

ITEM II. – PRESENTATION

HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT AT SEIU-UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS WEST



Hortencia Armendariz, Director of Healthcare Opportunities at SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW), has been in the labor movement for over 24 years, since she began as a grassroots community organizer for the United Farm Workers in the borderlands of the tip of Texas. She has worked with SEIU since 2005, leading statewide campaigns, operationalizing vision and programs, and developing strong leaders. In Texas, she organized public-sector workers and negotiated with school districts and public administrations at the city and county levels over worker benefits and working conditions.

In 2009, she joined SEIU-UHW in the Kaiser Permanente Division, where she worked on the labor-management partnership and led the field program through two contract negotiations. Armendariz currently leads Healthcare Opportunities of SEIU-UHW, which focuses on growing the workforce develop eco-system of the union. Armendariz is on the board of Futuro Health. She studied International Relations at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) in Monterrey, Mexico.

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