



# Latino and Latina Roundtable

## of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley

1460 E. Holt Ave. # 144, Pomona, CA 91767

April 29, 2020  
Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

Our organization, the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley, strongly supports the continuance of the Dental Managed Care (DMC) program in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties. Our organization, which has an eighteen years history, has served and organized low-income, immigrant, refugee, poor, and immigrant communities. During that period, we have worked with day laborers, immigrants, and poor people who have needed all types of health services. One of the biggest needs has been that of dental services for the entire family. We know firsthand that the lack of dental care for these needy families often leads to other major health problems. Hence, not only do our underrepresented communities need education and dental screenings, they need to have access to managed and follow-up quality dental care.

Many of the community people we work with cannot afford insurance and it has been programs, such as the Dental Managed Care program, that have helped to fulfill this gap in their quality of life needs. We know how many thousands of low-income children and how many families have been served by this program and we know the devastation that the cutting of this program would have on these children and families. We urge you to take a stand in support of the Dental Managed Care program like you have taken a stance in support of quality of life initiatives for our most needy families.

Sincerely,

Jose Calderon  
President of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley