Reading and Beyond
Fresno County
Parent Leadership/Involvement

Local Control Funding Formula Advocacy Project

To increase advocacy around the Local Control Funding Formula by providing training for community members and drafting recommendations for inclusion in the Fresno Unified School District's English Learner Master Plan. Learn more at www.readingandbeyond.org.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Tulare County
Clean Drinking Water

Agua4All Advocacy

To increase access to and consumption of safe drinking water in two disadvantaged, low-income communities in Tulare County through advocacy and systems change efforts of Agua4All campaign. Learn more at www.rcac.org.

San Joaquin Children's Alliance (Family Resource & Referral Center of Stockton)
San Joaquin County
Positive Early Childhood and Youth Development

Sustainable Funding for San Joaquin's Underserved Children

To reduce health and education disparities in San Joaquin County by expanding and organizing to advocate for a sustainable fund to support services for children, youth and families. Learn more at www.sjchildren.org.

San Joaquin County Pride Center, Inc.
San Joaquin County
Youth Leadership

LGBT Youth Empowerment Program

To improve the school climate for LGBT youth in San Joaquin County by organizing youth and allies to be advocates for safe spaces, youth empowerment, and participation in Local Control Accountability Plan discussions. Learn more at www.sjpridecenter.org.

Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties
Sustainable Communities

The Southern Sierra Partnership

To promote improved air quality through conservation and compact growth by building capacity of the Southern Sierra Partnership to coordinate land use policy advocacy. Learn more at www.sequoiariverlands.org.

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Fresno, Merced and San Joaquin County
Health Services

Empowerment & Equity Through Data: A Southeast Asian American Agenda

To reduce health disparities in the Southeast Asian American community, by engaging stakeholders and allies in calling for data disaggregation policies that reveal long-term education and health disparities throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more at www.searac.org.

Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation
Stanislaus County
Domestic Violence

Multi-Disciplinary Response to Domestic Violence Strangulation Crimes

To improve health outcomes of strangulation injury victims by engaging with and training Stanislaus County first responders and health care providers through a coordinated community response. Learn more at www.stanislausfamilyjustice.org.

**Stone Soup Fresno
Fresno County
Parent/Leadership Involvement**

Educational Equity for English Language Learners Project

To improve education and health outcomes of Southeast Asian preschool/kindergarten children in Fresno County by training parents to advocate for disaggregated data on health and educational needs. Learn more at www.stonesoupfresno.org.

**UFW Foundation
Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare Counties
Immigrant Integration/Immigrant Rights**

Justice for Farm Workers

To improve health in underserved San Joaquin Valley communities by engaging farm workers in civic participation and advocacy for federal immigration policy, farmworker pay and working conditions and drought relief programs. Learn more at www.ufwfoundation.org.

**Utility Reform Network
Fresno County
Built Environment**

End Shutoffs: Protect Health & Climate

To document the health impact of utility shutoffs while advocating for affordable monthly bills and a reduction in shutoffs by partnering with diverse low-income communities in Fresno. Learn more at www.turn.org.