



Tavis Smiley Brings Los Angeles Together for Ending Poverty: America's Silent Spaces Town Hall Meeting on Poverty and Health Disparities

The Los Angeles economy continues to recover, but the opportunity to advance remains out of reach for many. Poverty and structural inequities continue to plague our communities and are associated with poor health and a lack of well-being. A number of studies link poverty to higher levels of cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other conditions that lead to poor health.

Los Angeles is the most populous county in the nation with the highest rate of poverty among California counties, exceeding that of the national average. The question we must ask is how can Los Angeles instead become the leading example for expanding economic opportunity, prosperity, and well-being to its communities?

Join the Tavis Smiley Foundation in conversation with a multidisciplinary panel of experts on poverty, including grantees on the frontlines of this work with The California Endowment, California's largest private health foundation, as we work to identify innovative and community-based solutions that will inform a meaningful path out of poverty for our communities.

What: Ending Poverty: America's Silent Spaces Town Hall Meeting

When: Thursday, June 26, 2014

6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Opportunity Marketplace hosted by [WeConnect](#)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Town Hall Discussion

Check-in begins at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The California Endowment, 1000 N Alameda St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Admission is free; however, an RSVP is required: <http://bit.ly/1osNoQQ>

Panel moderated by Tavis Smiley, PBS & PRI Talk Show Host

Welcome by Dr. Robert Ross, president and chief executive officer, The California Endowment

Panelists:

Elaine Batchlor, M.D., M.P.H., CEO of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (opening 2015).

Maria Brenes, Executive Director of Inner City Struggle.

Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the County Health Officer.

Marqueece Harris-Dawson President and CEO of Community Coalition.

Dr. Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California; and founding director of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

EDITORS and NEWS DIRECTORS: Participants will be available for media interviews from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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