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RALLY PLANNED TO CELEBRATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

*'HEALTH CARE FOR ALL' EVENT TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, 11/19, 10:30-11:30AM
AT EAST CLIFF FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IN LIVE OAK*

RALLY COINCIDES WITH OPEN ENROLLMENT SERVICES FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA

SANTA CRUZ, CA (Nov. 16, 2016) – Santa Cruz Community Health Centers (SCCHC), a leading nonprofit provider of high-quality, affordable and comprehensive health services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, today announced a community rally is planned for Saturday, November 19, to celebrate the success of the Affordable Care Act and its positive impact in Santa Cruz County.

The rally program will include remarks from local health care professionals, County Supervisor John Leopold and other community leaders, as well as music. Attendees are encouraged to use SCCHC's "Storycorps" station, which enables community members to audio record their success stories about access to health care, coverage despite pre-existing conditions and preventative care. Recordings will be provided to the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The event coincides with open enrollment services for Covered California. Enrollment for 2017 coverage is still available and people in need of healthcare services should attend to learn more.

"As the fate of our nation's health care system is debated in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, here in Santa Cruz County we know what's working and we see the impacts every day," said Leslie Conner, executive director of SCCHC. "The Health Care for All rally provides our community an opportunity to celebrate our local success stories – both at an individual patient level and among collaborating local institutions."

Rally Details

Date/time: Saturday, 11/19, 10:30-11:30AM

Place:

East Cliff Family Health Center
21507 East Cliff Dr.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

About Santa Cruz Community Health Centers

Through the Santa Cruz Women's Health Center and the East Cliff Family Health Center, Santa Cruz Community Health Centers (a Federally Qualified Health Center) provides comprehensive primary care services in English and Spanish to all ages, genders, ethnicities,

abilities and sexual orientations, regardless of their ability to pay. Seeded by the Santa Cruz Women's Health Center, SCCHC is driven by its originator's 40-year commitment to social justice and access to health care as human right. Its mission remains constant: to provide quality health services and advocate the feminist goals of social, political, and economic equality. SCCHC's health centers serve nearly 11,000 patients through a dedicated staff of medical providers, nurses, licensed clinical social workers, health educators, and administrative staff. SCCHC's clinics offer primary care, pediatrics, prenatal care and education, mental health and substance abuse counseling, chronic disease management, health insurance enrollment, food distribution, and more. Learn more at www.schealthcenters.org, www.facebook.com/schealthcenters or www.instagram.com/schealthcenters/.

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