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LULAC Membership and Charter Renewal

Council President

Mark A. Barela

Dear Brothers and Sisters in LULAC,

It's that time of year again to submit our annual re-charter and membership renewals for LULAC Council 206 Carlsbad.

What this means for you is that RENEWAL Membership dues must be submitted no later than February 15, 2010.

Dues for Individual = \$24.00
Dues for New Member = \$28.00
Dues for Couple = \$36.00.

I have included with this newsletter a New Membership Application, Renewal Membership Application, and Committee Volunteer Form.

Please follow the directions on the forms and submit your Renewal Membership Application along with Membership Dues to LULAC Council 206; P.O. Box 839, Carlsbad, NM 88220. Please make checks payable to LULAC Council 206.

If you have any questions regarding membership dues or committee volunteering, please call 302-3076.

NM to be Organizing New Councils throughout State

NM State Director

Paul "Pablo" A. Martinez

Albuquerque, NM- NM LULAC in conjunction with several other NM Leaders have been organizing councils throughout the state of NM. Albuquerque is organizing several councils to include councils at UNM. Ms. Bernice Romero, Joel Trujillo and Jessica Martinez have been inspirational in this effort. Additional efforts have been made in Anthony, Sunland Park and Santa Teresa to organize chapters. Thanks to David Chavez and Phillip Archuleta this goal has been realized and the applications will be submitted the first of the year

Newest Additions to NM LULAC, Councils in Deming and Taos, NM

El Paso, TX- NM LULAC is proud to announce that we have gained two more council in the state. Thanks to Mr. Phillip Archuleta for assisting in organizing these councils in Deming and Taos, NM.

Deming Council 206 was re-instated and reactivated in Deming, NM. This council is now under the leadership of Nikolasa Castillo, President of Council 206. They were reactivated in August 2009.

At the National Board Meeting in Washington, D.C., State director, Pablo Martinez submitted the Charter application for Council 8053 of Ranchos de Taos, NM. It was approved on October 3, 2009. This council is also known as the "Brown Berets Council of Taos". The new President is Mr. Juanito Burns. This council along with Council 78 have been involved in the Whitten Case that has gained state and national media attention. This case involves several Hispanic employees that were terminated for refusing to change their Spanish names from Juan to John and were denied the right to speak Spanish. This Hotel was formerly known as the Paragon Inn. It was recently purchased by Larry Whitten of Texas. This case has pending litigation and NM LULAC has involved MALDEF, US Justice Department and NM Attorney General's Office.



NEW STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT: NEW LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTION

The League of United Latin American Citizens invites you to participate in the 81st LULAC National Convention & Exposition, New Strategies for Community Empowerment: New Leadership through Action, in Albuquerque, NM, July 12 through July 17, 2010. As the nation's premier Latino convention, the LULAC National Convention attracts more than 20,000 participants, including top leaders from government, business & the Hispanic community.

Make History: The LULAC Convention is an exciting, history-making convention because it convenes the national delegates of LULAC to discuss issues, set policies, and elect the organization's leaders. The convention is covered extensively by national and local media. It is the only convention in which representatives from Latino communities from across the country determine the positions and strategies of a national Hispanic organization.

Reach out to Hispanic America: The LULAC Convention is well attended by major corporations and government agencies who recognize the importance of reaching out to Latino leaders and influential community members directly. There are opportunities to sponsor workshops and events, to showcase products and services, and to recruit Hispanic professionals. All proceeds from the convention support the dedicated work of LULAC to improve the quality of life for Latinos.

Federal Training Institute: The LULAC Convention hosts the LULAC Federal Training Institute (FTI), an intensive and structured career development program for government and public sector employees. In partnership with the OPM Management Development Center and the USDA Graduate School, the Federal Training Institute offers workshops and plenary sessions that enable mid and senior level government employees to enhance their leadership skills and develop the Executive Core Qualifications required for entry to the Senior Executive Service.

Career Fair: Hot jobs, top companies, live interviews. Whether you are an employer looking for top talent or a professional looking for your next job, you will want to attend the LULAC Career Fair. This three day event features great employment opportunities from over 250 top companies and federal agencies that are ready to hire.

College Fair: Your path to higher education starts at the LULAC College Fair. More than 30 representatives from the nation's top colleges and universities are ready to speak with you about postsecondary plans and beyond.

Youth Conference: The convention also includes the LULAC Youth Conference—a three-day event for Latino youth, featuring workshops and discussions about education, career opportunities, community service and leadership.

Young Adults Conference: The Young Adult Conference features four-days of leadership development and policy workshops for college students and young professionals.

FTI Youth and Collegiate Federal Careers Exploration Forum: A free, fun-filled, day-long event to showcase career and employment opportunities available to middle, high school, college and university students. Expert presenters introduce students to resume writing, online resources, student programs, scholarships and internships.

About LULAC: Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the nation's oldest and largest Latino organization. With thousands of members organized into more than 700 LULAC Councils in virtually every state of the nation, as well as Puerto Rico, LULAC has tremendous outreach into the Hispanic community. With a rich legacy of advocacy in civil rights, education, economic development, immigration and equal opportunity, LULAC is uniquely positioned as the voice of the Latino community.

For More Information: For convention information and registration, contact the LULAC National Office at (202) 833-6130 or visit our website at: www.LULAC.org. Please join LULAC at the 2010 LULAC National Convention and Exposition in Albuquerque, NM as we celebrate 81 years of service to the Hispanic community.

New Location for our LULAC Family Resource Institute and LULAC Office

Council President

Mark A. Barela

In June, 2009 the LULAC Family Resource Institute (LFRI) and LULAC Offices moved to a new location located at 509 W. Mermod Street, Suite A.

The LULAC Family Resource Institute is a non-profit 501 c3 organization that provides our community and surrounding region with Immigration Services including Citizenship and Naturalization Application Support, Immigration Legal Services, Translation, ESL Classes, Support of Civil Rights etc.

Under the guise of LULAC Council 206, the Family Resource Institute has been able to remain in operation to serve our community as one of our council's primary Civil Rights and Immigration Service organizations.

Jessie Morales, Program Director has been able to provide services to hundreds of families and individuals since opening in 2004.

Many of these services provided to our clients include U.S. Citizenship, legal services from attorneys in our organization and community specializing in immigration law, court interpretation, ESL Instruction, etc.

Currently, the LULAC Family Resource Institute is seeking a new Executive Director. This position requires an individual to be a member of LULAC Council 206 in good standing, and one who is motivated to writing grants and seeking out financial support for the organization.

The Executive Director position is currently a volunteer position, which can become a paid position upon the approval of a grant proposal. Inquiries can be made by contacting Mark A. Barela at 302-3076.

Unfortunately, the LULAC Family Resource Institute is facing financial hardship. It is detrimental to the continued existence of this non-profit organization that members of LULAC Council 206 and our local community come together and provide assistance.

Please support any fundraising efforts that will occur in the near future. A Garage Sale & Dinner is being planned at San Jose Catholic Church in February to help cover travel and registration expenses for Jessie Morales to become a certified NM Court Interpreter.

If you would like to volunteer with the organization, please contact Jessie Morales at 885-9645.

Donations to the LULAC Family Resource Institute can be mailed to P.O. Box 839, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

All donations are tax deductible, and the LULAC Family Resource Institute will provide a receipt of donation.

LULAC and Health Care Reform

Press Release – www.lulac.org
January 14, 2010

WASHINGTON, DC – On Wednesday, Latino's United for Healthcare (LUH), a coalition of national Latino civil rights and advocacy organizations, leaders and community advocates united in support of comprehensive health care reform, sent a letter to the President and the House and Senate leadership to address the negotiations around a final healthcare bill. The letter served as a reminder of the key provisions which must be included in order to earn the support of the Latino community.

Latinos United for Healthcare (LUH) is a nonpartisan coalition of national, state and local Hispanic leaders and organizations that support the passage of significant healthcare reform that increases access to affordable, quality health coverage for all. For more information visit www.latinosunitedforhealthcare.org.

LULAC Council Meeting

Carlsbad Library Annex – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in LULAC,

Our LULAC Council 206 Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carlsbad Library Annex.

Special Guest include:

- Ted Cordova, Carlsbad Municipal Schools will make a special presentation about HB33 upcoming election.
- Jerry Flores, Carlsbad Radio is seeking sponsorship with LULAC Council 206 with Carlsbad Radio's Annual Chili-Cook Off and Art-a-Fair and Car Show that will be held in June, 2010.

Other agenda items will include the following:

- LULAC Membership and Charter Renewal
- New Membership Drive
- Upcoming Mayoral Forum
- Support for Deming Council 205 Legal Issues
- LULAC National Convention in Albuquerque, NM – July, 2010
- New LULAC Council proposal for Loving, NM
- Council Elections slated for March, 2010
- LULAC Family Resource Institute

Ask the Candidates – Mayoral Forum Scheduled

Carlsbad Current Argus

January 15, 2010

A forum for mayoral candidates is being planned for February 8, 2010 as a joint effort by several Carlsbad groups, including LULAC Council 206, AAUW and the Current-Argus.

The planners are asking interested residents to submit questions that can be directed to the candidates at the forum.

Please submit your questions online at www.currentargus.com, through the comment feature.

With the help of you readers, there will be a broad range of topics for the candidates to discuss, and that will help voters make their decision on Election Day

LULAC National Scholarship Applications

Mark A. Barela, Council President

January 20, 2010

Applications for the 2010 LULAC National Scholarship sponsored by LULAC Council 206 are now available at Carlsbad High School, Jefferson Montessori Academy, and Loving High School, as well as online at www.lnesc.org and at www.lulacnm.org.

Council Elections – Seeking Candidates

The following Council Officer Positions are up for grabs during the 2010 Council Elections scheduled to take place on March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. – Carlsbad Library Annex

Elective Officers

President
Vice President
Vice President for Youth
Secretary

Elective Officers

Parliamentarian
Chaplain
Sergeant-at-Arms
Treasurer

Appointive Officers

Director of Youth Activities
Director of Publicity
Others as the Local Constitution and/or Bylaws may establish

All Council Officers whether elected or appointed, just be 21 years of age or older, and must have been a member in good standing for at least one year. Be of good moral character and possess some administrative ability necessary for the discharge of his or her duties. Members interested in becoming a Candidate for Office can register by sending an email to our council president at mark.barela@lulacnm.org or calling (575) 302-3076.