



Clínica Msr. Oscar A. Romero Community Health Centers

**OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTERS
OF CLINICA MSR. OSCAR A. ROMERO**

On behalf of myself staff and the board of directors Clínica Romero requests the support of the community, its users, elected officials, community organizations, its union, and its staff, so that we may continue to serve our community. I would like to clarify some rumors and re-affirm that Clínica Romero is fully committed to remaining open in order for us to continue providing vital primary health care services to the uninsured and under-served communities of greater Los Angeles. Thus, we in no way plan to privatize or convert the community clinic into a private business. Clínica Romero will continue to be a non-profit Community Health Clinic, and honor the memory of Monseñor Romero. Clínica Monseñor Romero remains steadfast to its mission of serving the neediest – uninsured and underserved – communities in Los Angeles County – an effort recently challenged by the ailing economy. Since 2010, Clínica has seen dwindling financial sources and revenues resulting from an unstable economy, while demand for services has continued to increase. Hard decisions need to be made and will need to be made in order to help preserve the mission of our organization.

In the last several months we have been working with community health center financial consultants in order to identify immediate and impactful solutions to get us through this crisis; and to help establish a strong long-term financial and accounting infrastructure for Clínica Romero in order to ensure the long-term viability of the clinic.

Our board of directors and administrative leadership remain strong and determined to see the clinic through this difficult transition. As I stated above hard decisions have to be made and will need to be made in order to help preserve the mission of our organization. While the challenges are great, I am convinced that our team of talented, committed individuals will help develop the most appropriate plan to help us out of this situation. If we all pull together and pledge our total commitment and effort, we will succeed in reaching a financial sound place for Clínica Romero.

Again, Clínica Romero requests the support of the community, its users, elected officials, community organizations, its union, and its staff, so that we may continue to move forward. I hope that we can count on your support as we move through this difficult time. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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