

Unhealthy, Inequitable and Unsustainable: The Imperative to Improve Environments in Latino Communities

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Chad Silva has a background in organized labor and personal experience with the role of Latino's in the healthcare industry. Mr. Silva Currently represents LCHC as vice chair of the Health Workforce Development Council as well as on the steering committee for the California Health Workforce Alliance. He received his Bachelor of Arts from UC Santa Cruz and earned his Juris Doctorate from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Assemblymember William Monning, California State Assembly

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Assemblymember Bill Monning was elected in November of 2008 and then re-elected in November of 2010 to represent the 27th Assembly District, which includes portions of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara Counties. Since being sworn into office, Assemblymember Monning has gained several key appointments. He is Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health, a member of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, and also serves on the Assembly Committee on Budget, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, and Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services. Assemblymember Monning has been active in bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders and developing a strategy to develop the Coastal Trail in the Big Sur area. He has also worked to convene meetings of stakeholders on environmental, ocean, water and agricultural issues.

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Genoveva Islas-Hooker, is the Regional Program Coordinator for the Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP). CCROPP addresses environmental and policy level factors that contribute to the escalating incidence of obesity in the central California counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare. Genoveva's experience in public health spans over 18 years in both public and private sectors. As a Health Educator, she has worked in the arenas of HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention as well as Diabetes Prevention and Control. In

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Carolina Guzmán is a Project Manager at Prevention Institute, where she works on projects related to health care reform, health equity, land-use and health. Carolina has designed and implemented evaluation and strategic plan projects on domestic violence, criminal justice, children's health, mental health, and education. She has expertise working in technically and logistically complex projects that incorporate community-driven strategies to build capacity and promote sustainability. Prior to joining Prevention Institute, Carolina served as a Senior Epidemiologist at the San Francisco Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services, where she led the evaluation and research of land use, economic development and labor safety projects.

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