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### SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, Oct. 24, 6:30 - 9 PM at the California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda, Los Angeles 90012  
Film: [Black Women in Medicine](#) - free  
RSVP [HERE](#):

### Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

#### LOCATION:

**MCH Access**

**Patricia Phillips Community Room**

**1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor**

**Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**(6th St., and Bixel St.)**

#### SPEAKER/TOPIC:

**More Ballot Measures!! - Continuing the review of health-related initiatives**

**Program Updates - Here Comes Open Enrollment!**

**Prop 52 - Voter Approval to Divert Hospital Fee Revenue Dedicated to Medi-Cal**

**Jennifer Bayer**

**Vice President, External Affairs**

**Hospital Association of Southern California**

**Prop 63: Background Checks for Ammunition Purchases and Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazine Ban**

**Margot Bennet**

**Executive Director, Women Against Gun Violence**

**Measure M**

**The Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan**

**Beth Steckler**

**Deputy Director, MoveLA**

**October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**Aracely Lozano**

**Monday, Nov. 14: 8:30 - 12**  
**Home Visiting and Safety**  
**Workshop** - see  
[www.idaofcal.org](http://www.idaofcal.org) at Braille  
Institute, Los Angeles, CA

**Saturday, November**  
**19: HomeWalk 10-Year**  
**Anniversary United Way's**  
**Annual 5K Family**  
**Run/Walk** New Location:  
Grand Park, Downtown Los  
Angeles. This year, we're  
celebrating 10 powerful years  
of running and walking  
together to end homelessness  
in L.A. County. Register [here](#)  
to join us.

**Tuesday, November 22 9AM**  
**- 3:30PM 14th Annual**  
**Hepatitis C Summit.** The  
California Endowment, 1000  
N. Alameda Street, Los  
Angeles. Registration  
information soon, or reach out  
to: Samuel Gonzalez, MS,  
Associate Director of HIV and  
HCV Programs, St. John's  
Well Child and Family Center,  
323-541-1600 Ext. 1079  
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### **RESOURCES:**

**American Academy of**  
**Pediatrics Blueprint for**  
**Children calls for**  
**comprehensive immigration**  
**reform and insurance for all**  
**kids regardless of**  
**immigration status:**

According to the AAP, "The  
next administration should  
break down the harmful  
barriers that hamper  
immigrants' access to health  
care. It should increase  
participation among eligible  
but unenrolled children in  
CHIP and Medicaid, reduce  
barriers to access (including  
waiting periods), and provide

## **Violence Prevention Community Organizer** **Peace Over Violence**



### **California Online Voter Registration**

**Are you registered to vote for the upcoming election?**  
**October 24 is the last day to register in California:**  
**register [HERE](#)- in 10 languages!**

**Take a few minutes today to make sure you're**  
**registered [HERE](#)- then forward this email to your**  
**friends and family so they can do the same.**

### **PARKING:**

Free at MCH Access; enter on 5th St. to 2-story parking (between Lucas and Bixel) and walk across the alley to our building.

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email or visit our [website](#) for further information about our organization.

**September 15, 2016 meeting**  
Click [HERE](#) to see materials

## **Guest Speakers: Health-related ballot** **measures**

This year, 17 statewide propositions crowd the ballot, at least seven of which have health-related content. Two more local "measures" as they are called, address transportation (Measure M) and park space (Measure A). Fifty-eight Local Jurisdiction measures address specific city issues, including four for the City of Los Angeles that the City Council placed on the ballot: bond measure HHH, the Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing and Facilities Bond; JJJ, the Affordable Housing and Labor Standards Related to City Planning Initiative Ordinance; RRR the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Charter Amendment; and SSS, the City of Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions, Airport Peace Officers Charter Amendment.

Feeling overwhelmed? Get informed! Think of it as a challenge and help your neighbor, mom, grandma or kid sister learn about the issues and how to vote! See the LA County Registrar-Recorder's [PAGE](#).

for access to all children regardless of their immigration status." See the report [HERE](#):

### **This is Birth - video series with Lisa Ling**

See the videos and texts of this five-part series: C-Sections; Midwives; Biological Clock; Surrogacy and Discrimination [HERE](#).

### **Employment**

Please click on the job title you are interested in to view the full job description and the application process. And provide a cover letter and current resume with your application that specifically outlines your employment history experience and educational background for which you're applying.

- [CalFRESH \(formerly known as Food Stamps\) Advocate](#)
- [Parent Coach - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [Health Programs and Benefits Trainer](#)
- [Human Resources Manager](#)

MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Please note: MCHA does not have any position on these ballot measures at this time.

### **Aurora Garcia-Barrera, Proposition 55 (personal income tax increases on incomes over \$250,000; funding to education, health, and welfare)**

Ms. Garcia-Barrera walked us through Prop. 55 - in 2012, Prop. 30 stopped deep cuts to schools and vital services lost during the recession of 2008-9. Prop. 30 is the current tax on the wealthiest Californians, scheduled to sunset at the end of 2018. Prop. 55 extends the current tax, except for sales tax, which would be lowered. Prop. 55 would generate an estimated \$8-11 billion per year for education, health care and social services. It is not a tax increase. It is endorsed by a large coalition of educators, medical professionals and public safety groups.

### **Calvin Sung, Yes on 56 (Tobacco Tax increase by \$2 for health)**

Mr. Sung explained the context and purpose of Prop. 56: California has one of the lowest tobacco taxes in the country, 87 cents. New York's tax is over \$4. Californians spend about \$3.58 billion dollars a year treating cancer and tobacco-related diseases for people on Medi-Cal; this tax would raise more than \$1 billion/year. This tax would be spent on improvements in Medi-Cal, which covers over one-third of the state's population, half the births, 60% of children 0-5 and 66% of nursing home residents. Provider rate cuts would be restored.

### **John Schwada, Communications Director, Yes on Prop 60 (Require use of condoms in pornographic films)**

Mr. Schwada explained the purpose of **Prop. 60** is to require performers in adult films to use condoms during sex. Prop. 60 would strengthen a law that has been on the books since the early 1990s. **Prop. 60** proponents say the initiative would close loopholes that have allowed the industry to get around the law. For instance, a producer now worried about a fine can film a condom-free shoot, and simply delay the video release by six months. **Prop. 60** would extend that statute of limitations to two years. **Prop. 60** would also require adult film producers to get a license and pay for testing of performers. If Prop. 60 passes, any California resident who witnesses a violation could file a complaint with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health. If a case isn't filed in a few weeks, that person can sue the adult film company.

With performers acting independently with webcams, the adult film performer and producer is often the same person. The Yes on 60 campaign says that performers who want to wear condoms are often replaced.

**Amanda Cotylo, Yes on 61 Campaign, Proposition 61  
(Prescription drug price regulations)**

Ms. Cotylo noted that **Prop. 61** requires the State of California to pay no more for prescription drugs than is paid for the same medication by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), but the state could negotiate for prices below those prices. That is the tie-in with veterans. DVA purchases prescriptions at costs as low as 35% of the average cost to pharmacies and up to 40% lower than Medicare Part D. The price ceiling would be applied to all programs where California or a state administrative agency is the ultimate payer of prescription drugs. Californians would save billions of dollars on the state's drug purchases.

**Raul Riesgo, Smart Approaches to Marijuana,  
Proposition 64 (Legalization of marijuana and hemp)**

Mr. Riesgo acknowledged from the outset that Prop. 64 will most likely win, but his coalition is focused on a health-first approach to marijuana, a "third way" approach based on science, public health and safety. Prop. 64 legalizes marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 or older; designates state agencies to license and regulate marijuana; imposes taxes except for medical marijuana; establishes packaging and sales regulations; prohibits marketing and advertising directly to minors and authorizes resentencing and destruction of records for prior marijuana convictions.

Since September 15

**MCAP (formerly known as AIM) will be delivered through Medi-Cal for new applicants**

**NO CHANGES for women already enrolled in an MCAP plan before October 1**

1) **What happens October 1?** Pregnant women who apply for the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP), which used to be the Access for Infants and Mothers program (AIM), and are eligible will receive their services through Medi-Cal's "regular", or fee-for-service, system, instead of through separate MCAP health plans, starting October 1, 2016.

The women will still have to pay their MCAP subscriber contributions to the State Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS's) vendor, Maximus. Questions about MCAP eligibility and benefits and administrative fair hearings for MCAP enrollees will still go through Maximus and State DHCS. We have asked for a copy of the new "Welcome to MCAP" letter, for the provider bulletin explaining the change, and for a copy of the woman's benefit card. We are told the card will have "MCAP" on it.

**NOTE:** Women already in an MCAP health plan before October 1, 2016 will not be changed: these women will stay in their MCAP plans until after their babies are born and the postpartum period ends.

**2) What services are covered for new MCAP applicants on and after October 1?** According to State DHCS, the benefits will be Medi-Cal's Full Scope benefits. **Women enrolled in MCAP on or after October 1 will also have access to Denti-Cal, which is Medi-Cal's dental program.**

**NOTE:** If you know of a woman remaining in an MCAP health plan who needs a dental exam or dental services, please let MCHA know. These women, too, have a legal right to dental care while in their MCAP plans.

**3) What happens after June 30, 2017?** At that point, the state will start enrolling all new MCAP applicants into Medi-Cal managed care plans under Full-Scope Medi-Cal, and the women will also receive Denti-Cal. Stay tuned.

Do you have clients? Please be sure they get the prenatal care they need! Call us with any questions or comments!

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**2013-2014 MIHA Data Snapshots Now Available - Find them on the [MIHA homepage](#)**

MIHA, the Maternal and Infant Health Assessment survey, describes the health and well-being of women with a recent live birth in California. MIHA provides information about maternal experiences and behaviors before, during and shortly after pregnancy.

Topics on MIHA Data Snapshots include:

- § Health status before pregnancy
- § Nutrition and weight
- § Intimate partner violence, depressive symptoms and substance use
- § Hardships during childhood and pregnancy

- § Pregnancy intention and family planning
- § Infant sleep and breastfeeding
- § Service utilization and health insurance coverage
- § Maternal demographics

#### MIHA Data Snapshots:

**Present a statewide portrait for the California maternity population.** Statewide results are available for subgroups of women based on maternal age, education, income, prenatal health insurance, race/ethnicity and three characteristics new to this release: neighborhood poverty, geographical area (urban and rural/frontier) and total live births.

**Support local needs and provide data for 35 counties with the greatest numbers of births.** Fifteen of these counties are new to MIHA data releases. We now provide county-level estimates for approximately 98 percent of the births in California and continue to provide data for multi-county regions covering the entire state of California.

#### Can help your efforts to improve maternal and infant health.

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Division used MIHA data to inform their outreach strategies. MIHA data have also informed the CDPH Immunization Branch's strategy to improve access and uptake of important vaccinations during pregnancy. For more examples of how MIHA data have been used throughout California, see [MIHA successes](#). Find the new 2013-2014 MIHA Data Snapshots on the [MIHA website](#): For more information about MIHA, questions or to request additional data, please contact us at [MIHA@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:MIHA@cdph.ca.gov). Please share this announcement with others interested in the health and well-being of mothers, infants and families in California. Together we can improve the health of mothers and infants in California!

### New LAMB Survey: Seeking L.A. County Moms Who Gave Birth in 2016

The Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Survey is recruiting mothers to participate in the LAMB survey to better understand and meet the health needs of Los Angeles mothers and babies. Could you please share this [FLYER](#) with moms that you are working with who have delivered a baby in 2016? Each participant will receive a \$20 Gift Card. If you have any questions, please contact me at [schao@ph.loacounty.gov](mailto:schao@ph.loacounty.gov) or 213-639-6470.

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