

Speak Out Now at Highland 12/4/17

Cracks in the System

Highland is a hospital known for giving care to the poorest and most vulnerable in our community. But the resources at Highland are already stretched thin. People can be treated for medical issues but what happens when the patient needs a home and or ongoing counseling? This isn't just a question of what Highland can provide but about our society.

The cracks in our system are more than apparent for those who need the most help.

Big Pharma or Big Headache

Everyone knows about the craziness of the pharmaceutical industry. Prices of life saving drugs are raised without a second thought by the big bosses, and their lobbying insures that their profits are what's considered first and foremost in the healthcare debate. All of this trickles down to the pharmacy department. They are the frontline when it comes to patients being upset about price increases or explaining the difference between one competing drug and the other.

Big business for the pharmaceutical companies means a bigger headache for those forced to deal with it.

Crabs in a Bucket?

Life is hard for working people, and it doesn't seem like there is a break in sight. It's easy for us to "stay in our own lane", keep our heads down and make sure we can pull a decent life together for ourselves and our families. But if we stay isolated and disconnected we can become crabs in a bucket.

It's all about perspective. If we started finding ways of tearing down walls and building connections and confidence amongst ourselves we could have a totally different life and future. It may not be easy, but what's the alternative?

Unsafe Surveillance

The East Bay Express recently published an article about Highland hospital, raising questions around the security camera outside the ER. The camera records the license plate numbers of ALL cars that approach the ER and transmits them to a database accessible by law enforcement. The data base could be used to persecute people who are undocumented or have criminal records. Whose idea was this?

Highland should be a safe place for people but surveillance like this makes our hospital anything but.

Showing Support!

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial contribution to our newsletter. Over the past month we have raised just about \$80. Every penny goes to printing costs, so this makes a big impact to help keep the newsletter up and running.

Senate GOP meeting this morning.



"Before we discuss raising taxes on the poor & middle class, adding \$1 trillion to the deficit, taking health insurance away from 13 million, raising premiums by 10%, defendina treason and swearing in a pedophile. let's beain with a prayer."

Speak Out Now Holiday Party!

Join us for our annual holiday party. Plenty of food and drinks, activities for kids, book table, political performance and more! **Tickets are \$5**, kids are free. See your distributor for one.

Saturday December 16th from 6-9pm