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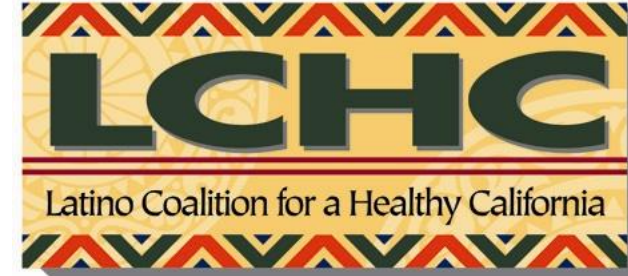
As the Director of Regional Networks, **Marcia Dávalos** works with diverse stakeholders throughout California to create locally-based solutions for Latino health issues and define a regional Latino Health Agenda in Los Angeles, the Bay Area, San Diego, and the Central Valley. LCHC provides education; research; public policy, and legislative advocacy to improve the conditions, services, and health of Latinos in the State of California. Prior to working at LCHC, Ms. Dávalos served as So Cal Field Organizer for a statewide ballot initiative under the leadership and training of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. While doing this, she received training and support from The Victory Fund Leadership Institute and Emily's List. She also served as a Deputy Campaign Manager and Campaign Treasurer for State and local campaigns. Ms. Dávalos completed her B.S. at the Cal State University, Northridge where she studied Business Administration and Management Information Systems.

**Gil Ojeda** is CPAC's founding Director and a leading expert on healthcare issues pertaining to immigrants, the working poor, those

with limited English, and medically uninsured populations. On behalf of the University of California, Mr. Ojeda's duties include developing and guiding CPAC's long-term health policy initiatives, administering CPAC's technical assistance program for legislative bodies, and overseeing an extensive competitive grants program to research healthcare issues salient in our state. Mr. Ojeda's 38 years of healthcare experience include program development and planning, contract negotiations, and advocacy for underserved communities. Presently, he is a Board Member of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, an organization he co-founded in 1992, and he also serves as an advisor to the California Latino Legislative Caucus. Mr. Ojeda received his B.S. in Systems Engineering from the University of Illinois in Chicago. He was a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Illinois, Chicago Medical Campus in Physiology and Bioengineering, and a Ph.D candidate at UC Berkeley in Industrial Engineering and Health Planning.

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Time	Agenda Item
10:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gil Ojeda, Board President, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California</li> <li>Howard Kahn, CEO/President, L.A. Care Health Plan</li> <li>Marcia Dávalos, Regional Networks Director, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California</li> </ul>
10:30	<b>Health Care Reform in California</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honorable Hector De La Torre</li> </ul>
11:15	<b>"Uncertain Times: Budget Considerations for Clinics and Their Communities"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louise McCarthy, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b> - Sponsored by L.A. Care Health Plan
12:45	<b>Physical Education, Human Health and Equal Justice in Public Schools: Voluntary and Court Ordered Compliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert Garcia, Executive Director and Counsel, The City Project</li> </ul>
1:30	<b>Group Updates and Meeting Wrap-up</b> Collaborative discussion
2:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

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The Honorable **Hector De La Torre** represented the 50th Assembly District from 2004 to 2010. Prior to serving in the Assembly, he served eight-years on the city council of his native city of South Gate, including 2 years as mayor. Before his election to the city council, Hector served in the Labor Department in the Clinton Administration, where he worked to ensure greater safety and security for workers. Hector earned a B.A. from Occidental College. He lives in South Gate with his wife Christine and their three young children who are all attending public schools.

**Robert Garcia** is an attorney who engages, educates, and empowers communities to achieve equal access to public resources. He is the Executive Director, Counsel and founder of The City Project, a non-profit legal and policy advocacy organization based in Los Angeles, California. He received the President's Award from the American Public Health Association in 2010. Hispanic Business Magazine recognized him as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States in 2008, "men and women who are changing the nation." He has extensive experience in public policy and legal advocacy, mediation, and litigation involving complex social justice, civil rights, human health, environmental education, and criminal justice matters. He has influenced the investment of over \$20 billion in underserved communities, working at the intersection of social justice, sustainable regional planning, and smart growth. He graduated from Stanford University and Stanford Law School, where he served on the Board of Editors of the Stanford Law Review. As reported in the New York Times, "The City Project [is] working to broaden access to parks and open space for inner city children, and ... to fight childhood obesity by guaranteeing that... students get enough physical education." N.Y. Times, Nov 12, 2007. Stanford Law School called him a "civil rights giant" and Stanford Magazine "an inspiration."



**Howard Kahn** is CEO of L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest public health plan with over 800,000 enrolled members. He is widely recognized as an expert in government health care programs, health care disparities, and the safety net. Howard has over 25 years experience in national and international health care, in both non-profit and for-profit, private organizations. At CIGNA International he was Senior VP for Latin America and Global Health, and as a VP at Aetna, he was responsible for the company's global health business, nationwide governmental managed care and managed health operations. He was Founding President and CEO of the \$1 billion California Wellness Foundation and Founding CEO of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a public, non-profit HMO. He is the former Chair of the California Association of Health Plans and serves on the board of Cal eConnect, a nonprofit organization designated by the State of California to develop and support health information exchange policies and services in California. Howard pursued undergraduate studies at Harvard, received his Bachelor's degree in Development Studies from UC Berkeley, and his Masters in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

**Louise McCarthy** is Interim Co-CEO and the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), where she represents the interests of LA area Community Clinics and Health Centers, and those they serve. Prior to joining CCALAC, Louise was the Assistant Director of Policy for the California Primary Care Association, where she worked on statewide legislative, regulatory and administrative issues impacting California's community clinics and health centers. She has also worked for the California Bureau of State Audits, conducting performance evaluations of state agencies, and for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, analyzing policies affecting the business community. Louise holds a Masters in Public Policy from the UCLA School of Public Affairs.

