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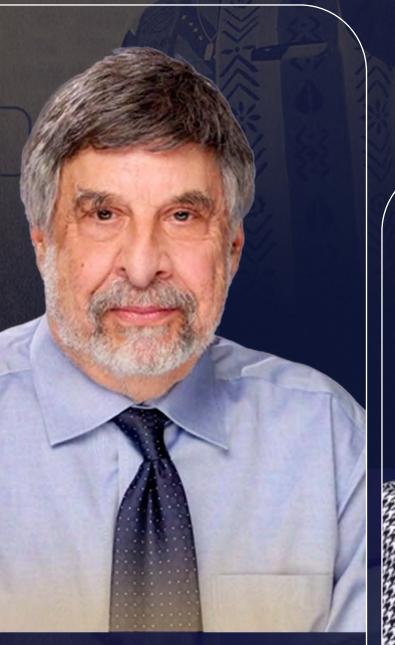
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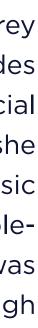
Sean Hill is an award winning multidisciplinary artist & humanitarian with the focus of supporting universal inner & outer peace in a realistic, fun, & passionate way. As a SAG actor, host, speaker, touring spoken word artist & workshop facilitator he has shared stages and pages with Oscar winners, platinum singers, Grammy winners, literary giants like Kevin Powell, V (formerly Eve Ensler), Jessica Care Moore, Nikki Giovanni & children from youth homes sharing poems for the first time. He traveled to help build two gender equal schools in Malawi & Nepal. "It is better to light a candle than to curse the dark.



Kristine "DJ Puffs" Ono

Born in Los Angeles, and raised in Monterey Park, DJ Puffs has spent nearly two decades elevating dancefloors and driving social change through music. Most notably, she served as Mayor Karen Bass' Campaign Music Director and DJ, and energized the peoplepowered culture and connection that was present throughout the campaign through her carefully curated sets.





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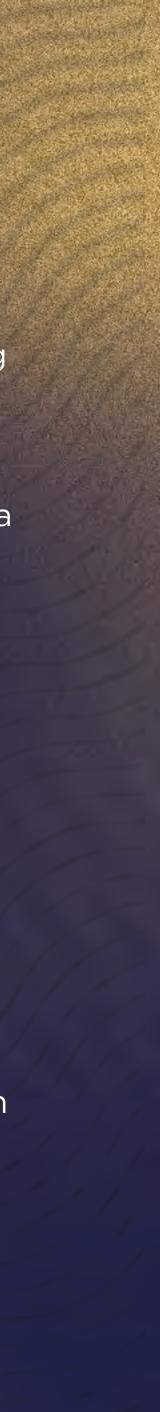
THE PEOPLE'S HEROES

Community Coalition is proud to honor the work of its 2024 People, Power, Progress Award honorees for continuing the legacy of "the people's heroes." These awards are named after distinguished individuals who might not be famous today but are heroes nonetheless to those committed to social change in South LA.



Charlotta Bass (1874-1969)

Charlotta Bass once said, "Win or lose, we win by raising the issues." Charlotta Bass was a dynamic force to be reckoned with among her fellow colleagues in the news media. She was the editor and publisher of the California Eagle, the oldest African American newspaper on the West Coast, and an astute political theorist and activist in her community. She was the first African American woman to run on the Progressive Party ticket for Vice President of the United States in 1952. Ms. Bass is known for leading a campaign against segregation and discrimination in Los Angeles voting procedures and employment practices. Additionally, she was involved in the fight against police brutality, the Ku Klux Klan and restrictive housing covenants. Ms. Bass showed no fear in the face of conflict and demonstrated perseverance in her quest to eradicate injustice.





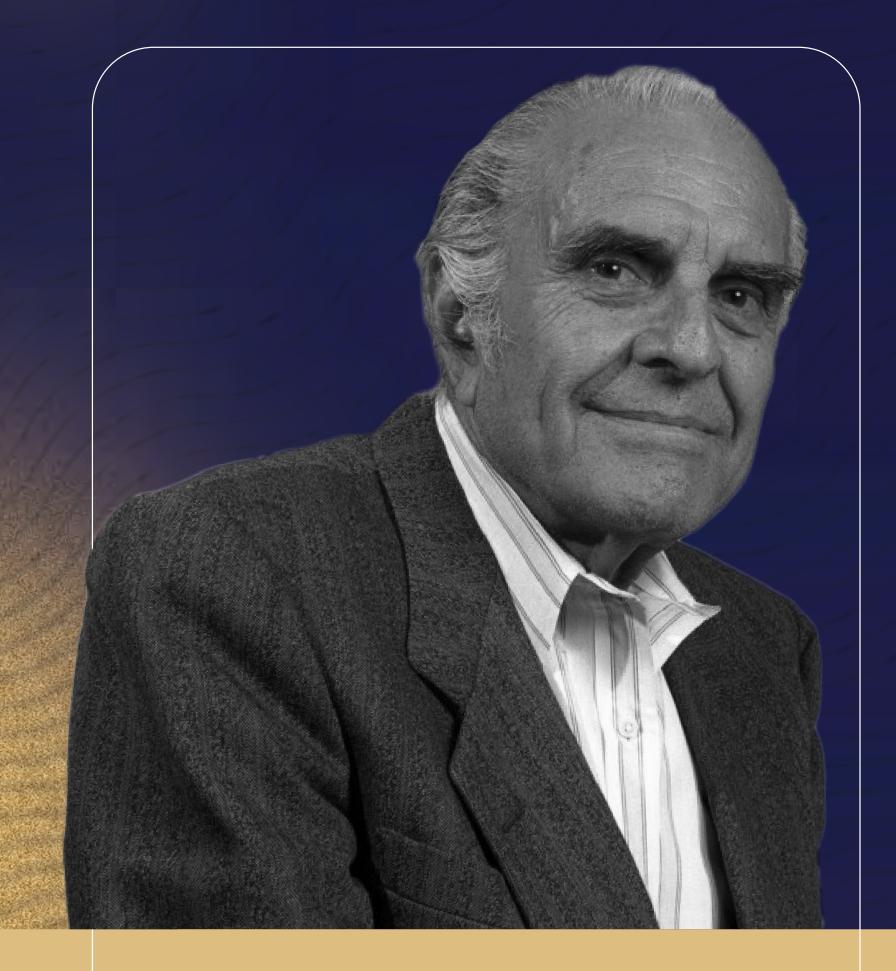
Actress, activist and community organizer, Frances E. Williams was one of the most colorful and knowledgeable stage and screen personalities of our time. Perhaps best known for the role of Miss Marie on the television series "Frank's Place" in the late 1980's, Williams' acting career spanned more than six decades beginning in the 1920's at Karamu House, the oldest black theatre in the United States.

Ms. Williams fought continuously to expand and elevate the roles portrayed by African American actors and others in Hollywood. Whether working as an actor in films, a wardrobe mistress on stage productions, or as the assistant director on the landmark film "Salt of the Earth," she was prepared to fight against injustice of any kind. Ms. Williams founded nine theatres, including the Frances Williams Corner Theatre behind her home in the Exposition Park area of Los Angeles.

As a community activist, Ms. Williams challenged Ralph's supermarket to hire African Americans. She co-founded the Art Against Apartheid Movement in Los Angeles in the 1980's, a celebrity anti-apartheid variety show that toured high schools. Ms. Williams was the first African American woman to run for the Los Angeles City Council and the California State Assembly.

Frances E. Williams (1905-1995)





Bert Corona (1918-2001)

It has been said that Bert Corona embodies the belief, "Si Se Puede," or "Yes We Can." He dedicated over sixty years of his life to the movement for peace, justice and equality.

Mr. Corona was a powerful labor activist in California. A resolute advocate for Latinos in the struggle against socioeconomic injustices and racism, he took leadership roles in organizing campaigns for the Congress of Industrial Organizations in the 1930's. Mr. Corona's determined commitment was the catalyst for the creation of such groups as the Mexican American Movement, the National Congress of Spanish Speaking Peoples, and the Association National Mexico-Americana. In 1951, he founded the CASA Hermandad Mexicana Nacional, a social service and activist organization that works on behalf of new immigrant workers in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Throughout his career, Mr. Corona successfully engaged mainstream politicians, as demonstrated by his role as California Co-Chair for both President Lyndon Johnson's and Bobby Kennedy's presidential campaigns.





Augustus F. Hawkins (1907-2007)

Augustus Freeman Hawkins was California's first African American Congressman. A graduate of South Los Angeles' Jefferson High School, The University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California, he set the standard for achievement within the political arena for people of color.

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, he served as a Democratic member of the California State Assembly (1935-1962). He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1963 where his political agenda included educational, labor, and employment issues. During his time in public office, he authored some of the most important civil rights legislation of our time, including the Fair Employment Practice Act of 1959, the Fair Housing Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Additionally, Congressman Hawkins, in collaboration with Howard University, formed the Black Education Leadership Summit, a coalition of education, civil rights, nonprofit, business and community groups designed to enhance the education of all African American students.

Congressman Hawkins died in November 2007, shortly after turning 100 years old.

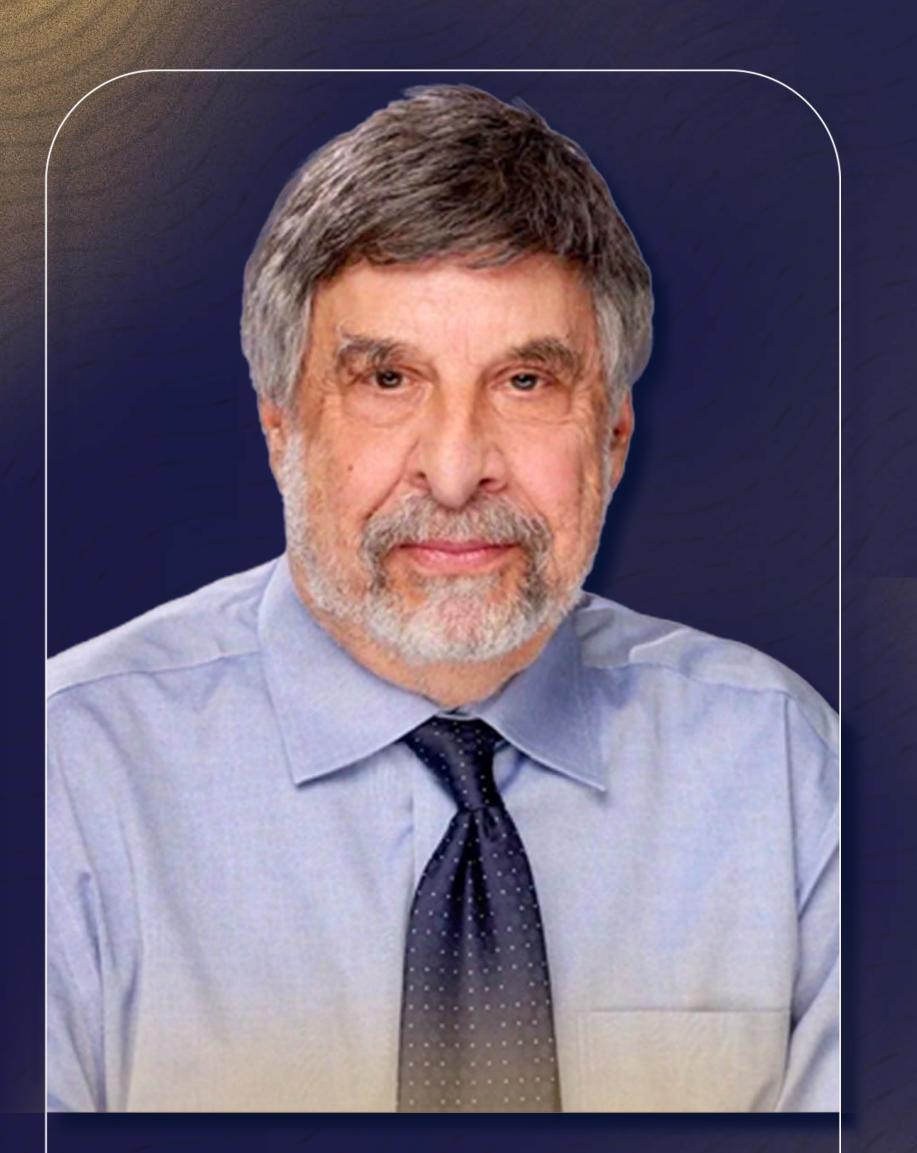




Rubén Salazar (1928-1970) Born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Rubén Salazar was a staunch advocate for the Latino community. He was educated at the University of Texas and emerged from academia to become the first Latino reporter to work with the mainstream press. Mr. Salazar was known for being a hard-hitting, streetwise reporter, who never relinquished his commitment to the unheard Latino community. He joined the Los Angeles Times in 1959, covering the Mexican American community. His columns concentrated on the injustices suffered in what he termed the "forgotten communities." Mr. Salazar wrote about the educational alienation of Chicanos, urban problems and the tensions between Mexicans and African Americans.

Through his writing, he delivered impassioned pleas for cross-cultural and cross-generational understanding. His career of activism and advocacy for his community was cut short at age 42 when he was killed by an LAPD tear gas canister while covering the historic anti-Vietnam war protest in East Los Angeles. He was truly "la voz para la raza" or "the voice of the people."





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Mark Rosenbaum is Public Counsel's Senior Special Counsel for Strategic Litigation. He previously served as director of Public Counsel Opportunity Under Law, which aims to eliminate economic injustice. He has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California for four decades.

Mark has worked on landmark cases on the federal level, having argued four times before the United States Supreme Court, more than 25 before the Ninth and Sixth Circuit federal Courts of Appeal, three before the California Supreme Court, and before the United States Court of Military Appeals. He has worked on cases in the areas of K-12 public and higher education, voting rights, poverty law and homelessness, racial, gender, class, sexual orientation discrimination, health care, immigrants' rights, foster care, and criminal defendants' rights. Notably, he has successfully secured over \$1 billion for underserved schools in textbooks, qualified teachers, and safe and sanitary school facilities (Williams v. California); blocking the Trump administration's efforts to end the DACA program (DHS v. Regents of the University of California); securing a historic ruling in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recognizing the constitutional right to literacy (Gary B. v. Whitmer); redistricting Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor district lines to end over 118 years of discrimination against Latinos (Garza v. Board of Supervisors), and so many more.

Mark is currently a professor of law at the University of California Irvine Law School and teaches courses in liberty and equality and free speech to Chinese law students at Peking University of Transnational Law in Shenzhen, China. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his advocacy including twice being named "California Lawyer of the Year" in civil rights and being selected to the Daily Journal's "Top Lawyers of the Decade" for 2011-2020.





YVONNE WHEELER

PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR

Yvonne Wheeler

President of LA County Federation of Labor

As a committed labor, civil rights, and community activist, Yvonne Wheeler has spent her life championing the rights of working people and is continuing that tradition as the President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, the second-largest Central Labor Council in the country.

After formative experiences as the daughter of a longtime union activist and a student at a desegregated high school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Wheeler attended Southern University. In 1992, she stood up to General Telephone Company management when all African American telephone operators were disciplined after a customer complained about rude service by one "Black operator." Wheeler objected to the singling out of workers, not because they were rude, but because they were "Black." Management backed down after her challenge.

She also challenged inept leadership at her local union, becoming a union steward and an elected executive board member. As she progressed in her career, she focused on organizing, legislation, and women's equity. She has bridged the gap between the African American community and the labor movement through civil rights campaigns, voter registration, and job training. In 2002, she was recruited by the AFL-CIO as a national field representative. Her credits include crucial Los Angeles area campaigns, such as the longshoreman union lockout and supermarket strike/lockout, as well as the Los Angeles Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride that championed the plight of immigrant workers.

Prior to joining AFSCME International, Wheeler was the AFL-CIO Senior Field Representative covering all of Southern California. She served as the Area Field Services Director for AFSCME, where she serviced 82 local unions comprised of over 180,000 union members in the state of California.

Yvonne is a proud mother of two, daughter L'Toya, and son Daryl, and even prouder grandmother of two, Kamryn and Kaleb Tate.



Aurea served as the Executive Vice President of Community Coalition, where she provided strategic leadership on various community action campaigns and initiatives for nearly three decades. She played a key role in guiding the organization through a federal defunding of community-based prevention nonprofits in the 1990s, and laid the financial groundwork for CoCo's growth, allowing it to be the organization it is today.

Aurea's major accomplishments at CoCo include launching the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools which has served over 1,000 students, nurturing their love for reading and their leadership skills, and leading Kinship in Action, a landmark organizing project that mobilized relative caregivers and helped secure tens of millions of dollars to keep children in family care and out of the foster care system. She was also responsible for building out CoCo's youth programs and advocacy, whose education equity campaigns at the LAUSD have brought hundreds of millions of dollars to high-need schools in Los Angeles. Additionally, Aurea launched CoCo's first gala dinner 24 years ago. Most recently, Aurea's leadership was critical in moving forward programming and fundraising efforts for CoCo's major growth effort, the Center for Community Organizing (CCO). In 2019, she established the CCO's Community Organizing Fellowships, which have trained over 200 organizers to date Under her leadership, CoCo purchased a second property that will serve as the future home for the CCO.

Aurea has been deeply impactful in numerous community-led coalitions, and her coalition-building and advocacy work has produced a gold standard in leadership development while emphasizing sustainability and capacity-building. She has led the charge in securing private and public funding for numerous initiatives serving children, families, and communities.

Aurea currently serves as the Vice President of Community Engagement & Policy for First 5 LA, leading work in community engagement, partnership development, data and policy, and advocacy.

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ABOUT COMMUNITY COALITION

- **Community Coalition works to help transform the** social and economic conditions in South LA that foster addiction, crime, violence and poverty by building a community institution that involves thousands in creating, influencing and changing public policy.

Mission

OUR CORE VALUES

Leadership Development

Enhancing the capacity of historically disenfranchised people to become empowered, responsible leaders who can initiate and lead efforts for long-term, sustainable change.

Education and Training

Developing the skills and knowledge needed to influence, shape and create the type of policies and programs that will improve the quality of life for South LA families.

Community Involvement

Uniting residents beyond racial and generational lines to become engaged in the civic life of their community and to use Community Coalition as a vehicle to transform the socioeconomic conditions of South LA.

Advocacy

Uniting people to work collectively to advocate on their own behalf for more equitable social and economic policies.

Contribute to the Building of a Social Movement

Generating and sustaining relationships and strengthening alliances with other organizations dedicated to social and economic equity. efforts for long-term, sustainable change.

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Aurea, You have not rested in organizing for freedom since the day we met you as an intern at Community **Coalition. You have made a differ**ence to so many in Los Angeles and we are blessed to have you in our lives.

With deepest affection, Paula & Barry Litt

Your many years as a civil rights attorney and activist in the pursuit of equality and justice has been EXTRAORDINARY!! We are so pleased to join in honoring you

"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. Make it perfect. Pass it on."

-Thurgood Marshall

Mark,

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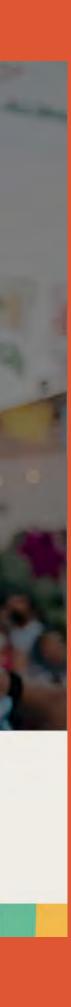
We salute Community Coalition and congratulate all of tonight's remarkable and deserving honorees, including our very own

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With gratitude and admiration, your friends at Public Counsel At Primestor, we believe in community power and transformative change. We're proud to support Community Coalition in their mission to uplift South Los Angeles through education, criminal justice reform, affordable housing, and economic development.

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To Mark Rosenbaum, Yoonne Wheeler and Aurea Montes-Rodriguez on being this year's People Power Progress honorees.

Thank you, Community Coalition, for empowering local LA residents for the last 34 years. We're honored to work with you on multiple community efforts that uplift child welfare, public safety, and an overall healthier state for all.



USC salutes the Community Coalition for its commitment to impactful and transformative service.

We thank you and the following honorees for your steadfast commitment to protecting the health and well-being of our communities:

Aurea Montes-Rodriguez

Yvonne Wheeler

Mark Rosenbaum

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To Mark Rosenbaum

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