

LULAC NEWS



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Felix Tijerina

Re-elected For Second Term



FELIX TIJERINA

Before starting on my first message during this, my second tenure of office, I would like to extend my warm personal gratitude to the League for placing their confidence in me and re-electing this humble servant to guide the destinies of our beloved LULAC. Let me assure you that each member of this great organization helped my administration last year to accomplish our expansion and progressive projects.

Now more than ever, I will need the close cooperation of each member in Lulac in order to reach our goals. Our League is growing and we must grow with it.

Now that we returned from the National Convention in Anaheim, California, we will probably meet with our Lulac Brothers at home and perhaps discuss the happenings of one of the most constructive Conventions which we have ever attended. To me, it is hard to describe to you the many things that took place. But as I sit back in the evenings, I start reminiscing and looking back at the outstanding speeches made and the timely remarks of the great speakers who honored us with their presence at the Convention. I cannot but stop and analyze the way that the Assembly

FELIX TIJERINA SPEAKS . . .

The President's Message Today, We Find the Flames of Lulac Spreading to Every Nook and Corner of This Country of Ours . . .

took part in all the deliberation. I am proud to have attended such a Convention.

Today, we find the flames of Lulac spreading to every nook and corner of this great country of ours. Those flames are spreading fast. We are making progress but we must also stop a while and face reality. We all recall that the Hon. Edward Roybal said about the "Sleeping Giant." I am a hundred percent in accord with Mr. Roybal. Yes, we must awaken that sleeping giant. But in doing so, we must teach him the principles of our Democratic way of life. We must teach him his obligations before he is able to assert his rights. Of course, this is something that you have heard before, but let me assure you that this is fundamental with all organizations such as ours.

Once more the round table of Lulac is being assembled and once more I find myself in the role of guide and prophet. One year ago, when this humble servant first made his appearance as your National President, his platform was, **Expansion and Education**. After expanding to four new States and adding 21 new Councils, I must continue this expansion program and at the same time I shall strongly suggest that we take a good long look at our Civic and Community responsibilities. So here I go again, tearing aside the veil of the future and forecasting the greatest expansion program in Lulac history. I would say, then, that the next steps in our expansion program can be summed up in

one word: Completeness.—probably the most significant step in the direction of completeness which lies ahead, is the completeness of coverage of persons. We must look for people who will work for Lulac..

We must look for people who will not abandon us in times of grief. We must look at the small people and get away from that certain class of people who join our ranks to voice their opinion but never raise a finger to lend a hand in doing something constructive.

It is time the conscience of Lulac should be shocked into realizing that we are not progressing in the field of Leadership, and that we are wandering far indeed from our traditional ideals and code. Certainly, you and I realize the need for capable leaders. Especially twenty years from now when our Latin population will have doubled itself. Yes, I know that all of my legal-minded friends will make a possible legal argument and tell us that our schools are taking care of that. Then how, my Brother Lulacs, do we account for the fact that in Texas alone, the average school education for our Latin children is 3.6 years of schooling.

Have you ever stood aside, taken a detached look at the professional men and women of Latin descent, asked yourself why there are so few and whether we, as Latin American Citizens are making provisions for resolving such a problem.

Perhaps the fundamental reason for inaction is that we have not visualized the full range of the scope of an education and the responsibilities of our great Lulac towards achieving this goal.

This administration has tried unsuccessfully to promote our passive membership plan to foster an educational program with the financial aid which can be derived from such a plan. At this time I would like to raise the question whether it would not be better for all concerned to get on with some kind of plan, than to go on indefinitely with out a goal or plan doing nothing at all.

Yes, this is a great and grave problem. Yet I have faith in Lulac and I hope and look for the day when we shall have demonstrated to our country that we realize our responsibilities, and that **this is our problem**.

The recognition that **this is our problem** is implicit in the roster of those Councils represented at the Convention and who took active part in our Convention. I was indeed gratified to see that there are on our rosters, representatives of Labor, Business, Insurance State and Federal Agencies, Law, Medicine, Church and Schools.

Now that we have discussed the existing problems, lets give our League our cooperation and continue the outstanding work done so far.

God Bless You
FELIX TIJERINA

Amendments

*These Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions
Must Be Ratified By All Councils.
It is Requested that The National Office Be Notified
of Disposition of Each Council.*

AMENDMENT No. 1

June 28, 1957

Whereas our new Constitution does not provide for a certain month for district and Regional Convention to be held and this being the reason for some confusion in the districts as to conventions.

Be it, therefore, resolved by the Lulacs at their National assembly that article VI, section 2 and article VII section 2 of our Constitution be amended to specify the month of district Conventions, and the month for Regional Conventions: However, the District Convention being before the Regional Convention month.

Respectfully Submitted By
Council 85

Drafted By
Pete Tijerina
Texas Regional Governor
Narciso Gil, Pres.
Council No. 85, Austin, Texas
First Reading 6-29-57
Recomendation - Adoption,
Being that the Constitution has these dates reversed.

28th National Convention

Amendment No. 2

June 28, 1957

Whereas, there are a great many dormant Lulac Councils in the State of Texas and other regions, and whereas, it has been the policy of the Supreme Council to require of dormant Councils being Re-Activated to pay another charter fee and another initiation, be it, therefore, resolved by the Lulacs at their National Assembly that article 8, section 1, paragraph C of the Constitution of the League of United Latin-American Citizens be amended to read as follows:

"That all dormant Councils which are being Re-activated be exempt from the payment of the \$10.00 charter fee and \$1.00 per member initiation fee."

Respectfully Submitted
Lulac Council No. 85
Austin, Texas
Narciso Gil, Pres.
Drafted By
Pete Tijerina,
Texas Regional Governor
First reading 6-29-57
Committee Recomendation
Adoption
28th National Convention
Recomendation Rejected
6-30-57

Amendment No. 3

June 28, 1957

Whereas Lulac has always participated and encouraged its members and leaders to take part in school activities such as Parent-Teacher work and to seek positions in the school board, and whereas the previous Constitution of Lulac always accepted elected school board officials as qualified to seek and hold National Office in Lulac .
Be it resolved that article V, section 2 be amended as follows:

Paragraph F:

"All elective school board positions are not political and Lulac members who are elected to school boards are qualified to be elected or appointed National Officers."

Respectfully Submitted
Manuel V. Lopez, P. Pres.
San Antonio, Texas
Lulac Council No. 2
Louis Cuellar, Secretary

San Antonio, Texas
Lulac Council No. 2
Drafted By
Pete Tijerina,
Texas Regional Governor
Committee Recomendation
Adoption
28th National Convention
Recomendation Adopted
6-30-57

Amendment No. 4

Whereas Lulac Councils have been organized at the University of Texas at Austin, and at the Southwest State Teachers College in San Marcos, and whereas the college and University Councils are composed of students from all over the State of Texas, and whereas it is necessary to insure the future growth of the League to have these students in the University and College Councils working under the banner of Lulac during their tenure in school and, whereas a resolution was passed at the Texas Lulac Regional Convention in Lubbock on Feb. 16, 17th and 18th, which reads as follows:

"Whereas, the District Governor from District No. 7, Joe R. Moreno, has been successful in organizing a Lulac Council at the University of Texas, and whereas, the organizing of Lulac in Universities and Colleges will open new horizons for our organization as pointed out by Bro. Joe R. Moreno:
"Want to emphasize the tremendous wealth of power and leadership that University students can bring into our League, the League must recognize, organize and train the best available potential

leaders at our disposal."

Be it resolved that the State Convention Recomend that all District Governors be instructed to immediately direct their efforts toward the organization of Lulac Councils in all Colleges and Universities where Lulac exists."

and, whereas most of these students are attending Colleges and Universities under scholarships or at great sacrifice to their individual families be it therefore, resolved by the Lulacs at their National Assembly that article 8, section V of the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens be amended to read as follows:

That all Councils in Colleges and Universities be exempt from the payment of dues for their members to the National Office and that these Councils in Colleges and Universities be certified by the National Treasurer as if they were paid-up Councils and entitled to all the voting privileges and delegate privileges as regular Councils.

Respectfully Submitted
Lulac Council No. 2
San Antonio, Texas
Manuel Lopez, President
Louis Cuellar, Secretary
Drafted By Pete Tijerina,
Texas Regional Governor
Recomendation - Rejected
Recomendation to Reject
Adopted 6-30-57

Amendment No. 5

June 28, 1957

Whereas, it is necessary for the Regional Governor to constantly travel throughout his region visiting the Councils, attending District Conventions, Supreme Councils Meetings and State and National Conventions, and whereas there is no provision under the Constitution of Lulac to pay or reimburse the expenses of the Regional Governor in such travels and whereas, it is necessary that we have the Regional

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nal Governor constantly active and traveling in order to promote the good and welfare of the League, to investigate complaints by the League and against the League, to attend committee meetings in the Legislature in support of legislation favorable to the welfare of our people.

Be it therefore, resolved by the Lulacs at their National Convention in Anaheim, California, that article VI, section 1 of the League of United Latin-American Citizens be amended to include paragraph "G" as follows:

"The Regional Governor shall make a monthly travel report to the National Treasurer of expenses incurred in his travel for Lulac and the National Treasurer shall reimburse or pay to the Regional Governors at the rate of 6c a mile, \$4.00 per day for meals and \$4.00 per day for lodgings".

Respectfully Submitted
Manuel V. Lopez, President
San Antonio, Texas
Lulac Council No. 2
Drafted By
Pete Tijerina,
Texas Regional Governor
First Reading 6-29-57
28th National Convention
Committee Recommendation
Rejection
Recommendation Approved
6-30-57

Amendment No. 6

To the Honorable National President and Officers in Convention Assembled at Placencia, California
Greetings:

Since our National Constitution of 1955 does not provide for the Officers of a Historian for the League and since such an Office is essential to the growth and development and National stability, it is therefore resolved by the Lulac Council No. 2 of San Antonio, Texas, that this resolution be presented at the National Convention of 1957 at Placencia, California:

Whereas, the League of United Latin-American Citizens has been established twenty-eight (28) years ago:

And whereas, its actual birth runs several years before such date in various regions of the State and in sporadic forms; and whereas, at all times and by all administrations after it took its present stable status, important documents, and articles of extreme value have been written relative to its work and retained by different Councils in various sections of the States and National Administrations: And whereas, at no Place or time or office for the accumulation and custody of this valuable material has ever been appointed or established: And whereas, the importance of these valuable documents can bring about a number of proofs of its eventual and significant progress:

And whereas, the accumulation and collection of all this valuable material can build the interesting story of the League of United Latin-American Citizens, which in short its meaning could be called the "Bulwark of the Latin Americans."

Therefore, be it resolved that a capable office and a centrally located city in the State of Texas be selected or established to facilitate the care, maintenance, and accumulation of all this valuable material and that an order be given by the National Office to all the rest of the officers, Councils and members to gather all these documents, articles and deliver them to that particular selected officer whose status should be of National character and whose term should not be less than five (5) years and be subject to **Re-election**, and that such officer be known as the Historian of the League of United Latin-American Citizens; and that all other and further requisite necessary to the perfection of this ancillary National

Office be considered and approved by the Supreme Council of the League in conformity with the Officer selected.

Recommended by
Lulac Council No. 2,
San Antonio, Texas
Committee:
Isidoro Flores
Manuel V. Lopez
However we are submitting a rider:

Of recent date we have learned that the late brother Andres de Luna of Corpus Christi had been appointed Custodian of the League on or about 1930 and that a few documents and articles has been turned into his care and custody, but that such appointment and ruling has not been observed and is now obsolete or dormant and abandoned; that Brother Andres de Luna has passed away but left a request that such valuable papers in his possession were the property of the League and that an appropriate office should be renewed or created

Hence, this resolution is timely and in harmony with Brother de Luna's request.
(Signed:) Isidoro Flores
(Signed:) Manuel V. Lopez
Approved at the Regional Convention at Lubbock, Texas on February 16, 1957.
Pete Tijerina,
Regional Governor
First Reading 6-29-57,
28th National Convention
Anaheim, California.
Committee Recommendation —
Adoption with proviso that the word Re-election be changed to Re-appointment. Page 2 of this above.
Recommendation of Committee
Approved 6-30-57

Amendment No. 7

Since the National Constitution and By-Laws in part G or section 2, article 5 clearly states:

"No National Officer must hold an elective political position, whether or not he receives compensation for his work."

Meaning in our interpretation, that if an elective National Officer holds any kind of a political position whether appointed or elected, would disqualify him for a National Officer; whether small or high whether local, State or National; and whereas such a Law is a great impediment for the development of a many valuable and active members, and because such a Law is unfair, obstructive and detrimental to the growth of our League, we the Committee, of Council No. 2 of San Antonio, Texas, respectfully denounce and consider this Law obstructive and unwise and beg this League in Convention Assembled, to declare this Law Null and Void, and replace same with the following: VIZ:

"That all National elective Officers be allowed to hold elective or political positions in their immediate localities as well as State, Inter-State, and National; providing it is not proven that such Office is being used for personal benefit."

Therefore, be it resolved that this Convention goes on record as declaring this Law Null and Void and replaced by the Committee's recommendation and it is therefore approved and so ordered.
Approved By:
Signatures of Committee
of Council No. 2
San Antonio, Texas
First Reading 6-29-57
Committees' Recommendation
Emphatic Rejection
28th National Convention,
Anaheim, California
Recommendation of Committee
Adopted for Rejection
6-30-57

Amendment No. 8

Lulac National Office
711 Kress Bldg.
Houston 2, Texas
Gentlemen:

The Los Alamos Ladies Lulac Council No. 232 submits the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

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Under section 3 National Convention— page 12 paragraph a second sentence now reads:

"Said sessions to begin not earlier than Friday of the second week of the month and not to extend beyond Sunday"

We propose the following:

"Said sessions to begin on Friday of the third week of the month and not to extend beyond Sunday."

This would definitely set the Convention for one certain weekend of the month regardless of date.

Since many persons wish to take their vacation at a time and place to include the National Convention, this would enable them to plan their vacations schedule without waiting for a Convention Proclamation, setting the date each year, to be issued. Many employed persons are required to submit vacation schedules as early as February, and if they do not know at this time just what the Convention dates will be, a wrong guess will mean missing it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pita Montoya, President
Roselia Trujillo, Secretary
First Reading 6-29-57
Committee Recommendation
Adoption with condition that it specify that Last Friday of June.

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Committee's Recommendation
Adopted 6-30-57

Amendment No. 9

Article IX, Sec. 4, a

Page 34, which now reads:

Fifteen or more boys and/or girls who are native or naturalized citizens of the United States of America and who have completed their fourteenth year but not reached their eighteenth year shall be a sufficient number to organize a Junior Council. Membership in the Jr. Lulac beyond age eighteen is hereby prohibited because that is the legal age for joining Senior Lulac.

Amended to read as follows:

Fifteen or more boys and/or girls who are native or naturalized citizen of the United States of America and who have completed their fourteenth year but not reached their twenty-first year shall be a sufficient number to organize a Junior Council. Any person reaching their eighteenth year may join the Senior Lulacs or remain a Junior until twenty-one years of age, however, a person cannot be a member of both Junior and Senior Lulacs.

Submitted to the National Office By Lulac Council No. 85 of Austin, Texas.

Narciso Gil, President

First Reading 6-29-57

Committee Recommendation

Rejection

28th National Convention

Committee's Recommendation

to Reject — Adopted

Amendment No. 10

Whereas, under art. 5, sec. 5, of our Constitution entitled, "National Treasurer", sets out the duties and responsibilities of our National Treasurer.

Whereas, the position of National Treasurer is one of a high **Judiciary** nature, vesting complete trust of our National Funds to such National Officer

Whereas, in order to protect the office of National Treasurer from any unforeseen eventuality.

Be it enacted, that such article be amended to require that the National Treasurer be adequately bonded to insure such National Funds, further requiring that the National President upon his assumption of office, take the proper action to Bond the office of National Treasurer.

Carlos Barahona

Des Moines Council No.

Daniel Sandoval

Baytown Council No.

Riders accepted by the authors of the above upon motion duly made and second:

Payment of such to be made by the National Office.

First Rearing 6-29-57

Recommendation of
Committee — Adoption
28th National Convention
Committee's Recommendation
to Adopt

Approved with rider 6-30-57

National Secretary

The following two Resolutions immediately on the date of their introduction on motion By Roy Velasquez seconded by A. Gonzalez, due to the fact that they pertain to Honoring potshumously two members who have passed away.

No. 1

Whereas: The late Antonio M. Fernandez, was one of our Great National Presidents and was held in Great esteem by many of his fellow Lulacs, and
Whereas: The National Office of Lulac wishes to recognize the memory of the late and well know Congressman from New Mexico, and

Whereas: The distinguished and learned Lulac did help his culture reach heights of esteem, by representing them in Washington, D. C.

Therefore: We of the 1957 Lulac Convention and Assembly resolve to recognize the memory of said individual by one minute of silence, and that the National Secretary be instructed to send copy of resolution to Mrs. Antonio Fernandez, widow of the remembered Fernandez.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lulac Council No. 246

Las Vegas, New Mexico

Matt Sandoval, President

Tony Serna, Member

Arcenio A. Gonzales, Member

Resolution passed by Acclamation on the 29th day of June this year of Our Lord, 1957

National President

National Secretary

Resolution Passed on day of Introduction 6-29-57

Resolution No. 2

Be it resolved at the 28th National Convention Assembled at Anaheim, California, on the 27th, 28th, 29, and 30th days of June, A. D. 1957. That

Whereas: Andres de Luna, one of the founders and charter members of The League of

United Latin American Citizens, who also served the League faithfully as Secretary general during the first two years of its existence and as President of Lulac Council No. 1 of Corpus Christi, Texas, that
Whereas: Andres de Luna came to be known throughout the League for his untiring efforts in advocating the principles and ideals of the League of United Latin American Citizens until such time as he became physically disabled due to illness, that

Whereas: Death overtook this Gallant American Citizen and Lulaker during the ensuing year leaving a vacancy in the ranks of Lulac that will be difficult to fill.

Be it therefore resolved that this National Convention stand in silence in reverend memory and post humous recognition of an early Lulac leader for a job well done, and that after this resolution has been properly redrawn and edited by the secretary of Lulac Council No. 1 that it be ordered spread on the minutes of this Convention, and that a copy of same be delivered to the family of our late beloved Brother Andres de Luna.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Corpus Christi Lulac Council No. 1

Louis Wilmot

Hector de Peña

Resolution Passed by Acclamation on the day of June this year of Our Lord, 1957

National President

National Secretary

WHAT IS IT?

It is more powerful than the combined armies of the world. It has destroyed more people than all the wars of the nation. It is more deadly than bullets; has wracked more homes than the mighties of guns. It brings sickness, degradation and death; it destroys; crushes and maims; it gives nothing, but takes all it is everyone's worst enemy — but too few seek to avoid it - it is CARELESSNESS

RESOLUTION No. 1

WHEREAS, The League of United Latin American Citizens was duly organized on February 17, 1929, and granted a Charter of Incorporation No. 59679, duly filed recorded in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, on the 15th day of June, 1931; and

WHEREAS, said Charter of Incorporation was amended by action of the 11th Annual National Assembly and duly recorded and filed with said Secretary of State on May 8, 1940; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens has been changed and amended so that same does not conform with the original Charter and the original Constitution in that the Charter provided that the League of United Latin American Citizens shall be governed by one Supreme Council which shall be constituted of two duly elected delegates and two alternates from each local Council, as provided in the General Constitution, Article IV; and

WHEREAS, The 1955 edition of the National Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens provides for the National Assembly to be the governing body and to convene annually and said National Assembly to consist of the Supreme Council. The District Governors, One delegate from each Junior Lulac Council who shall have a voice but no vote in the Assembly, A minimum of two delegates and two alternates duly elected and accredited from each active Council which shall not have less than ten nor more than twenty-five active members in good standing, and one additional delegate, and an alternate for every additional twenty-five members until a maximum of nine delegates and alternates for a 200 membership has been reached.

Each Council may add another delegate and alternate for each additional fifty members beyond 200; and said Constitution also provides that the Supreme Council to consist of the National President, Immediate Past National President, Two National Vice-Presidents, Regional Governors, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Director of Youth Activities, National Director of Publicity, National Director of Health, National Chaplain and Legal Adviser, and said Supreme Council to meet quarterly during the months of August, November, February and April, and said Supreme Council shall govern the League in the interim between meetings of the National Assembly; and

WHEREAS, according to said Charter, the League of United Latin American Citizens was organized for benevolent, charity, educational and patriotic purpose under Article 1395, Chapter 9, Title 32 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; and

WHEREAS, said Article 1396 provides as follows: Any religious society, charity, benevolent, literary, or social association (other than colleges, universities, academies or seminaries), and any military or fire company, may, by the consent of a majority of its members become a body incorporated under this title, electing directors or trustees, and performing such other things as are directed in the case of other corporations; when so organized shall have all the power and privileges and be subject to all the restrictions in this title contained, for the objects named in the Charter, and shall have the same power to make by-laws for the regulation of their affairs as other corporations; and

WHEREAS, Article 1302 of said Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas provides, under subdivision 105 as fol-

lows: Corporations may be created for one or more of the following purposes, namely, Religious, Charitable, Literary, Scientific or Educational: and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that said Charter of the League of United Latin American Citizens be amended so that it may conform to our present constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the League of United Latin American Citizens, acting by and through its National Assembly at its 28th annual Convention held in the City of Anaheim, State of California, on the 30th day of June, 1957, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, that the Charter of said corporation be amended so that as amended it shall be read as follows:

ARTICLE I: The name of this corporation is The League of United Latin American Citizens, and the grouping of the letters to spell LULAC, to be used interchangeably with the full name.

ARTICLE III: The principal office of the Corporation is located in the City where the National President resides, which is Houston, Texas. The place or places where the business of this corporation is to be transacted shall be within the territorial limits of the United States.

ARTICLE V: The corporation shall be governed by the National Assembly as defined in Article III of the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

ARTICLE VI: The conduct of the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the SUPREME COUNCIL which shall exercise all powers customarily vested in the board of directors of a corporation, and which are not specifically reserved to the National Assembly, the individual councils or to the members by the laws of the State of Texas or the Charter, the

Constitution or by-laws of this corporation, and as defined in Article IV of the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

ARTICLE VII: The corporation shall not have any capital stock but shall be a membership corporation, consisting of four classes of members; Active Members, Participating Members, Associate Members, and Honorary Members. The conditions of membership and the terms, rights, privileges, and duties of membership shall be stated in the Constitution and by-laws of this corporation. The private property of members shall not be subject to the payments of corporation debts to any extent whatsoever and no part of the earnings, if any, of this corporation shall enure to the benefit of any member as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT and the National Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the proper instrument so that said amendment to the Charter of The League of United Latin American Citizens be duly recorded and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas. The foregoing Resolution was adopted by a two thirds plus vote of all the delegates present on the 30th day of June, 1957.

Read and Approved;
National President

RESOLUTION No. 2

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CHICAGO LULAC COUNCIL 288 AT ITS MEETING OF APRIL 7, 1957

Whereas, there is an earnest desire on the part of all members that our beloved Lulacs expand and be established in every State in the Union; and Whereas, a considerable amount of money is necessary to effect this growth and most lo-

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cal Councils individually do not have sufficient funds to finance this expansion program:

Therefore, resolved that at the National Convention for 1957 a proposal be made for a study of this problem and a definite policy be established as to how these expenses should be apportioned between the local Councils and the National Office.

David Cerna, President

H. Lopez, Secretary

Council 288

First Reading 6-29-57

Committee Recommendation
Adoption

Passed 6-30-57

28th National Convention

RESOLUTION No. 3

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA LULAC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Whereas, Lulac for the past 28 years has established an outstanding record of loyalty, love and respect for the tenets, ideals and principles of our country, the United States of America, as a patriotic, Law-abiding organization of American Citizens, and

Whereas, Lulac believes, subscribes to and maintains that according to the legal progress, as practiced in our country, the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States automatically becomes the Supreme Law of the land and should be abided by and obeyed by all its Citizens, and **Whereas**, the State of Texas by and through its House of Representatives has during the month of March, 1957, passed a Bill entitled as House Bill No. 231, and

Whereas, said Bill will in effect circumvent the ruling of the United States Supreme Court and authorizes local School Boards to transfer, separate and segregate school children at their whim and discretion and particularly

enumerated in said Bill as follows:

1. Available room and teaching capacity in the various schools:

2. The availability of transportation facilities:

3. The effect of the admission of new pupils upon established or proposed academic program:

4. The suitability of established curricula for particular pupils:

5. The adequacy of the pupil's academic preparation for admission to a particular school and curriculum:

6. The scholastic aptitude and relative intelligence or mental energy or ability of the pupil:

7. The psychological qualification of the pupil for the type of teaching and association involved;

8. The effect of admission of the pupil upon the academic progress of other students in particular school or facility thereof;

9. The effect of admission upon prevailing academic standards at a particular school;

10. The psychological effect upon the pupil of attendance at a particular school;

11. The possibility of threat of friction or disorder among pupils or others;

12. The possibility of breaches of the peace or ill will or economic relations within the community; the home environment of the pupil;

13. The maintenance or severance of established social and psychological relationships with other pupils and with teachers;

14. The choice and interests of the pupils; the morals, conduct, health and personal standards of the pupil;

15. The request or consent of parents or guardians and the reasons assigned therefor and

Whereas, this Bill has the effect of nullifying all the accomplishments of our organizations in the Delgado case, the Salvatierra case, and the Driscoll case,

Therefore, be resolved by the League of United Latin American Citizens in National Convention Assembled in the city of Anaheim, California on the 28th, 29th and 30th days of June, 1957, that this organization go on record as emphatically condemning and energetically protesting said Bill and any other attempt to circumvent and thwart the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States,

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Lulac National Convention and that copies of same be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of Texas, the State Democratic executive committee and such other National and State Officials as it may be deemed necessary and that it be given the widest possible publicity so that the people of Texas and the Nation may know our stand on this matter. Respectfully submitted
(Signature) Pete Tijerina
Regional Governor of Texas
Approved by:

San Antonio Lulac Council
No. 2

Manuel V. Lopez, President
First Reading 6-29-57

28th National Convention
Committee Recommendation
Adoption as Amended
Passed 6-30-57

RESOLUTION No. 4

Whereas, the Supreme Council in meeting duly convened at Austin, Texas on August 18 and 19, 1956, did act upon and establish an amendment to our Constitution under Art. 2, Sec. 2, entitled, "Types of Membership" and which Supreme Council resolution is

attached hereto and made a part hereof as through fully set out herein, and which reads as follows:

READ ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Be it therefore resolved, that the League of United Latin American Citizens in Convention Assembled, on June 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1957, do ratify and confirm that action of the Supreme Council, with the proviso that the Resolution establishing such membership be amended as follows:

1. That the local Councils be vested with complete authority to accept or reject any prospective member, vesting such local Councils with discretion to decide which type of membership will be granted to a prospective member.

2. That such membership be designated as "Associate Member" and not "Passive Member".

3. That the yearly dues of such type of membership be placed at \$5.00 instead of \$2.00; and to be disbursed on a 50-50 basis between the local Council and the National Office.

Robert Hernandez

Port Arthur Council No. 217

Roberts Vasquez

East Chicago Council No. 290

First Reading 6-29-57

Committee Recommendation

Adoption

Tabled 6-30-57

28th National Convention

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

August 19 and 19, 1956
Austin, Texas

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS SUGGESTED:

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens has been in existence since 1929 and its protection, counsel and guidance has been limited to American citizens who can actively participate in meetings of local councils; and

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RESOLUTIONS—

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WHEREAS, our Spanish-speaking brethren have never been approached to become members of Lulac for nominal sum without the rights, privileges and duties accorded and required of active and participating members; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of our Spanish-speaking brethren who would welcome such an opportunity, merely for the privilege of being identified with Lulac; and

WHEREAS, annual dues of \$2.00 for each passing member would encourage our Spanish-speaking brethren to join Lulac and the National Treasury would benefit as well as the respective local councils; and

WHEREAS, such members would be passive members in that they would have the protection, counsel and guidance of the League only as well as a monthly copy of LULAC NEWS and subject to all duties except participation by voice or vote in any meetings, affairs or activities of the League or any local council; and

WHEREAS, the creation and establishment of such passive membership would benefit the League immeasurably and requires immediate action and is an emergency:

NOW, therefore, be it Resolved by the Supreme Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens, duly convened in Austin, Texas, this 17th day of August, A. D. 1956, by Proclamation by the Hon. Felix Tijerina, National President, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens that henceforth, subject to approval by the National Assembly at its next regular Convention, the membership of the League will have an additional classification to be called Passive

Members, and that Section 2, Article II of the Constitution be and it is hereby amended so that it shall contain subdivision (d) to read as follows:

d. Passive Members: A Passive Member is one who is not a member of local council and does not have voice or vote in any meeting of the Supreme Council or National Assembly or any local council but merely holds membership in the League as a passive member and is only entitled to the protection, counsel and guidance provided by the League to its regular members and without the other rights, privileges and duties accorded and required of regular members.

BE IT further Resolved that subdivision (g) be added to Section 5 of Article II of the Constitution and to read as follows:

(g) Passive members do not have any of the rights and privileges enumerated above except the protection, counsel and guidance provided by the League to its regular members and a monthly copy of LULAC NEWS.

BE IT further Resolved that subdivision (a) be to Section 4 of Article II of the Constitution and to read as follows:

a. All Passive Members upon making application for membership to the Supreme Council, take the above oath which will be incorporated in all application for passive membership in the League of United Latin American Citizens.

BE IT further Resolved that subdivision (a) and (b) be added to Section 5 of Article VIII of the Constitution and to read as follows:

a. Passive Members must pay dues in the sum of \$2.00 to Supreme Council every year on the anniversary of the acceptance of their respective application for passive membership.

b. The Supreme Council will remit to the respective local councils \$1.00 out of the \$2.00 collected from each passive member whose residence is within the jurisdiction of such local council.

BE IT further Resolved that subdivision (f) be added to Section 6 Article II to read as follows:

f. A passive Member assumes all above enumerated duties except subdivision (a).

BE IT further Resolved that subdivision (a) be added to Section 3 Article II of the Constitution and to read as follows:

a. Applications for Passive Membership shall read as follows:

League of United Latin American Citizens
"All for One and One for All"
Application for Passive Membership

TO THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS:

I the undersigned, hereby most respectfully make application to become a Passive Member of the League of United Latin American Citizens, hereby acknowledging the fact that a Passive Member has no voice or vote in the League or any local council but merely the protection, counsel and guidance of the League and entitled to a monthly copy of LULAC NEWS, the League's monthly magazine. On my honor I certify to the correctness of the answers given below:

Full Name

Date and Place of Birth

Home Address and Phone

Business Address and Phone

Citizenship: Native born,

Naturalized. If naturalized

give date and place

Occupation

Are you qualified to vote in your County and State

On this the _____ day of _____ 195_, I hereby willingly voluntarily and of my own free will and accord take upon myself the following obligation:

I solemnly swear to be loyal to the Government of the United States of America; to support its Constitution and obey its laws; to teach my children to be good loyal and true Americans; to faithfully keep and observe the Constitution and By-laws of the League of United Latin American Citizens and all the resolutions duly adopted and to extend due respect and obedience to all of its officers.

(Signature)

This application shall be accompanied by (Two) \$2.00 Dollars yearly dues, which will be returned to applicant if application is rejected. If accepted \$2.00 yearly dues will be due on anniversary of accepted of passive membership.

BE IT further Resolved that this Constitutional Amendment be and same is hereby put into effect forthwith, subject to the approval of the National Assembly at its next regular Convention, as there is a dire need for such action and the circumstances create an emergency.

Respectfully submitted, this 17th day of August, 1956.

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Persistence Pays Off . . .

It took three years for a Job to get done. A "Special" Job and one that affected every Latin American in Texas.

Immediate Past First National President, Luciano Santoscoy, in his capacity as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of Council No. 132 at El Paso, is responsible for the success of one of the most unique pieces of work in Lulac

He referred a problem where in the State Department of Public Health used in all its forms a designation which classified people under three different categories — White, Mexican, Colored, to our immediate Past National President. He also referred the problem to Senator Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio.

Through work done by Senator Gonzalez, Representative Oscar M. Laurel and Luciano Santoscoy, the following was received from Mr. Onerby Smith, Associate director Division of Food and Drugs.

"Effective immediately all departmental forms providing for a designation of nationality (Latin American, Mexican, etc.) shall be revised so as to provide for a simple designation of color or race. All existing stocks of forms providing for a designation of nationality are to be replaced with revisions conforming to the above policy".

All of the credit in having this matter taken care of goes to Immediate Past First National President Luciano Santoscoy. However, the work done by Senator Henry B. Gonzalez and Immediate Past National President, Oscar M. Laurel was of great importance in having the matter corrected.

This is the type of work and leadership that Lulac can be proud of. Lulac owes a great deal to these Gentlemen. May the Good Lord give them the strength to continue these good practices.

Houston Ladies Lulac Council 22 Charity Ball

The Ladies' Lulac Council No. 22, is having their 11th Annual Charity Dance in the elegant Emerald Room of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel on September 14th, 1957.

Chairman of the dance is Adele Villareal, co-chairman Carmen Cortez.

All proceeds from this dance go to the Milk Fund, and Drugs for the patients at the T. B. Hospital.

Committee members are Josephine Lopez, Mrs. David Adame, Carmen Lopez, Petra Cisneros, Hilda Vasquez, Josephine Estrada, Mrs. Luz B. Mo-

rales and Virginia Ochoa.

Admission fee is \$5.00 for a wonderful evening. This includes tipping and set-ups.

We urge you to come and spend an enjoyable evening with us.



ALFRED HERNANDEZ
National Executive Secretary



OSCAR LAUREL
Immediate Past Natl. Pres.



FELIX TIJERINA
National President



CARMEN CORTEZ
National Secretary



TONY CAMPOS
National Coordinator

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It is an honor for me to have been appointed the National Chaplain of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

I will do everything within my power and to the best of my ability to discharge the duties of the office of National Chaplain of Lulac.

If at any time I can be of service to you or your Council, please call on me, I will try my best to help in any way possible.

You know what Lulac is and what stands for, the things we want to do now and later, all these good work can be accomplished by working together at all times, and asking God in our prayers to help us discharge our duties.

Let us all study, Meditate and Live by;



DAVID ADAME
National Chaplain

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

1. *I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange Gods before Me.*
2. *Thou shalt not take name of the Lord thy God in vain.*
3. *Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.*
4. *Honor thy father and thy mother.*
5. *Thou shalt not kill.*
6. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
7. *Thou shalt not steal.*
8. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*
9. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.*
10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.*

May God Bless You

David Adame,
National Chaplain



Aims and Purposes

We believe in the democratic principle of individual political and religious freedom, in the right to equality of social and economic opportunity, and in the duty of cooperative endeavor towards the development of an American society wherein the cultural resources and integrity of every individual and group constitutes basic assets of responsibilities and duties and assert our rights and privileges in the pursuit of a fuller and richer civilization for this our native country.

We believe that education is the foundation for the cultural growth and development of this nation and that we are obligated to protect and promote the education of our people in accordance with the best American principles and standards. We deplore any infringement of this goal wherever it may occur and regardless of whom it may affect.

We accept that it is not only the privilege but also the obligation to uphold and defend the rights and duties vested in every American citizen by the letter and the spirit of the law of the land.

As members of a democratic society, we recognize our civic duties and responsibilities and we propose:

To use all the appropriate means at our disposal to implement with social action the principles set forth above.

To foster the acquisition and facile use of the official language of our country that we may hereby equip ourselves and our families for the fullest enjoyment of our rights and privileges and the efficient discharge of our duties and obligation to this, our country.

To establish cooperative relationships with other civic organizations and agencies in these fields of public service.

That the members of the League of United Latin American Citizens constitute themselves into a service organization to actively promote suitable measures for the attainment of the highest ideals of our American society.

That in the interest of the public welfare, we shall seek in every way possible to uphold the rights guaranteed to every individual by our state and national laws and to seek justice and equality of the treatment in accordance with the law of the land. We shall courageously resist un-American tendencies that deprive citizens of these rights in educational, economic pursuits, and in social and civic activities.



LULAC CODE

Respect your Citizenship and preserve it; honor your country, maintain its tradition in the spirit of its citizens and embody yourself into its culture and civilization.

Be proud of your origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of all the people.

Learn how to discharge your duties before you learn how to assert your rights; educate and make yourself worthy, and stand high in the light of your own deed; you must always be loyal and courageous.

Filled with optimism, make yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collected in your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech.

Believe in God, love Humanity and rely upon the framework of human progress, slow and sound, unequivocal and firm.

Always be honorable and highminded; learn how to be self-reliant upon your qualifications and resources.

In war serve your country, in peace your convictions; discern, investigate, meditate, and think, study, at all times be honest and generous. Let your firmest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation shall be of a youth more efficient and capable and in this let your own children be included.

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