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Alex Ortega, PhD, is [Professor of Health Policy and Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science](#) at UCLA. He is Director of the UCLA Center for Population Health & Health Disparities and Associate Director of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center. He has also served as Director of the UCLA Institute for Social Research. Prior to his UCLA appointment, he was on the public health faculty at Yale University.

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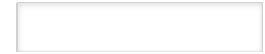
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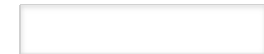
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The image shows a SoundCloud player interface. On the left is the Zócalo logo with the text 'ZÓCALO' in a stylized font, and below it 'UBLIC SQUAR' and 'NG PEOPLE TO IDEAS AND TO EA'. To the right of the logo is a red play button icon, followed by the text 'SourceoftheWeek2014 Alex Ortega'. Further right is the SoundCloud logo and a small square icon. Below this is a waveform visualization of the audio. At the bottom left of the player is a 'Cookie policy' link, and at the bottom right is the number '8'.

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