

The POWER of Working Together: Creating Change for Our Communities And Beyond

Thursday, May 13, 2010
6:00 – 6:30pm – Networking Social
6:30pm – 8:00pm – Strategy & Action Meeting
Location: The Courtyard of the CAUSE Office
2021 Sperry Ave., Suite 18, Ventura

PLEASE RSVP by email to:

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HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CA BUDGET?

There is a \$19 billion budget shortfall for 2010 – 2011 and the Governor is proposing to lessen that shortfall by cutting vital social services that working families & communities like ours count on.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR VENTURA COUNTY?

- Over \$41.3 million in cuts to Ventura County's schools (CA Budget Project 2010)
- Elimination of In-home health supportive services to over 3,000 seniors and people with disabilities (CBP)
- 24,000 children losing health care coverage if Healthy Families is eliminated (CBP)
- \$4.3 million in cuts from Oxnard Elem. School District & \$5.4 million cut out of Oxnard Union High School District (CPB 2010)
- \$1 million cut from Santa Paula Elementary Schools & \$549,000 from Santa Paula High School District (CBP 2010)
- 12,220 SSI/SSP recipients' grants will be reduced and 220 SSI/SSP CAPI recipients will lose entire grants. (CBP)

LET'S COME TOGETHER!

We know that all of our organizations are fighting to stop budget cuts to programs vital to our communities in Ventura County. Yet it is also crucial that we step back from these defensive battles to engage each other and strategize how we can work together to build the power necessary to ensure that California is once again a place of shared prosperity.

In this spirit, the CAUSE CA Budget Advocacy Team invites you to join us for a powerful gathering to explore, strategize, and take action on ways we can work together to fix the state's ongoing budget and fiscal problems.

Topics to be discussed:

- Building Relationships beyond the usual suspects
- Understanding the current political & budget context
- What can we do together – strategizing and moving forward TOGETHER
- Building a regional collaboration to build up our strength and power!

The featured speaker will be Mary Gonzales, Gamaliel Foundation & ex co-worker of President Barack Obama.

Also, at the meeting below CAUSE staff will also describe the voter engagement project. We are taking a **non-partisan** approach to turning out **identified progressive voters** in direct response to the ongoing California budget crisis. Join us and take action . . .

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