



#CareForUs Rally Unites California’s Faith Leaders, and Essential Workers Plea to Government Leaders

This is a “now” moment for communities of color. COVID-19 has shown the gaping social, economic, educational, and health disparities plaguing Black, Brown and Indigenous people. We do not want to recover the inequities of the pre-COVID-19 world. We want to reconstruct a new path for our communities and build a future that prioritizes people over profit and seeks investment, not cuts.

In times of monumental crisis, people rely on our government to lead and prioritize our collective health and wellbeing. As our state faces a \$54 billion deficit, “essential” Californians are urging federal representatives and state leaders to take a beat—and pause before repeating past budget cuts and mistakes. From nurses to farmworkers, working people of California are asking state and federal legislators to #CareForUs. We are doing our part to help everyone around us get through this crisis. In return, we are urging you to have the courage to fully back and implement the federal Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, and close tax loopholes in California in order to generate revenue to invest in healthcare, jobs, and education. These are the things that are needed most now.

On Friday, May 15, faith leaders, young people, and essential workers will rally our state leaders to pass a moral budget that cares for the vulnerable and asks wealthy corporations to pay their fair share so California emerges from this crisis stronger, healthier, and more unified. We hope you are listening.

—Alberto Retana President & CEO

ABOUT COMMUNITY COALITION

For the past 30 years, Community Coalition (CoCo) has brought the community of South LA together to build leadership, launch action campaigns, and create a unified voice for Black and Brown people living in Los Angeles. By working to transform the social and economic conditions that foster inequity and inequality, CoCo aims to empower everyday residents to influence and elevate public policy. 2020 marks the organization’s 30th anniversary, a time to reflect on how community members stepped up to respond to the crack cocaine epidemic ravaging South LA. in the 90s as well as how it is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in an impactful and transformative way. For more information, please visit www.cocosouthla.org. #StepUpforSouthLA

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