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**How Are Migrant Communities Facing the
Pandemic, the Climate Crisis, and Immigration Policy?**

Virtual press conference and Town Hall

WHAT: Alianza Americas and Presente.org will host a virtual Town Hall with Alianza Americas member organizations: Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of San Francisco, CA; Familias Unidas en Acción (Families United in Action), of New Orleans; Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC), Living Hope Wheelchair Association, of Houston; to raise the voices of immigrants and essential workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic and climate crisis, and our policy priorities for Congress and the Biden-Harris administration. The event will be conducted in English, with Spanish and Haitian Kreyol interpretation. **Spanish-English / Spanish-English interpretation available**

WHO:

- Lariza Dugan-Cuadra, Executive Director of CARECEN SF
- Farah Larrieux, Temporary Protected Status recipient from Haiti, Florida Immigrant Coalition
- Mario Mendoza, essential worker, Familias Unidas en Acción, New Orleans
- Alejandro Rodriguez, immigrant rights activist impacted by the recent Texas climate disaster, Living Hope Wheelchair Association, Houston

WHEN: February 24, 2021

TIME: 1 p.m. ET/12 p.m. CT/10 a.m. PT

WHERE: Via Zoom; RSVP with press@alianzaamericas.org to receive the event link.

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[Alianza Americas](#) is a network of migrant-led organizations working in the United States and transnationally to create an inclusive, equitable and sustainable way of life for communities across North, Central and South America.

[Presente.org](#) is the nation's largest online Latinx organizing group — and the nation's premier Latinx digital organizing hub — advancing social justice with technology, media, and culture. Presente.org's mission is to advance Latinx power and create winning campaigns that amplify Latinx voices; expand the political imagination and traditional boundaries; and foster inspiration for freedom, equity, and justice.

[CARECEN SF](#) empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving; where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life.

[Familias Unidas en Acción](#) was founded in 2018 with the vision of providing immigrant families in the greater New Orleans area and Louisiana with the resources needed to thrive in a new community without forgetting their own culture and history. We are the only community organization in New Orleans and Louisiana primarily focused on providing shelter and transitional support to recently arrived immigrant families.

The Florida Immigrant Coalition ([FLIC](#)) is a statewide coalition of more than 65 member organizations and over 100 allies, founded in 1998 and formally incorporated in 2004. We are led by our membership – grassroots and community organizations, farmworkers, youth, advocates, lawyers, unions and others.

[Living Hope](#) is community based non-profit organization serving people with spinal cord injuries as well as with other disabilities so that they may lead full and productive lives. Our group was founded by people with spinal cord injuries, the majority of our members are not entitled to benefits, lack medical insurance, and do not have a stable source of income. We provide services to our members and engage in community advocacy to achieve our goals.