

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Dolores Huerta Peace and Justice Cultural Center Budget Announcement

**WHAT:** Dolores Huerta Peace and Justice Center Budget announcement

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 10:00am

**WHERE:** 2100 H St. Bakersfield, CA (North parking lot)

**SPEAKING:** Dolores Huerta  
Senator Anna Caballero  
Assemblymember Rudy Salas  
Supervisor Leticia Perez  
Josh Taylor, Lead Representative Carpenters Local 661  
Steve Zuckerman, President, Self-Help Federal Credit Union  
Veronica Madrigal, President, Self-Help Federal Credit Union  
Alex Fan (he/him), Youth Leader

**WHY:** The 2021-2022 State Budget includes a \$15Million allocation, championed by Assemblymember Rudy Salas (AD 32) and all the Latino Legislative Caucus that included members like Senator Anna Caballero (SD 12), for the establishment of the Dolores Huerta Peace and Justice Cultural Center. The Peace & Justice Cultural Center will be a multicultural community center complex, covering an entire city block in downtown Bakersfield, which will draw tourists and revitalize small businesses in the area. The Dolores Huerta Foundation has chosen to locate the Peace and Justice cultural center in downtown Bakersfield as part of its long-term commitment to revitalize the Eye St. Corridor. The Self Help Federal Credit Union -- with locations throughout the country -- creates and protects ownership and economic opportunity for all by lending to individuals, small businesses and nonprofits; developing real estate; and promoting fair financial practices. Their Bakersfield branch will be built adjacent to the Peace & Justice

# DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

Cultural Center and their partnership with the Dolores Huerta Foundation will be strengthened.

**Interview/Photo Ops:** Opportunities available to interview in both Spanish and English immediately following the press conference.

## About DHF

The Dolores Huerta Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to inspire and organize communities to build volunteer organizations called Vecinos Unidos chapters empowered to pursue social justice. Vecinos Unidos members develop their community organizing, civic engagement, and leadership skills by working on policy advocacy on issues such as health, environment, education, and youth development in their communities.

During this pandemic, the Dolores Huerta Foundation worked together with our partners and community members to:

- Distribute \$250,000 of financial assistance payments (ranging from \$500-\$1,000)
- Support over 1,000 people in our community in making their vaccination appointments
- Distribute over 92,000 pounds of food to thousands of families impacted by COVID-19
- Distribute over 125,000 masks along with health and financial resources to communities in Kern, Tulare, Fresno and Antelope Valley
- Host 20 health and wellness events for youth to deal with pandemic stressors.
- Host 40 COVID-19 Parent/Guardian support meetings. This resulted in increased access to school meals, equitable school board meeting access, improved interpretation services, and more.
- Hosted and or supported 13 vaccination clinics, vaccinated over 2,000 individuals in partnership with the United Against COVID Coalition

Learn more about the Dolores Huerta Foundation at [www.doloreshuerta.org](http://www.doloreshuerta.org).

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