



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Dr. Raul Ayala

On behalf of the State of California, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Raul Ayala for his selection as the California Community Star for 2020 by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

As the Ambulatory Medical Director for the Adventist Health Central Valley Network, Dr. Ayala has transformed the healthcare landscape of California's Central Valley through the clinical integration of over 50 ambulatory clinics. During his tenure, he spearheaded a rural track for a family medicine residency program, integrated virtual care into clinics and homeless shelters, and expanded the graduate medical education residency program in family medicine. Moreover, his work leading the Adventist Health Opioid Stewardship Committee and implementing food and housing insecurity screenings across clinics are a testament to his commitment to improving care for our state's most vulnerable populations.

California is made stronger by Dr. Ayala's innovative leadership and dedication to creating a healthcare system for all. I am proud to recognize him for this award and know his invaluable contributions to the health of our state will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California