

# Justice Champion Hazel Ortega Visits Oakland's CROPS Institution to Inspire and Collaborate to Empower Communities

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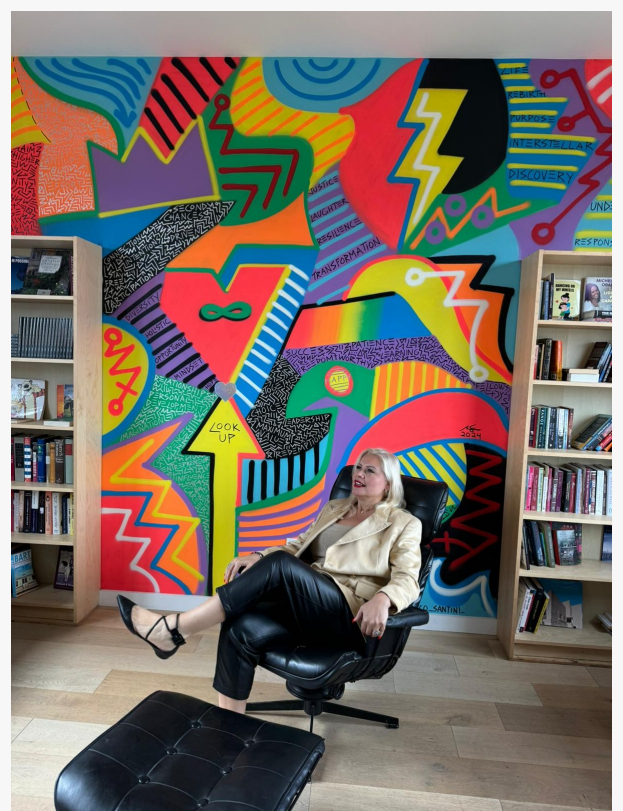
OAKLAND , CA, UNITED STATES, January 9, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hazel Ortega, renowned psychologist, motivational speaker, and successful entrepreneur, originally from Los Angeles, California. [Continued her legacy of empowerment and reintegration by spending](#) a full day on November 26 at the Community Reentry and Opportunity Program Services (CROPS) to advance social reintegration efforts for vulnerable populations. institution in Oakland, California.

Dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations, Hazel immersed herself in the institution's programs, exploring innovative solutions to reintegrate individuals into society. This collaborative visit aimed to identify opportunities for future partnerships and foster systemic change.

Highlighting her commitment, Hazel delivered an empowering talk to the CROPS population, sharing her journey from adversity to success and inspiring attendees to embrace personal transformation. Her impactful story resonates as a powerful example of resilience and second chances.

"I believe in the power of connection and opportunity," said Hazel Ortega. Her impactful conference underscored her strong and committed dedication to empowering vulnerable communities.

During Hazel Ortega's visit to Oakland's CROPS institution, she had the opportunity to



Hazel Ortega brought her compelling message of hope and transformation to Oakland's CROPS institution, she shared her journey of resilience with a captivated audience. Her talk emphasized the importance of second chances and provided inspiration to rebuild and thrive.

collaborate closely with [Richard Mireles, the Director of Outreach and Engagement](#). Their shared commitment to empowering marginalized individuals and supporting successful reentry programs was central to the day's discussions. Richard's leadership in transformative reentry programs complemented Hazel's mission to inspire and provide second chances.

Both share a strong commitment to empowering marginalized individuals and supporting successful reintegration. Their shared vision for providing second chances and improving community reentry strategies further enhanced their collaboration and they explored ways to enhance CROPS' initiatives, focusing on strategies for reintegration and long-term success for those overcoming adversity. As well as, they discussed innovative ways to strengthen CROPS' programs.

Hazel's visit emphasized the importance of collective action to address societal and systemic challenges.

[Her presence as a justice champion reinforces her ongoing mission to break](#) barriers, mentor others, and provide resources for growth and reintegration.



Hazel Ortega with the Director of Outreach and Engagement of CROPS

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Spending time here and witnessing these programs firsthand reaffirmed my dedication to working with institutions that transform lives and give hope to those who need it most”

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Hazel Ortega after her talk "From bounced checks to private jets" at CROPS West Oakland Campus



CROPS was Designed by formerly incarcerated leaders, this twelve-month career development program includes case management, participant stipends, and holistic wraparound care.



Hazel Ortega engaged deeply with the institution's programs, exploring opportunities for collaboration and offering her expertise to strengthen reintegration strategies.

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