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There is a fundamental crisis of health and human rights in south Los Angeles. South L.A. has the poorest health outcomes and indicators in the County of Los Angeles – mirroring the health status in some developing nations. Chronic institutional under-funding, substandard environmental and living conditions, a lack of necessary health services and other inequities have produced some of the worst health conditions and disparities in the country.

While local coalitions, community clinics, hospitals, advocacy groups, and nonprofits have pieced together a safety net to address these chronic health inequities, the situation is worsening. The abject failure to uphold and protect the fundamental human rights of south Los Angeles children and families mandates a community-based, transnational, results-oriented approach by residents, service providers and advocates.

**JOIN US FOR THE  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009, 8:00AM – 5PM**  
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The First Annual Health and Human Rights Conference in south Los Angeles, an urban area with a powerful and mixed history of social justice responses to structural inequity, will bring advocates and workers from the grassroots and treetops together in a historic gathering to highlight and push for measurable improvements in health and human rights.

The conference will bring together local, national and international fronts to share lessons and leverage resources towards a common purpose: marked and measurable improvements in the health and well-being of children, adolescents and families.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST** 7:30AM-8:45AM

**OPENING PLENARY SESSION** 8:45AM-10:15AM

**Welcome & opening address** – Jim Mangia, *President & CEO, St. John's Well Child and Family Centers*

**Video Presentation** – South Los Angeles Right to Health

**Keynote** – Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, *Member, Board of Supervisors, 2nd District*

### South LA Health & Human Rights Panel

Dr. Rick Baker, *Dean of School of Medicine, Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science*

Beatriz Solis, PhD, *Senior Program Officer, The California Endowment*

Mike Neely, *Founder, Former Director, Homeless Outreach Program*

Gilda Haas, *Right to the City Coalition*

Frank Donahue, *CEO, Physicians for Human Rights*

**Plenary Address** – Dr. Carolina Reyes, *Executive Director, Los Angeles Best Babies Network*

**Plenary closing address** – Dr. Rishi Manchanda, *Director of Social Medicine & Health Equity, St. John's Well Child and Family Centers*

**HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOPS PART I** 10:30AM-12PM

The Social Determinants of Health: Local and National Health & Human Rights Violations, with regard to

- Health care services
- Behavioral Health & Trauma
- Healthy Housing

- Environmental Health & Justice
- Food Security & Nutrition
- Health Care Access
- Health Care Reform & Coverage
- Income, Employment, Benefits
- Education
- Public Safety, Criminal Justice, Re-Entry

### LUNCH PLENARY SESSION

12:15PM-1:45PM

**Opening address** – Pete White, *Co-Director, Los Angeles Community Action Network*

**Introduction:** Isaura Rivera, *Board of Directors, FMLN*

**Keynote** – Dr. Violeta Menjivar, *Mayor, San Salvador*

#### Lunch

**Keynote** – Dr. Robert Ross, *MD, CEO, The California Endowment*

**Keynote** – Dr. Victor Sidel, *MD, Distinguished Professor of Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center & Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

**Plenary Address** – Anuradha Mittal, *Executive Director, The Oakland Institute*

**Plenary closing address** – Nancy Halpern Ibrahim, *MPH, Executive Director, Esperanza Community Housing Corporation*

**HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOPS PART 2** 1:30PM-3PM

Development of a response: south Los Angeles Declaration of Health and Human Rights

- Health care services
- Behavioral Health & Trauma
- Healthy Housing
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### AFTERNOON PLENARY

3:15-4:30PM

**Opening address** – Becky Dennison, *Co-Director, Los Angeles Community Action Network*

**Keynote** – Congressman Dennis Kucinich, *Chair, Domestic Policy Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives*

**Declaration of Health & Human Rights**

**Plenary address** – Jane Stafford, *Senior Program Officer, Community Clinics Initiative, The Tides Foundation*

**Introduction of plenary speakers:** Nina Vaccaro, *Executive Director, Southside Coalition of Community Health Centers*

**Plenary address** – Howard Kahn, *CEO, LA Care*

**Plenary address** – Dr. Jonathan Fielding, *MD, MPH, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

**Closing address** – Lark Galloway-Gilliam, *Executive Director, Community Health Councils*

**SOUTH LA HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS RECEPTION** 5PM-6:30PM

## GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE

### ■ Highlight good work

Panel discussions, which will pair Los Angeles-based advocates with panelists with national and international experience, will highlight shared challenges as well as effective and innovative practices in addressing the determinants of health and human rights violations.

### ■ Forge new partnerships

Participants will be asked to explore specific and new partnerships. Opportunities for constructive dialogue among international, national, and Los Angeles area guests will exist during facilitated panel discussions, networking events, and a reception.

### ■ Commit to collaborative action

During the conference, participants will be asked to make specific and measurable commitments in awareness and capacity building, research, and policy and advocacy activities, with an emphasis on improving health and human rights in South Los Angeles.

### ■ Amplify our Call to Action in Health and Human Rights

Public recognition of new partnerships and specific commitments, new media involvement, and an advocacy-oriented capstone event will serve to amplify our call to action on several fronts. Commitments made during the conference will be added to the South Los Angeles Declaration of Health and Human Rights. The Declaration will be previewed for the public and the media.

**Breakfast and lunch will be served**

**REGISTRATION IS FREE**

Parking Fee \$10