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## Press Release

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### **The Orange County Labor Federation (OCLF), United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 324 (UFCW 324) and Cannabis workers partner to protect cannabis workers and consumers.**

**Santa Ana, CA** - Labor and the Cannabis industry have worked together with the state legislature and the Governor's office for the last five years to craft public policy to allow safe access to patients and at the same time protect our neighborhoods. South Coast Safe Access and the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 324 has negotiated the first labor agreement in Orange County. The contract provides for union representation, paid holidays, paid sick leave, employer paid health insurance, pension retirement plan, paid vacation, grievance procedure and livable wages.

Medical cannabis has been in California for nearly 20 years and cannabis workers believe California can once again move to the front of the pack by protecting workers and consumers in an industry that will certainly grow and become an even bigger part of our state's economy.

We are pleased to see that elected officials are recognizing the need to professionalize the medical marijuana workforce and to keep the industry in the hands of legitimate operators who have worker safety in mind. The OCLF and the UFCW Local 324 welcomes these new members to our family which includes pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy clerks.

- Who:** The Orange County Labor Federation, United Food & Commercial Workers Local and members of our community
- What:** Press conference announcing labor and community partnering to protect cannabis workers and consumers
- When:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 11 am
- Where:** South Coast Safe Access; 1900 Warner Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Why:** Public policy allowing safe access to patients and at the same time protecting our neighborhoods.

*About the OCLF – The Orange County Labor Federation represents more than ninety local unions from every sector of the labor movement with a membership of more than 200,000 working men and women. The Orange County Labor Federation strives to better the lives of all workers. Chartered in 1929 by the AFL-CIO, the Federation is the official regional body that brings together unions from different sectors to fight for decent wages, safe working conditions, strong communities and upward mobility for our communities.*