



### **WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING ABOUT *SOCAL CONNECTED*....**

"Really interesting stories focusing on a big problem in the region: OSHA not keeping workers safe. This investigation had all the elements: good pacing, foreshadowing, well-told stories, victims, a "bad guy" confrontation, excellent editing and storytelling."

—**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual LA Press Club Awards Judges' Comments for "Protected or Neglected" awarded Best Investigative June 2011**

"...KCET's reporting teams showcased television journalism at its best in these stories. In 'Up in Smoke,' a team of reporters exposed the rapid, and often illegal growth of medical marijuana shops in Los Angeles with thorough sourcing, excellent writing and strong production. In 'Cal/OSHA,' a stunning six-month investigation, another team revealed negligence and fraud by a state agency mandated to protect workers by tracking down documents, finding victims and talking to officials on the record. And in 'Hung Out to Dry,' a national issue was brought down to a local level with clear, thorough and well produced reporting that brought change to the community."

—**The duPont-Columbia Award committee December 2010**

"*SoCal Connected*, the station's local news feature show, has won numerous awards. It easily outshines the inane and noxious fare on the local news. (Disclosure: I did one commentary for *SoCal Connected*.)"

—**James Rainey, *Los Angeles Times*, October 2010**

"We're starting to feel sorry for these poor people at *SoCal Connected*. They have got to be getting tired of all these accolades. The boring ceremonies, the rubber chicken – having to write all those press releases. It looks exhausting. And may we use this opportunity to shame the other local news television programs. How does a weekly public television program keep winning awards for breaking news? This should be embarrassing. Humiliating. Stop sucking."

—**Tina Dupuy of *MediaBistro's FishBowl LA* June 2010**

"Best New Local TV Program" for "producing [half-hour long] investigative reports on subjects that range from the politics of wildfire to the science of traffic congestion."

— ***Los Angeles* magazine August 2009**