

**INTRO, MANUEL PASTOR September 10 Making Waves – Torie Osborn**

**Manuel Pastor is an LA treasure, and one of my favorite people on the planet. He’s an expert on things that matter a lot to all of us: immigration, racial justice, economic equity, demographics, social movements.....**

**Maybe you’ve read one of his more than 10 books, and marveled at his thesis that ECONOMIC GROWTH and ECONOMIC EQUITY do NOT conflict....**

**OR, maybe you’ve attended one of his institute’s annual kickass IMMIGRATION conferences -- OR maybe you’ve even seen him emcee one or another of LA’s big galas – and found him hilarious and memorable -- He likes to say that he was a talk show host in another lifetime!.....**

**Manuel’s academic credentials are topnotch: a PhD in Economics, he’s a prolific action-researcher, and recipient of too many hotshot fellowships to mention....AND, his title is DISTINGUISHED Professor of Sociology and American Studies at USC, where he directs the Equity Institute.**

**But he’s also a brilliant storyteller who carries LA’s progressive narrative. He’s known for his paradoxical and famous words to us on the left after the 1992 Civil Unrest: QUOTE “We have an immediate need to think and act long-term.” The subsequent proliferation of new and expanded**

**community-organizing groups that dug in for the long haul in south and east LA have transformed political power here permanently, and put JUSTICE on LA's agenda for good.**

**Manuel has also explained our state's transition from red to very blue in his book: STATE OF RESISTANCE: What California's Dizzying Descent and Remarkable Resurgence Mean for America's Future.**

**Today, we'll hear from him on SOLIDARITY ECONOMICS....**

**Now, be aware that he has a condition known as SPASMODIC DYSPHORIA**

**– a vocal disability – Please welcome my wise and funny good friend --**

**MANUEL PASTOR ....**