He continued to successfully fight and challenged substandard education for Mexican-American in Texas. MALDEF Interim President and General Counsel John Trasviña noted, "Judge DeAnda was a treasure of immense proportion to Texas, Latinos everywhere, and to the United States. In dangerous and difficult times, he and the few other Mexican American lawyers worked tirelessly to defend our community's interests before an indifferent judiciary and hostile legislators. We are all in his debt, and his co-founding of MALDEF planted the seeds that we still cultivate today."

"We extend our sincere condolences to his family and loved ones." In 1979, Judge DeAnda became the nation's second Mexican American federal district court judge when he was appointed to a new judicial seat in the Southern District of Texas. He later became the Chief Judge of the Southern District in Houston.

MALDEF board member and University of Houston law professor Michael A. Olivas, a friend of the Judge, recently wrote a book on Hernandez v. Texas. The book recalls Judge DeAnda's accomplishments, "Whether or not they knew it, all Latino and Latina lawyers work in their shadows and follow the trails cleared by these great early lawyers. A modest and unassuming man, Judge DeAnda has been a true inspiration to all of us fortunate enough to have known him. All of us benefited from his life and work."

The family of Judge DeAnda has established at MALDEF a memorial fund to support the important litigation programs that Judge DeAnda championed. For more information on the memorial fund, please contact Muy Chuang at (213) 629-2512 ext. 125 or mchuang@maldef.org.

Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation's leading Latino legal organization, promotes and protects the rights of Latinos through advocacy, litigation, community education and outreach, leadership development, and higher education scholarships. The Institute's report, titled "Closing the Gap," presents findings from the first extensive national study of the political representation of Latino and Latina lawyers at all levels of government in America. The report's findings are based on responses from 650 Latino and Latina lawyer respondents across the country. The report's findings are also placed in the context of Latino representation in the general population and in the elected and appointed government positions across the nation. The report highlights the critical need for Latino and Latina lawyers to have a greater role in shaping political decision-making at all levels of government.

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SEN. BARBARA BOXER ENDORSES PROPOSITION 89

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer today announced her endorsement of proposition 89, the initiative to reduce political corruption and the influence of special interests and create a level playing field for California elections.

"I've always believed that big special interest money in politics creates a system in which people lose faith in their government. Proposition 89 addresses this problem head-on. I urge a yes vote on Proposition 89," said Boxer.

"We are proud to welcome the support of Sen. Boxer for this historic effort to reform our dysfunctional political system and ensure that the voices of regular Californians can be heard over the corrupt influence of the big insurance, oil, tobacco, drug companies and other entrenched interests and lobbyists," said Deborah Burger, RN, president of the California Nurses Association, the sponsors of the initiative.

Proposition 89 sets tough limits on how much corporations, unions or individuals can give to candidates, and bars contributions to candidates by lobbyists and government contractors.

It supports candidates who reject private fundraising with a set limit of public funds, paid for not by individuals but by a small 0.2% increase in the corporate tax rate.

If politicians or lobbyists break the law, they can be fined, removed from office or jailed.

Boxer joins a broad array of campaign finance reform and community organizations and leaders in supporting Prop 89.

Endorsers include the League of Women Voters of California, the Sierra Club, California Common Cause California Clean Money Campaign, the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights Congress of California Senators, and the Latino National Congress.

Individual endorsers include U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and State Treasurer Phil Angelides, the Democratic candidate for Governor.

I.E. WOMEN'S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR TO HOLD LUNCHEON

The Inland Empire chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar will host a luncheon for members and guests on September 27 at 11:30 am at the Ontario Convention Center.

Francisco Oaxaca, manager of media and external communications for Metrolink, will be the guest speaker at this month's luncheon.

Oaxaca, who has been with Metrolink since January 1993, will discuss service changes on train lines that cross the Inland Empire, including the new Saturday "midnight train" from Los Angeles to San Bernardino. He will also address growing ridership, safety issues and future expansion of Metrolink throughout the region.

Designed to advance women in the transportation industry, WTS is an international organization of 36 chapters with more than 3,400 women members.

Luncheon fees are $30 for public sector members, $40 for private sector members and $80 for non-members. To register, email ishay@ctce.org by September 20 or call (951) 787-7923.

VIGOROUS JOB MARKET EXPECTED FOR SAN BERNARDINO

San Bernardino area employers expect to hire at a booming pace during the fourth quarter of 2006, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

From October to December, 43% of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees, while none expect to reduce their payrolls, according to Manpower spokesperson Evlyn Wilcox. Another 54% expect to maintain their current staff levels and 3% are not certain of their hiring plans.

"San Bernardino area employers have slightly stronger hiring intentions than in the third quarter when 40% of the companies interviewed intended to add staff, and none planned to reduce headcount," said Wilcox. "Employers also have more positive hiring intentions than they did a year ago when 40% of companies surveyed thought employment increases were likely and 3% intended to cut back."

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS IN UNITED STATES GROW

The number of immigrants living in U.S. households rose 16 percent over the last five years, according to new data released by the Census Bureau.

Many of these immigrants are coming from Mexico, and they are settling in new areas.

Six states — California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, and Illinois — traditionally attract the largest numbers of immigrants. While the immigrant populations in those states continue to swell, Indiana had a 34 percent increase in the number of immigrants, South Dakota 44 percent, Delaware 32 percent, and New Hampshire 26 percent.

Immigrants now make up 12.4 percent of the nation's population, about 35.7 million people.

Almost 11 million of those immigrants are Mexican.

Several National Research Council reports deal with immigration, including two recent reports: http://www.nationalacademies.org/headlines/20060829.html and The National Academies.

There is Hope
ONTARIO LOCAL FAIR PROMOTES HEALTHY LIVING-EDUCATION TO PUBLIC

ONTARIO, CA – Free health screenings, family activities and community resources will be featured at the West End Community Health & Wellness Fair. The fair will be held on October 15, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe church, located at 710 S. Sultana Avenue in Ontario.

Reach Out West End and a coalition of local nonprofits, businesses and churches have joined forces to inform, educate and empower the community of South Ontario to adopt healthier lifestyles. Health and service agencies will provide bilingual information about how and where to access services throughout the year.

The West End Community Health & Wellness Fair will include free hotdogs and sodas, job and housing information, fingerprinting for kids, music, traditional dances and fun activities for children. Youngsters are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal for "consultation" at the Teddy Bear Clinic booth. The Ontario Fire Department will be on hand with that Safety House which teaches children to find common household hazards, crawl low under non-toxic smoke, and dial 9-1-1.

The free health screenings at the fair will include:
- Asthma
- Blood pressure
- Choles-
- terol
- HIV
- Vision
- Hearing
- Body Mass Index
- Dental

Following the fair, healthcare providers will be following up with attendees to assist local residents to utilize health care resources within the community.

REDELEDS ADULT SCHOOL HAS OPENINGS FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING CLASS

Necessary Health Services are the third fastest growing jobs in the United States, according to the U.S. Bureau of Health Statistics. Applying for the Licensed Vocational Nursing Program at Redlands Adult School will get you started on this rewarding career path.

Applications for the Vocational Nursing Class that will begin in January of 2006 are being accepted through September 22, 2006.

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45 AM to 3:30 PM and Wednesdays from 8 AM to 12 noon. The class lasts for approximately 21 months and the total cost is approximately $2,900. A total of $1,675.00 is due at registration in December, 2006. Redlands Adult School does not offer financial aid.

Admission requirements
1. Nursing/Medical Assistant Certification
2. Red Cross "CPR for the Professional Rescue" card or Heart Association "Level "C" CPR card (must be current within one year)
3. At least 18 years of age
4. High School Diploma or GED
5. Free of Felony Convictions
6. Possess a Social Security Card

An entrance exam will be given to all applicants. The test fee is included in your $65.00 non-refundable application fee.

Clinical Facilities
- Heritage Gardens
- Braswell's Hampton Manor
- Redlands Community Hospital
- Totally Kids
- V.A. Medical Center

Contact (909) 748-6930 and listen to Nursing Prompt for further details.

COLTON WILSON SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHEDULES 13th ANNUAL PICNIC

Wilson School Alumni Committee (WSAC) in the City of Colton is inviting alumni and friends to its 13th Annual Alumni Picnic to be held at South Colton Veterans Park, "O" and Pine Street, Colton, on Saturday, September 30, 2006, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

"We invite former students of Wilson School to come to our annual reunion and enjoy a lunch with former classmates and acquaintances, and reminisce about the good ole days, and enjoy our planned entertainment," said Ernie Colunga, WSAC Chairperson.

San Bernardino - For the first time in three years, Omnitrans increased its cash bus fares in the early part of September. Full cash fare increased from $1.15 to $1.25, and day passes purchased onboard increased from $2.75 to $3.00. Discounted fares for seniors, students, and persons with disabilities, as well as all pre-purchased passes will not be impacted by this fare change.

The fare increase is necessary in order for the agency to continue to meet a budget that has been impacted by the rising costs of operational expenses, fuel costs in particular.

Founded in 1976, Omnitrans serves 15 cities and the unincorporated areas of the San Bernardino Valley. The agency has been named Outstanding Transit Agency of its size by the American Public Transit Association and has received 14 first place awards from the National Safety Council.
TYPE 2 DIABETES: HOW TO STEP IT UP TO GET IT DOWN

(NAPS) — If you or a loved one has type 2 diabetes, you are not alone. More than 18 million Americans have type 2 diabetes.

For many people with type 2 diabetes, controlling blood sugar is a struggle every day. In a report issued last year by the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) showed that two out of three Americans with type 2 diabetes analyzed in a study were not in control of their blood sugar.

It is important to control blood sugar because it lowers the risk of serious health problems later: heart disease, stroke, blindness, loss of limbs and kidney disease. There is a new help to better manage type 2 diabetes. Life and Fitness coach Bob Harper of NBC's "The Biggest Loser" and a panel of diabetes experts created steps people can take to get their blood sugar down. They are called 6.5 Steps Toward Better Blood Sugar Control.

The 6.5 Steps can help people with type 2 of diabetes every day because they focus on the basics of diabetes management: eating healthy, being physically active, monitoring blood sugar and when appropriate, taking one or more medicines. These all play a part to help lower blood sugar.

Healthy Eating: Healthy eating reduces the risk for complications such as heart disease and stroke. Good choices include many foods, such as vegetables, whole grains, fruits, non-fat dairy products, beans and lean meats, poultry and fish.

Physical Activity: Regular physical activity can lower blood sugar levels. It can also help manage weight and reduce the risk of developing heart disease and high blood pressure. Other things people with type 2 diabetes can do are walking with a friend or taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

Blood Sugar Monitoring: There are two tests for checking blood sugar. One test is the blood sugar monitoring that patients do on their own. It gives people with diabetes a check of their blood sugar level at the time the test is taken. The other one is called the A1C test. The A1C test shows a person's average blood sugar levels over the previous two to three months. Experts say that a good A1C goal is 6.5 percent or less for most people with type 2 diabetes.

Medicines: Most people with type 2 diabetes take medicine to help control their blood sugar levels. Many need more than one medicine to help treat the disease in different ways.

Anyone interested in learning more about better diabetes management can call 1 (877) 6-5-STEMPS or visit www.stepitupdiabetes.com. GlaxoSmithKline has provided funding and other support to AACE for the Diabetes & You: Step It Up To Get It Down campaign.

6.5 Steps Toward Better Blood Sugar Control

1. Be honest with yourself. Diabetes can be tough, but it doesn't have to control you. 2. Think about your reasons for living a healthier life and feeling better. Always keep them in mind. 3. Team up with your doctor or other health care professional to make a plan. This plan may include taking one or more medicines. You are in this together with the same goals.

4. Make healthy eating and regular physical activity part of your life. 5. Check your blood sugar as often as your doctor tells you and know your A1C number. AIC number. AIC is your average blood sugar level for the past two to three months. 6. No quitting. Not today. Not tomorrow. Never give up. 6.5 the HALF STEP — getting started is HALF the battle!!!

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ASSESSOR APPOINTS ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

He has represented the Assessor’s office at job fairs, and as a member of the Assessor’s Office Disaster Damage Assessment Team during the devastating Saw Tooth and Old Fires. His vast knowledge, professionalism and experience will be an asset to the Assessor’s Executive staff and to the taxpayers of the county, said Williamson.

Wilhite has been actively involved in his community, church and family; a 23 year member of the San Bernardino Elks Lodge, past president of Redlands East Valley High School Baseball Booster Club, and past president of the Inland Terror Travel Base ball organization. A former member of the City of San Bernardino Youth Sports Alliance. Past Congregational President of the First Lutheran Church in San Bernardino and the Messiah Lutheran Church in Highland.

He was the Chairman of the County of San Bernardino Employee’s Picnic from 1998-2000. Attributed to be highly successful events during his tenure.

Wilhite resides in Highland with his wife Roberta of 24 years, and sons Robert and Nicholas, currently attending Sacramento State University.

Taxpayers seeking assistance with assessment or exemption questions can contact Wilhite at the Assessor’s office at 909 387-6730.

BE A BETTER FRIEND

BY BEING A BETTER LISTENER

From the American Counseling Association

Most of us realize how important friendships are in our lives. We’re all social creatures and when we have friends we enjoy being with. They contribute to our overall sense of well-being and to positive mental health.

But solid, meaningful friendships usually don’t just happen. Good friendships take time to develop, and require both parties to be willing to share, trust and offer mutual support. Making all that happen takes effort by both parties.

One key element in building and maintaining a good friendship is being able to listen to the other person, especially when what he or she is sharing is significant concerns about life issues. Most of us have experienced the disappointment of telling something important to a friend, only to have that person then say or do something that clearly indicates they weren’t listening and didn’t really hear what you were trying to share. Such experiences can result in the end of a friendship.

For someone who wants to improve his or her listening skills, there are a few simple steps that will help.

A good starting point is to pay attention to how others listen to you. Make a list of the things that people do or say to indicate that they’re paying attention to you and what you’re saying. At the same time, do a second list of the actions and attitudes of people you perceive as poor listeners, who don’t seem to really focus on your words or grasp your meaning. Then try to decide on which list your own behaviors would fall.

You should also be aware of some general guidelines that can help you be a more effective listener.

1. Listen more than you talk. It sounds simple to do, but stop sometime and listen to yourself when a friend is talking to you. Are you actually listening or trying to interrupt with your own stories and points?

2. Seek clarification of statements you don’t understand.

3. Show you’re paying attention and understanding what’s being said by feeding back key parts of the conversation.

4. Summarize what you’ve heard as a way of ending your conversation, and of demonstrating to the other person that you truly understood what was being shared.

Being a good listener really is an art. If you’re a parent, set an example as a good listener for your children. When you ask how the school day was, take the time to stop what you’re doing and actually listen to your child’s report. When you only half pay attention, listening as you continue another activity, you’re effectively saying that the other person is more important than your son or daughter. If you’ve ever tried to talk to someone who continues to read a report, or checking the clock, sending clear non-verbal signals that he or she has little interest in your words, you know how unappreciated it can make you feel.

As a listener you also want to guard against responding to a friend’s conversation by inserting your own experiences in a way that minimizes what the talker has just told you. When your friend is sharing an incident that has caused him or her pain, what’s being sought is your under-
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL TRADE VETERAN MOISES CISNEROS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CISNEROS TO LEAD TRADE EFFORTS FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

SAN BERNARDINO, CA—Moises Cisneros, one of California’s leading international trade professionals, has joined the County of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency to lead trade efforts. Cisneros, the new International Trade Manager, joined the agency last week.

Cisneros developed the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s International Trade office beginning in 2002. In that capacity, he built coalitions among private businesses and government, and connected local businesses with overseas counterparts and the global marketplace.

“When you talk to the trade community in Southern California, they see that San Bernardino County is an integral part of international trade,” Cisneros said. “I came here to be part of that tremendous growth.”

With three international airports, key railway and roadway corridors and proximity to the coastal ports, San Bernardino County is already developing a reputation as a gateway to trade and global commerce.

“As we work to become a global center for commerce—and draw the quality jobs that come with trade—we need people well versed in developing international trade,” said Bill Postmus, Chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. “Moises brings that key expertise to our team.”

Cisneros joins San Bernardino County as it prepares for its first trade mission to China in November. He has extensive international experience, having organized trade missions to Latin America, Europe and Asia. As part of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Cisneros promoted Los Angeles overseas and helped draw foreign investment to Southern California. In his new capacity, he will work to bring jobs and business investment inland to San Bernardino County.

“San Bernardino County has a unique opportunity to use globalization to improve the quality of life for its residents by drawing better jobs and business investment,” said Brian McGowen, Administrator of the Economic Development Agency. Cisneros also served on the City of Los Angeles’ Committee on International Trade, Latin America & Canada and numerous industry groups related to trade. His work on an advisory board to Los Angeles Mayors James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa helped form the new Mayor’s Office of International Trade in Los Angeles. Cisneros also administered the Chamber’s International Trade and Investments Committee.

A native of Los Angeles, Cisneros is a graduate of the University of Southern California. He spent seven years with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

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CALIFORNIA LATINOS LACK POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL-STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS

By Paloma Esquivel

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According to the Public Policy Bureau.

- 0 members of the Board of Supervisors are Latino.
- 0 Congressional representatives are Latino.

In San Bernardino County there is only the slightest difference:

- 45 percent of the population is Latino, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- 0 members of the County Board of Education are Latino.
- 1 member of the Board of Supervisors, Josito Gonzalez, is Latino.
- 1 state senator, Nell Soto-D'Ontario, is Latina.

Lack of Voter Participation

While it’s easy to decry the lack of political representation, a persistent lack of voter participation is also telling.

Today, Latinos make up 32 percent of the population of California; yet they are only 16 percent of the voters, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. In contrast, whites make up 46 percent of the population but are 70 percent of likely voters.

"It’s not a shock that so-called minority groups have a lower percentage of voter turnout," said Secretary of State Bruce McPherson told the San Jose Mercury-News last week. "But we’ve done what we can to make sure people become engaged, especially young groups."

But Latinos don’t stay away from the polls simply because they don’t want to vote, say organizers. Democrats and Republicans spend lots of money registering white voters and getting them to the polls. The same amount of money is simply not invested in Latino communities, they say.

Voter Registration Efforts

Several grassroots efforts are underway in the Inland Empire to counter this dismal lack of participation. The Inland Empire Latino Vote Coalition has representatives working the streets in several communities, from Riverside to San Bernardino. But the lack of resources makes it difficult, says organizer Francisco Sola.

"It requires money to get this done, but we do the best with what we have," he says.

The major parties have money to pay workers to register people, says Sola, but they don’t seem to be investing in the Latino community.

While several community-based organizations have invested money in registering Latinos, their funds can’t compare to what Democrats and Republicans have available. Sola says he has just $1,000 from the Inland Empire’s Latino Network to help cover the cost of supplies. So, it’s up to volunteers to invest their own time and money to bring out Latino voters, says Sola.

Johnathan Duran is one of those volunteers. A student at Riverside Community College, Duran is working with MECHA to help organize registration drives on and off campus.

Getting new voters registered "feels good," says Duran, but it’s also difficult. "It’s always going to be an uphill battle," he says of efforts to get more Latinos represented in elected positions.

But the recent immigration marches pushed a lot more people to get involved with voter registration and gave him a lot of hope.

"If we could get all those people who marched to vote," he says echoing the conclusions of the recent report, "this would be a whole different California in 10 years."

Several of the leaders and chose 80 to celebrate its 80 years of publishing.

BE A BETTER FRIEND BY BEING A BETTER LISTENER

From the American Counseling Association

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standing and sympathy. What isn’t helpful is to hear you respond with a story of even a bigger tragedy that trivializes the first story. Such response may hurt your friend that his or her experiences aren’t really important, only yours. That’s not the way to build a friendship.

It’s also important to respect privacy. Being a good listener means recognizing what information is private and not to be repeated to others. But it’s also fair to let your friend know when something is being shared that makes you uncomfortable or goes beyond the boundaries of what you want to hear or talk about.

Communication is a vital part of a good friendship. But it’s important to remember that communication means both listening and talking. Be a good listener and you’ll find the relationships between you and your friends will grow stronger.

"The Counseling Corner" is provided as a public service by the American Counseling Association. Information is available through the ACA web site at www.counseling.org.

RICHARDSON PREP HI CELEBRATES API SCORE OF 910

San Bernardino City Unified School District’s Richardson PREP HI Middle School is celebrating its recent Academic Performance Index (API) score of 910 with a dance. The API scores reported in August were the results of standardized tests students took during the 2003-2004 school year.

Richardson Principal James Kistinger said, “At Richardson, we’ve always known that success is possible when faculty, parents, and students work together. The best efforts of our school staff are always more effective when the students also share in their best effort.”

Richardson PREP HI is not the only District school with a reason to celebrate. Middle College High School scored 826 on the API, making it the highest scoring high school in the San Bernardino County.

Sierra High School and San Andreas High School both showed significant improvement on the API, especially considering these schools serve at-risk youth. Sierra’s overall API score grew by 93 points, and the score of its Hispanic or Latino subgroup grew by 127 points. San Andreas High’s score grew by 143 points.

Del Vallejo Middle School had the second highest API growth of any middle school in the county, improving its score by 41 points. King Middle School ranked fifth and Arrowview Middle School ranked eighth in the county for API growth among middle schools. Their scores grew by 34 points and 32 points, respectively.

Two District elementary schools also showed significant growth. Kambark Elementary School had an 87-point increase from last year. It also ranked fourth out of 303 elementary schools in the county for API growth.

Highland-Pacific Elementary School grew by 59 points, ranking eighth in the county for API growth among elementary schools.

North Verdement Elementary School has exited Program Improvement. To exit Program Improvement, a school must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act for two consecutive years. AYP is based on the school’s standardized test scores in English/language arts and math, as well as other factors such as API scores.

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The unranked list of all 80 La Opinion honor rolls is posted on the newspaper’s website, in Spanish, at: www.laopinion.com/lidersdefuturo/. The paper has been publishing profiles of the leaders and chose 80 to celebrate its 80 years of publishing.

CTA VICE PRESIDENT SANCHEZ NAMED BY LA OPINION AS AMONG THE TOP 80 CALIFORNIA LATINO LEADERS

BURLINGGAME – The La Opinion newspaper in Los Angeles has honored California Teachers Association Vice President David A. Sanchez by listing him as one of the state’s top 80 Latino “leaders of the future.”

In its profile of Sanchez, the newspaper wrote: “Being a teacher, being in the classroom and fighting for a good education, all of that, of course Sanchez carries in his bloc.” Sanchez shares the honor with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor Executive Secretary Treasurer Maria Elena Durazo, and other California union, political, and business, show business and sports figures.

“This is a huge honor, but it really speaks more about the influence of CTA and its 340,000 members,” said Sanchez, the son of teachers who is in his fourth year as CTA vice president. “Working together, our teachers and parents are making a vital difference every day in the education of our Latino children and all of our kids across the state.”

AMERICAN RED CROSS SEeks Volunteers

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Do you have as little as 4 hours a week to share? Do you want to make a difference? Are you interested in an experience of your lifetime?

If so, we have an opportunity for you. We need volunteers for: Nursing program, front office support, disaster action team First Aid/CPR teachers Community Outreach Program Contact Elissa Reechsteler at (800) 380-7248
The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Inland Agency is recruiting people, preferably bilingual seniors, to join its corps of San Bernardino and Riverside county volunteers to train as licensed counselors. WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO MEET THE VOLUME OF QUESTIONS.

Volunteers will learn Medicare regulations during six days of training spanning two weeks, starting September 19. They then qualify for registration by the California Department of Aging. Please call (951) 697-6565 x 232 for location and to enroll.

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"With peer counseling, folks are more comfortable with someone their age," said Anita Johnson, HICAP volunteer coordinator. "For senior volunteers who want to participate in their community, it helps them be more active. Guidance is easier when it's someone from your own age group and who's lived through those decisions."

Inland Agency's mission is to educate, advocate and partner to build healthy communities. We also help people through youth education, health insurance counseling for seniors and Medicare recipients, and the unique Community Tool Box in Adelanto, which provides basic education, computer training and weekly food distribution.

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