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PROPOSED REPORT TO THE MAYOR

What follows is a rough draft of some issue areas we may want to touch on in a report to the new mayor, a report that would outline the needs and concerns of Latinos in Minneapolis. This is only an outline of what we should eventually develop. Feel free to add any statistics that will bolster the report.

We hope you will expand what has been written in each of the areas, adding any new ideas or issue areas you feel are important.

Please bring this material with you when our group meets on November 3rd. We will talk about this plan in more detail at that time.

HEALTH CARE:

In this area our community is not being served as well by facilities in Minneapolis as it could be. There are language and cultural differences that need to be addressed and accounted for by Minneapolis health care centers. Many times Latino clients cannot convey adequately, because of the language barrier, what is wrong with them. If there were bilingual staff people available, this problem could be lessened.

Beyond the matter of language obstacles, cultural differences have to be respected by health care centers. In the case of trying to get Latinos to use physical, and particularly mental health facilities, bilingual/bicultural outreach workers could be employed. Bilingual/bicultural staff should be important additions to health centers that serve the Latino community.

Cutting health care costs is another important proposal we hope you will consider. Health costs are intolerably high, so much so that many Latinos only go to see a doctor when they are very ill. Its terribly important that the mayor of Minneapolis create a task force that will look into the matter of high health

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care costs, hopefully finding a way to bring them down. We expect the Latino community to be represented on such a task force.

EMPLOYMENT:

Despite the recent economic recovery, the unemployment rate nationally is around 7%. The rise in unemployment in August was borne entirely by minority people. Since no unemployment statistics are kept on Latinos, it is hard to tell what our rate of unemployment is. This lack of official data gathering on Latinos is an indication of the city's neglect of our community.

However, as a matter of general experience and contact with social service agencies, we know that the economic state of the Latino in Minneapolis is getting worse. There is a critical need for more jobs and training for our people, especially our youth. We are characterized by low skills (many are ex-migrant laborers), poor education and high unemployment. The training that should be made available should concentrate on teaching our people skills that are marketable.

We would encourage the mayor to do all he can to make sure that Latinos are included in any city plan designed to train people for skilled jobs and address the unemployment problems of youth.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

This matter is of great concern to the Latino community. The number of Latinos employed by the city is extremely low. There is only one Latino in a position of importance in Minneapolis, David Ramirez, who is currently the director of the Department of Civil Rights. We feel that the affirmative action policy, as it relates to Latinos in Minneapolis, has been a great failure.

We would propose that the new mayor direct the city director of affirmative action to begin putting pressure on city agencies to employ more Latinos. We would also propose that the mayor make an effort to appoint Latinos to his administration and appoint Latinos to important, decision-making city commissions and committees. If Latinos are ever to have a voice in decisions made that relate to their community, there must be a genuine effort by the mayor to involve them in government.

HOUSING:

Latinos are having trouble finding low rent housing in Minneapolis. We realize that there is a shortage of housing generally throughout the Twin Cities. However, we feel that the mayor and the city council should take a strong stand in pushing to create more housing for the poor. We also propose that the mayor and the city council encourage H.U.D. to create long-term, low payment loans for the poor so that they may have the opportunity to buy a home.

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POLICE ISSUES:

One of the main problems that exists is the lack of an adequate and fair inquiry into citizen complaints against police. The police internal affairs unit

rarely takes action against an officer and this policy of non-action may give police officers and community the impression that police officers may take any action they please against a citizen.

The Latino community has been concerned with the difficulties that Black and American Indian communities have experienced with police. We would propose that a citizens review board, with subpoena power and adequate Latino representation be created.

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

We propose that the mayor appoint a Latino Affairs Committee for the City of Minneapolis that would serve in an advisory role to the mayor and the council. The Committee would keep the mayor and the council abreast of Latino concerns and needs and would offer proposals on how to deal with those concerns and needs. This is a crucial part of this package of proposals. Giving Latinos constant access to the mayor is critically important to the community.

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HISPANIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Hispanic Advisory Committee to the Mayor was initiated in April, 1978. Mayor Hofstede was the first Minnesota Mayor to recognize the political potential of the Hispanic population which today, is the largest ethnic minority in the state. St. Paul's Mayor has followed suit, initiating an Hispanic Advisory Committee only recently in December, 1978, after approval from its City Council.

Minnesota has also legislated a Spanish Speaking Affairs Council which began meeting in June, 1978. Our Chairperson, Irene Gomez Bethke, represents Minneapolis on that Board, and is our liaison in state affairs.

Bilingual Education has become a reality in Minneapolis in 1977 due to the efforts of some of the present members of the Hispanic Advisory Committee. Alfredo Gonzales is Director of Bilingual education for Minneapolis.

A. Mayor Hofstede's appointments of Marcela Trujillo, the first Hispanic Commissioner on the HRA, and Rafael Esparza to the Civil Rights Commission, has given the community input into these areas. The Hispanic Advisory Committee is also good to the Mayor's granting the use of his conference room, and especially to the selection of Aides, Donna Folstad and RoseMarie Freeman, who have shown dedication and here to our committee.

special meetings to meet with him personally.

The composition of the Board reflects a good cross-section of the Minneapolis community since many members serve on other Boards, and we are knowlegeable in areas of migrant workers, health, education and human services for Chicanos and Latinos. The Committee has professional, as well as grass root who are presently serving the community whether from an employed position or as volunteers. These people are politically aware: many are spokespersons for the community, and they also have the means to communicate with the large segment of this community despite the dispersement of the Hispanic population in Minneapolis.

II. During the past year, we have met with key personnel in City government which has included Commissioners, Directors and other visitors. We have analyzed statistics, studied legislative bills, reports from various agencies and other data which has been relevant to our problems and progress.

The following report will focus on some of the activities, issues discussed, results if any, and conclusions with solutions concerning the first year of existence.

Learning the System: People who Addressed the Committee - Directors of City Agencies

It was decided to invite department heads of various agencies of city government to question them on their personnel policies and sensitivity to Hispanic concerns. The first addressee was Otis Smith, Director of Affirmative Action. He stated that there were 18 Chicanos working for the city and 28 for the Park Board. We questioned the nature of these jobs which could be menial positions and found that none were management or power of decision-making positions. Mr. Otis asked the Committee to help him recruit, however, retrenchment in the city budget could not create new positions except those filled by attrition. Most openings were of a technical nature, and there is a lack of Chicanos educated in these fields. Nevertheless, some members of the committee cited some instances where qualified Chicanos had been passed over - one who had passed the test was ruled ineligible when he failed to show for the second part of the test due to illness. The ruling stated that he could not proceed for the position. Statistics were shown to the Committee, and affirmative action goals as it concerned Chicano/ Latino employment were found to be zero based or minimal, or menial.

Gerald Singer of the Civil Service Commission, met with the Committee and gave an outline of the function of his office, the qualifications and procedures in applying for civil service jobs. When asked about Chicano Latino organizations being aware of job openings, Mr. Singer replied that recruitment was excellent, but the hiring was bad because there were not enough jobs available. He also

defended the Civil Service exam as being objective after many discussions from the Committee concerning its validity. The Committee was not satisfied with his rationale.

Mr. Victor Propes, Director of the Department of Civil Rights, also met with the Committee, and gave us an overview of his office. He came in 1970 from L.A. - Alhambra, Calif, and staff includes a Philipino with Spanish surname. His goals/timetable/so that Latinos would qualify. Accountability with affirmative action policy through budget. He also informed us about A Commission employment opportunity: The 2 available pasitions

Civil Dights Commission

1. Civil Rights Commission

Appointment Must be a Stranger Resume to Commission by August 31.

He also discussed Major issues Budget/Refinancing

His office budget and the relationship of City funding and Funding from EEOC.

He implanted Procedure instigated to speed process of case load and to deal with backlog of would 311 accumulative case load. Seven investigators speed resolution to within 10 weeks.

III. Visitors, John Soderland, an aide to John Monroe, Director of CETA met with the Committee who expressed disappointment, that a substitute had been sent. Mr. Soderland gave us some statistics on the Spanish speaking people on the CETA program. Frank Guzman, Executive Director of Migrants in Action, St. Paul, expressed serious concern for the Minneapolis Migrant in Action CETA employees. Their program had received the news that it was not to be refunded, although the program had overreached its goals. The Chicano/Latino Community from the Twin Cities had vigorously supported this program by calling the CETA program directors, their Alderman and other influential people. (It was reported that Alderman DeMars did not return the calls). Donna Folstad and RoseMarie Freeman lobbied for our

group and were unsuccessful. It was felt that CETA should have some responsibility to support the Migrant CETA program. Adult Education classes stressing job development skills were initiated. The program created its own employment agency. Information about bilingual personnel in hotel and industries was obtained to help migrants obtain employment.

In spite of all efforts to save this program, the only one of its kind in Minneapolis, the project was terminated at the end of 1978. The clients will now have to go to Centro Cultural Chicano which does not really have enough staff to cope with the new types of services these people are requesting.

The Committee met with Director Dick Brustad, HRA, after Dick Brustad received a letter from Ricardo Nevilles, as a productive meetings between the Directors and the Committee. Brustad mentioned 1800 Olson Hwy. as a possible site for the Chicano agencies. He stressed that he would look into the matter and present it to the Commissioners.

However, when the recommendation for 1800 Olson Hwy came before the Commissioners, it was unacceptable to the Chicanos. The recommendation stated that the Chicanos could occupy 1/3 of the space with 2/3 going to the Head Start group, and occupancy could begin November, 1978. The Chicanos were to occupy the Mandel building in November and then move to 1800 Olson in June when they could then occupy the entire building. The Mayor was asked to intervene, and although he was willing to write the letter, Commissioner Trujille advised him and although he was willing are owned by HRA. The recommendation would have meant two moves for the Chicanos within the space of seven months. This caused problems for both the Chicanos and the Head Start group, and although the vote went against the Chicanos, the building was not vacated in time for the Head Start group to begin classes in November. This coincided with the eviction of the Chicanos from 204 W. Franklin since that building had been sold, and so they were able to move to 1800 Olson immediately, and were later joined by the Chicano Seniors agency. Both

groups now occupy the building.

This center has become the focal point for community organization and activity for the Hispanic pupulation of Minneapolis. Hopefully, more political activity will emanate from the community now that a home base has been established.

Through Insight, Mabel Stapleton ? There are also other housing needs. oare publicizing the (Spaulding) from the Mayor's Office and advantages to home ownership, few can meet the mortgage requirements. A high rise for the Hispanic elderly is feasible since the majority or roughly 95% of this population speak Spanish, primarily. Their needs in many social service agencies are not being met because of a lack of bilingual personnel, and it would be ideal to concentrate them in one building, and bring health and has also inquired about the other services to them. affirmative action policy of HRA where there are 5 part time and temporary positions and only one full time Chicano employee when third all time that she become commissioner. Mr. Lemly, the present Director, as well as the present affirmative action director, have promised to help in this aspect.

Although there are too few Hispanics employed even in the lower echelons of City government, there was little possibility that they would be employed due to budgetary cutbacks, according to our speakers. Affirmative action officers have little or no knowledge of where to recruit the Hispanic pupulation. There needs to be more visibility of the Advisory Committee to act as resource persons for state agencies and city agencies. This may mean hiring a liaison within the Mayor's Office, even with CETA funds, in order to facilitate the "learning the system" process.

Affirmative action has never been responsive to Chicanos and Latinos in Minneapolis because we are invisible to other minorities, and ignored, if visible. The few jobs that were publicized to us, were of such highly technical

nature so as to discourage our input. We contend that some of the jobs could hire qualifiable Hispanics since even degreed people need initial training on any job. Through CETA or other funds, more positions could be given Hispanics in City agencies and government.

We can report no progress or impact in this area. More publicity and visibility for Hispanics is needed, and we are requesting input from the Mayor and his Aides to help us in this respect. For if they do not, visibility will come anyway - since Hispanics will be the largest minority nationally in the next decade. As TIME Magazine has said, "Already the two groups (Chicanos and Blacks) are competing fiercely for jobs and government aid. Nearly 27% of Hispanic families in the U.S. earn under \$7000 a year; only 16.1% of non-Hispanic families fare as badly. Hispanics are the most under-educated of Americans despite their own deep belief of the maxim, "Saber es Poder" (Knowledge is power). Only 40% have completed high school as compared with 46% of U.S. Blacks and 67% of Whites. (Readers' Digest, Feb., Pg.183)

The Hispanics are also under-represented in politics, especially in Minnesota; and the future looks bleak since Scandinavian and Slavic names are needed for credibility. There are also a number of reasons for under-representation: The relatively recent emergence of Hispanics as an important minority; their traditional preoccupation with family and community affairs rather than broad political issues and outright discrimination.

We have made few gains and those are tenuous. Although we have a building at 1800 Olson Highway, we need support from City leaders and Alderpersons to (1) Perpetrate the existence of our Chicano agencies in Minneapolis and (2) Give us knowledge about obtaining and lobbying for CDBG funds and (3) Recognition from the City to recognize us in terms of the total Hispanic, Minneapolis population; and not just as a group within a certain ward or planning district, since a Chicano "barrio" does not exist. This is a matter that we have to pursue through the City Council.

Learning the system has been a lesson in futility and frustration. The committee

decided to end the interview with department heads because we were getting no where since there was a general trend to "pass the buck" and to put the blame on us for not contacting them personally.

Many of our conclusions are not conclusive, but are only the beginning of future actions and resolutions.

Report to the Mayor

"The Minneapolis Hispanic Community: Needs, Concerns and Recommendations"

Submitted by:

Minneapolis Hispanic Advisory Committee

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INTRODUCTION

According to recent studies, Latinos are the largest minority group in Minnesota (49,500). The large increase in Latinos, particularly migrant farmworkers, has taken place fairly recently. As a result of poor educational background and few job skills, the average Minnesota Latino's income is far below that of the average white Minnesotan. Compounding the problem is the fact that a majority of Minnesota Latinos consider English their second language.

The 49,500 population figure cited above only reflects the number of permanent Minnesota residents. This figure swells by 10 to 15 thousand when Latino migrants from the Southwest come into the state to help harvest the crops. According to the former Minnesota Office of Migrant Affairs, approximately 5% of all migrants who come to Minnesota to harvest crops each year decide to settle permanently.

According to the 1970 Census, 67.4% of Minnesota's Latinos moved into their present home between 1965 and 1970. Of all the foreign born Latinos in Minnesota, 47.3% of them state that they migrated to Minnesota between the years 1960 and 1970. It is very possible that the 1980 Census will show an even larger immigration ratio for this decade. Both recent and current trends appear to indicate that there is an increasing Latino migrant settlement in Minnesota.

The majority of Latinos in Minnesota live in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area (78%). St. Paul has the largest concentration of Latinos, but the Minneapolis population has grown significantly the past few years. Updated 1970 census data indicates that 11,661 Latinos now reside in Hennepin County, the great majority of whom reside in Minneapolis.4

The Latinos in Minneapolis are not situated in one identifiable Barrio, but are spread out all over the city. In this sense, Latinos in Minneapolis encounter many more difficulties than the St. Paul Latino community where residents can go for cultural nourishment and support. They must fend for themselves whether they can speak English or not. (According to 1970 Census data, 66.28% of Minneapolis Latinos consider Spanish as their native language). There is very little bilingual social service or economic and educational aid designed for Latinos.

The purpose of this report is to indicate some of the needs and concerns of the Minneapolis Latino community and to provide the Mayor with recommendations for action in each of the areas addressed. It is the community's hope that the Mayor will carefully consider the proposals made in the report and that he work to implement them. In pointing out some of the concerns and needs of the Minneapolis Latino community, it is essential that we state what is happening to the Latino nationally, statewide and metrowide. Much of the income and employment data available on Latinos in the above geographical categories can be used to provide us with a good indication of the situation of Minneapolis Latinos. Some of the data herein may now be dated, but this only serves to further demonstrate the importance of governmental commitment to closely examine the needs and overall plight of Latinos in Minneapolis.

INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT:

In March of 1976, about four million persons of Spanish origin, 16 years old and over, were in the U. S. civilian labor force, and the unemployment rate of these persons (11%) was three percentage points higher than for the rest of the population. Of all Latinos in the work force, 10% were employed as farm laborers. Overall, one out of every two Latinos had incomes below \$5,000. Seventy-five percent (75%) of all Mexican women had incomes at or below \$5,000 a year. The median income for Mexican men was \$6,500; \$2,800 for

Mexican women. Puerto Rican men had a median income of \$6,700, while Puerto Rican women had a median income of \$3,800.7

The median income for all U. S. families in 1975 was \$13,719. In that same year, the median income for Latino families was \$9,551. "A substantial proportion of Latino families were in the lower income brackets; about 16% of all Latino families had incomes below \$4,000 in 1975, but for all families in the U. S., the proportion with incomes below \$4,000 was 8%." Of the 2.5 million Latino families in the U. S., about 630,000, or one of every four, were below the poverty level. One out of every two families supported by a Latina were in poverty in 1975. 9

A Minnesota Latino, aged 16 - 21, who is not a high school graduate, would have an unemployment rate 320% higher than the national average for this age group. The Latino in Minnesota had an average annual income of \$3,000, with 39% making less than \$1,000 a year. The Latino was 1.34 times more likely to be below poverty status than the average white Minnesotan, while he was was 1.5 time more likely to have an annual income less than half of the defined poverty level. The percentage of Latino families between the 1970 poverty level in Minnesota was 9.7%, while the overall Minnesota average was 8.2%. 10

Statewide, the Latino unemployment rate for 1975 was estimated at 9.4%, while the 1975 unemployment rate for the state as a whole was 5.9%. The Latino in 1975 represented 33% more of the state's unemployed than the Latino proportion of the population would suggest. The Latino was 2.7 times more likely to be an unemployed laborer and 2.2 times more likely to be an unemployed service worker than the average Minnesotan in 1975. While the Metro area unemployment rate for whites was 6.7% in 1975, it was estimated at 10.7% for Latinos.11

unemployment. As of January, 1976, only 91 out of 28,944 state government employees were Latino. Compared with the statewide Minnesota work force, Latino men were underrepresented by 57% and women by 37.7%. Of the four ethnic groups reported (Black, American Indian, White, Latino), Latino males had the lowest salaries of all males, while Latinas had the lowest salaries of all females."12

Even at the University of Minnesota, there were only 11 Latinos among 1,972 individuals at the associate and professor levels. No Latina has ever received tenure at the University. The University non-student work force increased from 15,809 in 1974-75, to 15,892 in 1975-76. However, the Latino work force decreased from 129 to 120 (7%) in that same period. 13

The data related above paints a very clear picture of the economic plight of the Latino. There is little reason to suspect that same situation does not exist in Minneapolis. Despite the recent economic recovery, the rise in unemployment in August of 1977 was borne entirely by minority people. So the situation may even have worsened for Latinos. There is a critical need for more jobs and training for Latinos, especially our youth. We are characterized by low job skills, poor education and high unemployment. The training that could be made available should concentrate on teaching our people skills that are marketable.

We would encourage the Mayor to do all he can to make sure that Latinos are included in any city plan designed to train people for skilled jobs and address the unemployment problems of youth. We would also ask the Mayor to encourage the private sector to hire more Latinos. CETA training programs should be bilingual when the need arises, and Latinos should have input on any task force dealing with employment which the Mayor may appoint.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

The current affirmative action policy, as it relates to Latinos in Minneapolis, has been a great failure. The data on the economic condition of Latinos nationally, statewide and metrowide indicates that strong action must be taken to address the needs of the Latino unemployed. The matter of the lack of representation in government must also be addressed.

In general, representation of minorities on planning organizations, committees or commissions has been minimal, but Latino representation has been non-existent. The tables in the appendix will clearly indicate the gravity of the problem.

We would propose that the Mayor direct the City Director of Affirmative Action to begin putting pressure on city agencies to employ more Latinos. We would also propose that the Mayor make an effort to appoint Latinos to his administration and appoint Latinos to important, decision-making city commissions and committees. If Latinos are ever to have a voice in decisions made that relate to their community, there must be a genuine effort by the Mayor to involve them in government. We would like the Mayor to:

- Have a Latino affirmative action officer to make sure that the Latino community has representation with regard to any employment policy which would affect them.
- Encourage private businesses to go beyond the letter of the law with regard to affirmative action hiring in the hiring of Latinos.
- Make sure that all city departments have a bilingual staff person.

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The Latino community has been concerned with the difficulties that Black and Native American communities have experienced with police. We would encourage the Mayor to work with the Minneapolis Latino community in a joint effort to develop a mechanism for the effective handling of civilian complaints against police. We would propose either a citizen review board, an ombudsman or a police community commission. Whatever system is adopted, we would expect the Latino community to be fully represented.

We would have the Mayor encourage the police chief to hire more Latinos for the police force. We would also suggest that the Department require sensitivity training for police officers on a continual basis.

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

We propose that the Mayor appoint a Latino Affairs Committee for the City of Minneapolis that would serve in an advisory role to the Mayor and the Council. The Committee would keep the Mayor and the Council abreast of Latino concerns and needs and would offer proposals on how to deal with those concerns and needs. This is a crucial part of this package of proposals. Giving Latinos constant access to the Mayor is critically important to the community.

We further recommend that the Mayor appoint a task force from the Latino
Advisory Committee to do a needs assessment of the Minneapolis Latino community.

The task force should have at its disposal adequate staff to do the field
work and research necessary. Staffing could be obtained by way of CETA
employment and making use of University of Minnesota graduate students in
social work. The report made by the task force would be reviewed and then
formally presented to the Mayor.

Hopefully, with the assistance of the Mayor, the Advisory Committee could acquire a building that would serve as a cultural center for Latinos in Minneapolis. The Mayor could be helpful in locating city owned buildings that are not currently being used.

We also recommend that the Mayor hire a permanent Latino staff person who would serve as a liaison between the city government and the Minneapolis Latino community.

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APPENDIX

TABLE 7: Number of Persons From Each Group on Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Regional Boards 1

of Parsons of Each Race And Sex Total Currentl Currently Regional Appointed Vacant Filled Other Spanish Native Board, Committee Positions Positions White Surname Monwhite Black American or Commission Advisory Committee 3 22 19 1 1 on Aging Chrm. Advisory Comm. 15 15 of Local Officials Communications 12 13 12 1 Advisory Committee Criminal Justice 29 25 3 1 Advisory Committee Metro. Environmental ó 6 5 1 Educ. Bd. Metro Regional Dev. Disabilities Task 1 23 24 1 Force Metropolitan Airports 15 15 Commission 17 16 Metropolitan Council 1 Metropolitan Health 3 20 22 1 Board 1 Metropolitan H.R.A. 8 5 Advisory Committee 3 Metro. Parks & Open 8 8 Space Commission Metropolitan Transit 9 9 Commission Metropolitan Waste 9 9 Control Commission Transportation 30 29 1 Advisory Board 227 26 210 2 11 3 1 Total 3 of Currently

0.44

1.32

4.85

Filled Positions

0.88

92.51

Includes three state boards and committees which may draw members only from the metropolitan area: the Metropolitan Council, the Metro Regional Developmental Disabilities Task Force, and the Metro Environmental Education Board. Most of the positions on the other boards are appointed by the Metropolitan Council.

^{*}All the Tables are from a February 19, 1976, Urban Coalition of Minneapolis report, "Minority Representation in Government: Minnesota Statewide and Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Elected and Appointed Positions."

TABLE 8: Minority Group Membership of County Commissioners in Metropolitan Area

County	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently vacant positions	Total posi- tions
Anoka					5	0	5
Carver					5	0	5
Dakota					5	0	5
Hennepin					5	0	5
Ramsey					7	0	7
Scott					5	0	5
Washington					5	0	5
TOTAL.			65 V 4 1		37	0	37

TABLE 9: Minority Group Membership of Elected County Officials Other Than Commissioners in Metropolitan Area.

of persons from each group serving as elected county

				Commissione: Other		Currently	Total
County ·	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Nonwhite	White	vacant positions	posi- tions
Anoka					5	0	5
Carver					7	0	7
Dakota			-7		16	0	16
Hennepin	1				42	0	43
Ramsey	1				25	. 0	26
Scott					7	0	7
Washington				*	10	0	10
TOTAL	2				112	0.	114

TABLE 10: Minority Group Membership on
Appointed County Boards and Committees

of Persons From Each Group Serving on Appointed County Boards and Committees Total Currently Currently Vacant Native Spanish Other Filled Black Surname Positions American Nonwhite White Positions County 0 1 64 63 Anoka 52 52 0 Carver Dakota 99 99 8 4 ' 4 Hennepin 10 147 161 5 2 Ramsey 1 124 132 Scott 56 56 0 Washington 4 36 36 7 15 1 Total 578 601 17

TABLE 11: Minority Group Membership of Various Types of Appointed County Boards and Committees

				3 13 1	Total	Total # Bds.	m-+-1 #
Type of	# of M	embers From			Currently	or Comm. with	Total #
Board or		Native	Spanish	Other	Filled	Minority Rep-	Boards or
Committee	Black	American	Surname	Nonwhite	Positions,	resentation	Committees
Agric. Society/			NOT LOT				
Extension	1				68	1	8
Civil Service/		75					
Personnel .	1				17	1	. 5
Criminal							
Justice	.5	2		1	112	3	7
Econ. Oppty./							
Manpower		1		1944	32	1	. 3
Finance	2				26	1	6
Health/	1770						
Social Services	5			V*	117	2	12
Housing/							
Redevelopment					10	0	2
Library					39	0	7
Parks/Rec./							
Environment					47	0	5
Planning/	-						
Zoning					39	0	5
Watershed Dist.							
Boards					38	0	8
Boards							
Welfare	2	2			28	1	2
Other		1			28	1	5
Total	16	6		1	601	11	75
% of Currently							
Filled Positions	2.66	1.00		0.17			

TABLE 14: Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials as of November 1, 19751

Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant Positions	Total Positions
Minneapolis	1				34		35
St. Paul					8		. 8
Andover					5		5
Anoka				1.019.00	5	Harrier.	5
Apple Valley			11.5		5		5
Arden Hills					5		5
Bayport				1500	5.		5
Belle Plaine				• 400	6		6
Blaine					5		5
Bloomington					7		7
Brooklyn Center	1				4		5
Brooklyn Park					7		7
Burnsville			DECLINED	TO PROVID	E INFORMA	TION	
Chamolin					5		5
Chanhassen					5		5
Chaska		2016 10.610			5		5
					5		5
Circle Pines					5		5
Columbia Heights					5		5
Columbus Township					5		1 5
Coon Rapids			1 30 E		5		1 5
Corcoran					5		1 5
Crystal	The state of		1		17		1

Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials as of November 1, 1975

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Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant Positions	Total Positions
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Davton					5		5
Deephaven							
Eagan	The St				6		6
East Bethel					5		5
Eden Prairie					5		5
Edina			1 15-47		5	A SHILE I	5
Excelsion					5		5
	100				5		5
Falcon Heights					5		5
Farmington			74.0		5		5
Forest Lake							
Forest Lake Township					5		5
Fridley				1000000000	5		5
Golden Valley		Back to the			5		3
Ham Lake					5		
Hastings					9		9
			. 18 35		5		5
Hookins		S MA			5		3
Hugo			DECLINED	TO PROVI	DE INFORMA	AMT CI	
Inver Grove Heights			DECTINE) IU PROVI	5		5
Lake Elmo	-			-			
Lakeville					5		3
Lauierdale				100	5	E E E	5
Lino Lakes				1 1 1 1	3		5
Little Canada				100	1 5		5

Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials as of November 1, 19751

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Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant . Positions	Total Positions
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Mahtomedi							
Maple Grove			DECLINED	TO PROVIDE		On	
boowelceM					5		5
Medina .					5		5
Mendota Heights					5		5 .
					7		7
Minnetonka							5
Minnetrista					5		-
Mound			•	-	5		5
Mounds View					5		5
New Brighton					5		5
			_		6		6
New Hope					5		5
Newbort							
North Oaks					5		5
North St. Paul					5		5
Oak Grove Township					5		5
			1		5		5
Oakdale					5		5
Orono							
Osseo					5		5
Plyrouth					5		5
Prior Lake					5		5
		7 W			- 5		5
Ramsay					5		5
Pichfield					5		5

Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials as of November 1, 1975¹

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Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant Positions	Total Positions				
Rosemount					5		5				
Roseville					5		5				
St. Anthony					5		5				
St. Louis Park					7		7				
St. Paul Park		1997			5	100 701	5				
Savace		Exposition (5		5				
Shakopea					6		6				
Shoreview					5		5				
Shorewood					5		5				
South St. Paul				4.5	9		9				
Spring Lake Park		Washington and			5		5				
Spring Lake Two.					5		5				
Stillwater					5		3				
Vadneis Reights					5		5				
Waconia					5	1.00	5				
Wavzata					5		5				
West St. Paul		Sept.		178.5018	7		7				
White Bear Lake				340,60 18	6	A VENEZUE	ó				
White Bear Two.				hill Ski, ser gr	5		5				
Moodbury					5		3				
Total	2				485		433				

TABLE 15: Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials After Movember 4,

1975, Municipal Elections

of Persons From Each Group in All Elected Municipal Positions Currently Total Vacant Native Spanish Other Positions Positions American Surname Nonwhite White Black Municipality 34 34 Minneapolis * 8 8 St. Paul 5 5 Andover 5 5 Anoka 5 5 Apple Valley 5 3 Arden Hills 5 5 Bayport 6 6 Belle Plaine 7 . 7 Blaine * 8 8 Bloomington * Brooklyn Center * 4 5 Brooklyn Park * DECLINED TO PROVIDE THEORMATION Burnsville 5 5 Champlin 5 5 Chanhassen 5 Chaska 5 ċ Circle Pines * ŝ Columbia Heights * 5 Columbus Township 5 Coon Rapids * Corcoran 5 ã Cottage Grove * Crystal

Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials After November 4, 1975, Municipal Elections

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Lakeville*

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Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials After November 4, 1975, Municipal Elections

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Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant Positions	Total Positions
Mantomedi*					5		5
			DECLINED	TO PROVIDE	INFORMATIO	7	
Maole Grove		F382	1		5		5
* bccwelcaM			1				5
Madina	+	 		 	5.		77.4
Mendota Heights		ļ			5		5
Minnetonka *		A Majoria			7		7
Minnetrista					5		5
					5		. 5
Mound			1.00		5		5
Mounds View					5		5
New Brighton *		3		,		A	6
New Hope					6		-
Newbort *					5		5
North Oaks					5		5
North St. Paul					5		5
					5		5
Oak Grove Township				1	5		5
Oakdale				1	5		5
0x0n0 *	-	-		-			5
Csseo *					5		
Plynouth*					5		. 5
Prior Laka*					5		5
Ramsey					5		5
					5		5
Pichfield * Pobbinsdala					5		5

Minority Group Membership of Elected Municipal Officials After November 4, 1975, Municipal Elections

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Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Currently Vacant Positions	Total Positions
Rosemount *					5		5
Roseville *				1 1 1	5		5
St. Anthony *					5		5
St. Louis Park *					7		7
St. Paul Park *					5		5
Savage *					5		5
Shakopea *					6		6
Shoreview *					5		5
Shorewood	UM ENT				5		5
South St. Paul					9	1,592	9
Spring Lake Park					5		5
Spring Lake Twp.					5		5
Stillwater			1.7	7-716	5		5
Vadnais Heights					5		5
Waconia *					5		5
Wavzata *					5		5
Wast St. Paul *					7		7
White Bear Lake				13 / SXII)	6		6
White Bear Two.					5		5
Mocdoury					5		5
		4.7					
Total	1				489		489

TABLE 16: Minority Group Membership on Appointed Municipal Boards and Committees

Municipality	Black	Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Total Currently Filled Positions	Currently Vacant Positions
Minneapolis ,	56	31	4	4	686	781	16
St. Paul	28	4	6	100	210	248	8
Andover					17	17	
Anoka				A 4 7 5 1	47	47	
Apple Valley	1				40	41	3
Arden Hills					Info.	not available	
Bayport					4	4	
Belle Plaine					17	17	
Blaine .					38	38	2
Bloomington	6				100	106	
Brooklyn Center	2	11	2,000		53	56	1
Brooklyn Park					70	70	1
Burnsville			DECLINED	TO PROVIDE	INFORMA	rion	
Champlin					27	27	2
Chanhassen					35	35	
Chaska			Prophrate	17.4	21	21	
Circle Pines					14	14	
Columbia Heights					79	79	
Columbus Township					8	8	1
Coon Papids		1_1_		1	111	113	3
Corcoran					7	7	
Cottage Grove	1	1			52	54	
Crystal					65	65	4

Minority Group Membership on Appointed Municipal Boards and Committees

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Municipality	Black	# of Person Native American	Spanish Surname	Other Nonwhite	White	Total Currently Filled Positions	Currently Vacant Positions
MENICIPALITY	- Diac.				10	10	
Davton	1				10		
Deephaven					15	15	1
Eagan					22	22	
East Bethel					17	17	11_
Eden Prairie					28	28	2
Edina				1	93	94	
Excelsion			i au V		45	45	3
Falcon Heights	1			. 1	47	49	
Farmington		1			24	25	
Forest Lake		W.			29	29	
Forest Lake Township				1541.88	9	9	
Forest Lake Township			*				
Fridley					39	39	
Gölden Valley	4				104	108	
Ham Lake					12	12	
Hastings					174	174	
Hookins .					19	19	
Hugo					18	18	
Inver Grove Heights			DECLINED	TO PROVID	E INFORM	ATION	
Lake Zlmo					36	36	1
Lakeville					16	16	
Laudordale					6	6	
Lino Lakes					18	18	1
Little Canada					16	16	

A PROFILE OF THE CHICANO AND HISPANIC PEOPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS

As a result of our involvement with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Team to the Spanish-speaking since February, 1978, we the Hispanic leader-ship who are members of various agencies, e.g., Centro Cultural Chicano, Centro's Services for Spanish-speaking Seniors, Migrants in Action, The Puerto Rican Social and Civic Committee and Latinos for Political Action, and organizations such as El Ballet Folklorico de Minnesota and the Advisory Board to Mayor Hofstede for Chicano/Latino Affairs, have participated and have experienced a new HOPE for a more meaningful involvement with the Catholic Church.

It has been our experience that when we deal through the auspices of our agencies with the issues and concerns of the Hispanic community a feeling of isolation and alienation from the Catholic Church has been brought to our attention, e.g., lack of Church services, people who have died without a priest, loss of respect for the Church and not knowing WHY the Church has lost contact with them, and WHY Protestant Churches have shown more interest in them.

Historically the Chicano population in Minneapolis has been considered to be resettled migrants. However, this is a misnomer because a multi-cultural Spanish-speaking population exists in this city, e.g., from Latin America, Cuba, Puerto Rico. Employment and educational opportunities in Minneapolis are an incentive for such a diversity of Hispanos and Chicanos who are involved in the aforementioned areas.

The Hispano and Chicano communities in Minneapolis are not situated in identifiable barrios or locations, but are spread out throughout the city and its suburbs. Consequently, many needs and concerns are multiplied or not addressed because of a lack of visibility.

As advocates for the Spanish-speaking in Minneapolis we do not claim to be the only alternative, but the fact remains that historically we have been involved more consistently with the social, economic, political, and civic needs of our people, i.e., Report to the Mayor "The Minneapolis Hispanic Community: Needs, Concerns, and Recommendations," and most recently a bid to the HRA for a building that would house the above organizations and agencies and potential programs for the Hispanic Community of Minneapolis.

As a result of our involvement with the Pastoral Team we have become more aware that it is possible to develop a sense of identity with the Church. Consequently, the present challenge we have is to encourage a commitment by us and the people to organize and establish a visibility as a people of Faith and as Catholic Christians.

Through our Interaction with Fr. Jose Romero, OMI, who is a member of the Pastoral Team, many hours have been spent discussing and planning possibilities in addressing the need for the Church's presence to the Spanish-speaking people of Minneapolis. Upon the request of the Spanish-speaking Seniors and others two monthly Masses were celebrated to encourage a sense of visibility and to create a greater awareness that the Hispanic community is not alone in their need to pray and worship God as a family.

The enthusiasm expressed by the people as a result of these Masses-approximately 700 people attended on June 18 at the Basilica of St. Mary at 6:30 p.m. and approximately 200 attended on July 16-was very evident. Such an experience reinforces the potential visibility and substantiates the need for education and catechesis in order to re-orientate WHY we are attending Mass and for a greater need to know and understand the Church today.

Recommendations

To continue our involvement with the Pastoral Team

- -- Meet once a month to plan and follow up on the monthly Liturgy--third Sunday of each month
- --To encourage lay membership to the Pastoral Team from Minneapolis:

 Mary Kroll (774-4227) Fran Zamora (521-4576)
 Connie Devora (521-6210)
- --To encourage the members of the Pastoral Team to communicate with the existing agencies and organizations in Minneapolis:

Sr. Audrey
Arturo Esquive. of Catholic Charities as a possible
Job description

--To encourage some representatives of the Hispanic-Chicano community of Minneapolis in the lay diaconate program;
That Angel Fernandez encourage the following people:

Alfredo Catiz 2917 Chown Ave. Sc. 926-1413

Ramor Devora 3334 Thomas 521-5210

Roman Gomez 9003 Minnehaha Circle So. 935-4206 Daniel Ojeda 449 So. Cedar Lake Rd. 374-5933

- --To encourage a commitment on the part of the Centro To Cultural Chicano (CCC) staff in conjunction with interested persons to be responsible for public relations and publicizing Masses and other Church-related actions:

 Jose Galtan (522-6551)

 Rafael Esparza (871-1423)
 - --To develop and plan Liturgy, music, entertainment: Irene Bethke (537-0469)
 Mary Kroll
 - --To plan cafecitos and other social events: Spanish-speaking Seniors of Minneapolis Jose Gaitan, coordinator
 - --To use the Basilica of St. Mary; On the first Sunday of each month the Pastoral Team and other leaders will encourage the formation of small groups divided by geographical areas from the larger group that meets at the Basilica. This will serve as a starting point to know the needs and possibilities of how these small groups can develop and organize. The third Sunday of each month will be used only to celebrate Liturgy and to have a social experience with the Cafecito and other cultural events.
 - --To develop these small groups among the people in order to educate, evangelize, and socialize, e.g., seminars, renewals, Cursillo: Sr. Audrey

This particular report or profile of the Hispanic-Chicano people of Minneapolis is only meant to be a starting point to futurable and concrete direction to the pastoral needs and the Church's presence that will encourage and bring about a new involvement on the part of the leadership and Hispanic population of Minneapolis as Catholic Christians.

SPANISH SPEAKING AFFAIRS COUNCIL

NEWS

For Immediate Release

For Additional Information contact: José H. Trejo, 296-9587 or 224-8778

Minnesota's Spanish Speaking Affairs Council, which was recently appointed by Governor Rudy Perpich, has established ten task forces to carry out its program of work, according to Council Chairperson Arthur Rivera, EEO coordinator, FMC Corporation. Rivera stated that the Council has an extensive fourteen point program of work to address the concerns of Minnesota's Hispanic Community.

The legislature, directed the council to advise the governor and the legislature on statues or rules necessary to insure that Chicano-Latinos have access to state benefits and services and to recommend legislation designed to improve the economic and social condition of Spanish Speaking People, the state's largest racial minority.

"The task forces", commented Rivera, "will expand the Council's ability to carry out its program of work and will permit greater input from the Hispanic community". The task forces will deal with housing, employment, legislation, legal and human rights, education, migrant concerns, research, communications, and social services.

Some of the task force objectives include conducting extensive research on the issues and concerns of the community and ways to deal with them; review state employment practices as they relate to Chicano-Latinos; develop advocacy and education programs; prepare and recommend legislation designed to improve the social and economic condition of the community; develop programs to assist migratory workers and review existing social service programs conducted by the state.

In other action, the Spanish Speaking Affairs Council, appointed José H. Trejo as Executive Director. Trejo is former director of the Governor's Office For Spanish Speaking People, and prior to this was Affirmative Action Officer for Buckbee Mears Company. "Trejo brings to the Council a great deal of experience and expertise", stated Rivera.

In addition to Rivera, the seven-member council is composed of Gilberto DelaO, Youth Worker, Neighborhood House, Saint Paul; Irene Gomez de Bethke, Food Services Supervisor, Homeward Bound, Inc., Minneapolis; Francisco Guzman, Director, Migrants In Action, Saint Paul; Fidelina Lopez de Fischer, Saint Cloud; Efren Tovar, Target Group Director, Minnesota Migrant Council, East Grand Forks and Marilynn Vigil de McClure, Instructor-Coordinator, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul.

The Spanish Speaking community is the largest ethnic-racial minority in the state of Minnesota. According to the state planning agency there are 50,000 permanent residents of Hispanic heritage in Minnesota and about 15,000 to 20,000 migrant workers come to the state every year. "Since the Chicano-Latino community is dispersed throughout the state, it's not as visible as other minority groups;" stated Trejo, "as a result the community is overlooked by the majority." There are Chicano-Latinos residing in every county of this state, commented Trejo.

Minnesota Latino/Chicano Political Convention

Friday, October 6, 1978	"Legislative Strategy Session"
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and Introduction: Past Legislative Accomplishments
9:30 - 10:00	Presentation: Carry-over Bills, 1978 Minnesota Legislature
10:00 - 11:30	Discussion Groups
11:30 - 12:00	Reports from Discussion Groups
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	New Legislative Proposals
2:00 - 3:00	Discussion Groups
3:00 - 4:00	Wrap-up: Resolutions, Recommendations, Prioritization
Saturday, October 7, 1978	"Candidate's Forum"
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and Introduction
9:30 - 10:30	Governor's Race Governor Rudy Perpich Representative Albert Quie
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Senate Race: Representative Donald Fraser David Durenburger
11:45 - 1:15	Lunch (entertainment)
1:15 - 2:15	Senate Race Senator Wendell Anderson Rudy Boschwitz
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 3:00	Presentation of 1979 legislative package and resolutions
3:00 - 3:30	Wrap up
3:30	Adjourn
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December 21, 1977

RE: Governor's meeting with Minneapolis Hispanic Community

Confirmed Members Present:

Marcela Trujillo - Centro Cultural Chicano Board Member; Hofstede's Advisory Committee and Instructor, Chicano Studies, University of Minnesota (Chairperson of this meeting).

Irene Bethke - CCC Board Member; Hofstede's Advisory Committee; Costume Director, Bellet Folklorico de Minnesota; Candidate, State Arts Board Rafael Esparza - Former Director, Chicano Cultural Center, U. of Minn;

former employee, Civil Rights Department, Mpls.

Jose Gaitán- Director of Centro's Services for Spanish Speaking Senior

Jose Gaitán- Director of Centro's Services for Spanish Speaking Senior Citizens; Hofstede's Advisory Committee, Chairperson of Chicanos/Latinos for Political Action

Alfredo Gonzalez - Former Chairman, Chicano Studies, U. of Minn; Hofstede's Advisory Committee

Ricardo Nevilles - Director, Centro Cultural Chicano

Pat Trujillo - Centro Cultural Chicano Board member, Editor of CCC's Newsletter Don J. Vargas - Centro Cultural Chicano Board Member, Editor, CCC Newsletter

Most of the above members are Board members of Centro Cultural Chicano and Hofstede's Advisory Committee. CCC is based in Minneapolis and has been in operation for a year now. The Spanish speaking Senior Citizens Center has been operating since October of this year. Both are the first and only Chicano agencies in Minneapolis; both were funded for one year terms, and are now working on future funding.

CHICANO CONCERNS - MINNEAPOLIS/ST! PAUL COMMUNITY - NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS

I. EMPLOYMENT

Most of the affirmative action officers and directors of this state are headed by Blacks and/or women. We are largely under-represented or not represented at all in decision-making positions of affirmative action. At a time when other ethnic minorities can speak about progress for their group, Hispanics are still struggling to be visible. With the Feminist movement, our visibility is further diminished when Anglo women are given priority.

Specifically: The screening committee set up by Mike O'Donnell, we believe, was stacked against the Chicano applicants, two of which made it to the top five. They could not have been selected because the composition of the screening committee, chosen by O'Donnell, favored those applicants from within the department. If the State is sincere about affirmative action, let us have a truly democratic process in the selection instead of a facade that takes the blame off the Commissioner.

Responding to the Governor's statement (St. Paul Dispatch, Thursday, Nov.

3, 1977)
"The governor also criticized the Mexican American community for not getting more involved in pushing their people for top state jobs, as have other minority groups."

We would like to remind the Governor that it is difficult to push our candidates when our recommendations are ignored. The fact that other minorities can push their people is due to the fact they they do so from powerful, lucrative positions using impressive letterheads or through cronyism whereby their recommendations are rendered more effective.

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II. REPRESENTATION

We need more Hispanic representation on Boards, Commissions and the Metropolitan Council, those which have a direct impact on our community, namely the Council already mentioned, the Economic Status of Women, the Governor's Crime Commission, the State Planning Board, the P.S.C., the Police Board, State Board of Education, Employment and Training Board and the Civil Service Commission, to name a few.

We resent the fact that we are invited to public hearings so that

We resent the fact that we are invited to public hearings so that public appointees can do their research on our time when the input could be direct if Hispanics were named to serve on these commissions.

III. CETA MONIES Mpls Ceta Program

No Hispanic representation and low percentage of Hispanic trainees, if any. Generally, the federal monies allocated go to minorities other than Hispanics. We have no quarrel with the Black community. It is the Anglos in charge who set up the directorships and programs in this way.

IV. HOUSING

We want the same benefits in housing that other lower socio-economic people are getting. If $m \, n \, n$

V/ THE UNIVERSITY

Due to the state's budget cuts, Chicano Studies, the department with the lowest budget and faculty has been cut even further. We have not been allowed to fill one resignation, and our summer budget has been cut even further than what was originally allotted. We have been cut from 3 full time faculty positions to 2 this year. The University plays the numbers game with our department, but unless we can offer more courses, we cannot get more students into our classes. We are operating within the vicious cycle of less students-less money, and usually with recycled monies.

There are no Hispanics in high staff positions at the University.

Generally, when high officials of this state speak about minorities, they are not including Hispanics when asked for a breakdown. This is an educational process that we are actively engaged in at this time.

SOME SOLUTIONS

1. Support for bilingual education

2. Accountability of the screening process used by commissioners

- 3. Support for the Spanish Speaking Affairs Board Other Midwestern states have already implemented such a Board Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and even conservative Nebraska
- 4. Hispanic representation on Boards and Commissions. If the legislature votes on the expansion of certain commissions, we ask for prime consideration, particularly those which affect our health, education and welfare.
- 5. Support for the Spanish Speaking Liaison Office, and expansion of that office.
- 6. Support for any legislation that would elevate our standard of living in the state of Minnesota

Although we realize that Governor Perpich inherited some of these problems, we believe that he can also solve them. We have 49,500 people throughout the state, and it would be beneficial if we could get money and resources to do our own population count which is not always Spanish-surnamed. We believe that we could make the difference in any election.

Nonday Provider

Mr.

Health

Thank you for inviting me to live this life. It has been a

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P.O. Box 19206 Diamond Lake Station Minneapolis, Minn. 55419

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where was the leadership from the Indian and Hispanic community on these projects?

- O Kajma
- O City Center
- O Center Village
- O Stadium
- O City Parking
- O Ramp
- O St. Anthony
- Boardwalk Lake & Nicollet
- O Boiclaire
- O Gittleman
- O Hennepin Avenue
- O Interstate United

I was really taken back by the article in your paper dated February 1983. featuring Al Garcia on the cover. His excuses given for his vote taken at the Civil Rights meeting makes me sick. Compare the two candidates' records and see who stands out front on every issue concerning the minority community. Mr. Ron Edwards has not separated the blacks, indians and hispanics but has spoken on behalf of all. The progress made in the hispanic community concerning jobs and contractual opportunities have not been gained by Al Garcia or Tom Beaver but has been engineered by Ron Edwards. The statement made by Mr. Garcia that hispanics are low on the list is an indictment of his lack of leadership.

You have never heard Mr. Edwards "knock" Mr. Garcia and never will. I am wondering what the future holds for us in the upcoming year. Because some of our so-called "leaders", who have not done their job for the community they claim to represent. Al Garcia gets angry and tries to lay the blame on others for his lack of leadership. True, Ron Edwards is just one man but without his leadership in key roles, who out there in the community has his strength? Tom Beaver? I doubt it. Al Garcia? I doubt it. If you will notice the projects listed, every segment of the community is involved. It is no fun to walk all of these projects and become involved in numerous meetings - Ron does! Ron Edwards speaks for all groups because people who profess to be leaders in their community are not there. If there is a bridge between groups it is caused by lack of leadership.

We have leadership in the black community and would not put the blame on other groups for lack of leadership.

MEMO:

TO: COMMISSIONERS

FROM: TOM BEAVER (CHAIRMAN)

RE: 1983 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DATE: 2/8/83

STANDARDS & PROCEDURES

Craig Wildfang (Chairman)
La June Lange (Vice- Chair)
Robert Fine
Richard Osborne
Clifford Greene
Arcelia Romo Perez

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

Arcelia Romo Perez (Chairperson)
Brenda Betts (Vice-Chairperson)
Brenda Bell
Theresa Person
Albert Garcia
Daniel Davis

ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION

William Davis (Chairman)
Wanda Lawrence (Vice-Chair)
Craig Wildfang
Ron Edwards
Richard Osborne

HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICES & ACCOMODATION

Albert Garcia (Chairman)
Robert Fine (Vice-Chairman)
Wanda Lawrence
Theresa Person
Ophelia Balcos
Sharon Warwick

PUBLIC RELATIONS & EDUCATION

Ophelia Balcos (Chairperson)
Dorothy Leathers (Vice-Chairperson)
Barbara Deegan
Daniel Davis
Sharon Warwick

Please Note: The Four Officers of the Civil Rights Commission and the 2 Chairpersons & 3 Chairman of the five committees will be the Executive Committee for the year 1983

MEMO: TO: FROM:

TO: COMMISSIONERS

FROM: CHAIRMAN

RE: 1983 ISSUES

DATE: 2/8/83

The five standing committees of the commission will work on the following issues during the year. However, the committee will have the option of taking on more issues at any time.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE, EMPLOYMENT & LABOR UNIONS

- 1. Comparable worth. Are women getting paid less for a job that is equal to one held by a man?
- Contract compliance. We will continue to check on contracts to see if contractors are in compliance with the city ordinances.
- 3. Unions. Are the labor unions sending people of color to job sites? Are unions seeking more people of color?
- 4. Sub contracting. Are minority firms getting contracts only to sub contract them to majority firms? When is too much sub contracting seen as a front for majority firms?
- 5. Consolidation of various functions of WMBE, Civil Rights office and Affirmative Action offices.
- 6. Internal city government employment. How many offices are staffed only with non - minority people? Ways to increase the number of minority workers?

HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATION

- 1. Little Earth Housing. Are city, state and federal agencies violating the city housing codes regarding discrimination? Are the same agencies providing the proper support needed by the residents of Little Earth?
- 2. Develop a testing program for housing discrimination.
- Develop a program for attorneys on the proper way to prosecute housing discrimination cases.
- 4. Develop enforcement procedures for the familial status section of the ordinance.
- 5. Handicap accessibility to public and private buildings.

MEMO: 1983 ISSUES --- Page 2

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

- 1. Develop election procedures and process for officers.
- Develop rules and regulations for commission hearings and operations.
- Develop a packet for commissioners and the public on commission operations.

ORDINANCE AND LEGISLATION

- Develop enforcement rules and regulations relating to energy, housing and other ordinances.
- Clarify the roles of the commission and civil rights department and check the operations of other commissions and their relations with the department which they serve.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION

- 1. Develop high school packet explaining the ordinance and commission.
- Develop Public Service Announcements for television and radio stations.
- 3. Develop handouts describing the commission and department functions.
- 4. Develop traveling display for the department.
- 5. Check the hiring of people of color for the city high school truancy program.
- 6. Check if factual that more minorities than other students are being suspended.
- 7. Check on the physical abuse & present situation at: Northeast Jr. High and Anderson School. Check on situation at the other schools.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Chicano/Latino Student Culture Center Room 201 Dome City 1507 University Avenue S.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 (612) 376-1233

March 30, 1982

Dear Friends:

In these coming times of "REAGANOMICS" we will find ourselves doing without the significant things that would enrich and motivate our people. The only way that this can be stopped is by pooling our resources together, each of us giving one another a helping hand.

Our organization is intending to uplift the spirts of the Hispanic Community within the surrounding areas by sharing with them the pride and glory of our people; the young, the working class, the student, the artist and anyone interested in sharing with our culture. The only way we can bring this about with good taste and appeal will be with your help. At this time we would like to request from you a donation for our efforts; the names of all contributors will be printed as part of the publicity. Please make your check payable to the Chicano/Latino Student Cultural Center. A \$25.00 contribution or more will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Only through a united effort will this year's activities be a success. All contributions should be received in our office, 117 Pleasant Street S.E., 332 Walter Library, Minneapolis, MN 55455, no later than April 21, 1982.

Sinceramente,

Maria Vega Carreras Committee Member

Enclosure

"2ND ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1982 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. STATE OFFICE BUILDING AUDITORIUM
Rice and University, St. Paul

This workshop is open to the general public and participation from members and organizations of the Hispanic Community is strongly encouraged.

TO PRE-REGISTER: Please fill up the pre-registration form below and return it with your check in the self address envelope provided. All checks should be written to the Spanish Speaking Affairs Council. Pre-registration closes November, 18, 1982.

REGISTRATION COST: \$2.00

LUNCH AVAILABLE: \$3.00 (payable upon purchase)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SPANISH SPEAKING AFFAIRS COUNCIL AT 296-9587

AGENDA

8:30 -	9:00	Registration/Inscripción	Coffee & Rolls/Café y donas
9:00 -	9:15	Welcome/Bienvenida	-José H. Trejo, Exec. Dir. SSAC -Steve Belton, Exec. Dir. CBM
9:15 -	10:00	Who, What, Where & Why of the Law making process	-Patsy Randall, Manager, State Legislative Affairs
10:00 -	10:45	Soft, Medium and Hard Lobbying	-Harold J. Turner, Attorney Legal Services Advocacy Project
10:45 -	11:00	Break/Descanso	
11:00 -	12:00	Legislative Concerns	
		- Economic Development/ Employment	-Rep. Randy Staten, House of Representatives -Fermín L. Aragón, Chairperson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
		- Human Rights	-Commissioner Marilyn McClure, Department of Human Rights
12:00 -	1:00	Lunch with Elected Officials	(lunch will be sold)
1:00 -	2:15	Participant	Issue, Information, Development and Lobbying
2:15 -	2:30	Closing Remarks	
2:30 -	4:00	Capitol Tour (Optional)	-Harlan Christianson

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

TELEPHONE No.: ()	LUNCH ORDER:	yes	no no
ADDRESS:	City	State	Zip Code
AGENCY:			
NAME:			

Note: Pre-registration will be closed on November 18, 1982. Please send your form in self address envelope provided, as soon as possible.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPANISH SPEAKING AFFAIRS COUNCIL

and

COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

present the

"2ND ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP"

"This workshop is designed to orientate Hispanic and Black citizens to Minnesota's legislative process and enable them to make a positive impact in the state and local governments".

LATINO-CHICANO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE:

Tuesday, September 19, 1978

TIME:

6:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Mayor's Reception Room 127 City Hall

AGENDA:

1. Credit Union

2. Newsletter

Hispanic Coalition for better housing

Staff Contact:

Donna Folstad

Administrative Aide to Mayor Hofstede 127 City Hall (348-2100)

HISPANIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Aug. 29, 1978

Present: Irene Bethke, Pola Mardesich, Daniel Ojeda, Paul Gonzalez, Marcela Trujillo, Jose Gaitan, Felino de la Pena

Guests: Frank Guzman, Gene Moore

Chairperson Irene Bethke called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved after the following corrections: Date change, September 10-17, Name changes: Halen to Holen, Mansor to Monsour, Leo Montego to Leo Montoya.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion:

Newsletter

The committee suggested a newsletter for the community. Felino de la Pena and Jose Gaitan will be in charge.

Hispanic Week - Following activities have been firmed up.

- Sunday evening, Sept. 10 Banquet at Casa Coronado. Reservations should be made by September 7, by calling 529-1446.
- Monday, Sept. 11 Everyday at noon a Minifiesta. Monday's Minifiesta will featurea Latin Jazz Band "Zocalo" on the NSP Plaza.
 7:00 p.m. Art Exhibit Coffman Gallery I, U. of Minn.
- Suesday, Sept. 12 Noon, Los Tropicanos, Government Center 7:00 p.m. Official opening of the Arts and Science Museum, St. Paul The Museum will carry a good exhibition of Mayan culture, Snr. Casagrande, Curator
- WednesdayN Sept. 13 Noon, Flamenco Festival, Twin Cities Federal Atrium, Michael Hauser, guitarrist Noon: Fashion Show, St. Paul 7:00 p.m. Ballet Folklorico, St. Paul, place to be determined
- Thursday, Sept. 14. 11-3:30: Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Films, Demonstrations, Flowers, Pinatas, Mariachis, Puerto Rican Dance Troupe, Venezuelan Serenade, Poetry reading by Alvaro Cardona Hines (Costa Rica) and the Ballet Folklorico de Minnesota
- Friday, Sept. 15 Noon: Twin Cities Federal Fashion Show, Kiko Rangel will play
 MINNEHAHA PARK HISPANIC FAIR, 11:00 am.m- 11:00 p.m. Orchestras, Mexican and Latin Food, Career Opportunity Fair.
- Saturday, September 16, MINNEHAHA HISPANIC FAIR, The above festivities will be continued from 11 6:00 p.m. Queen presentation.
- Sunday, September 17 MINNEHAHA FAIR continued: Dial de la Familia 6:30 p.m. Mariachi Mass

Sports and Teatro at the Park will also take place.

Publicity for the Queen contest will be **broa**dcast by Felino and Jose. For further information call Rachel Vargas, 522-6551 or CCC, Rafael Esparza, 871-1423 or Juanita Meza, 373 9707

Publicity continued:

Sandy Vargas will be on Channel 11 talking about the Fashion Show.

There will also be publicity on flyers and posters going to schools, libraries and the media. Jose has volunteered to take the flyer information to Instaprint.

On September 5, the Governor and Mayor will be proclaiming Hispanic Week. The Governor will make the announcement at 1:35, and hopefully, the Mayor of Minneapolis, A. Hofstede can continue with an announcement at 2:45

Motion: The group will go from the Governor's office to Mayor Hofstede's for the Hispanic Week proclamation. We will get the Mayor's schedule later.

Motion carried unanimously.

Guest, John Soderlund, an Aide for Mr. Monroe, CETA gave us some statistics on the Spanish speaking. Frank Guzman expressed a concern for the Minneapolis Migrants in Action CETA employees being closed out of the total project since all employees are under CETA. It is to terminate one month from now, and there is no assurance that this project for Chicanos and Latinos will continue. Minneapolis has a responsibility to keep one project for the Spanish speaking under CETA. The Department of Labor has asked for disadvantaged people to be served and CETA has the responsibility to take care of the target groups. MIA is the only one serving our community. There are no remedial reading programs for Hispanics, noon that serve other disadvantaged groups. The program will run out soon, and CETA has not met our needs although the existing MIA program has overreached its goals.

Felino de la Pena claims that Hispanics are being discrimated against, and personally went to lodge a complaint for a friend. Claimed that the counselor was very uncooperative, and gave him three options only one of which was favorable and that was to give the Hispanic an extension. The counselor will contact Felino later.

Guest Gene Moore gave a history of MIA in Minneapolis, and gave a report from a written evaluation that he had. Irene requested a copy of his report which will be accessible forall of us.

Mr. Sonderlund said he was impressed by the organization, but could not explain Mr. Moore's neglect of Spanish speaking concerns.

Mr. Guzman suggested that we send a letter to the mayor stating the state of neglect of Hispanics in CETA, Minneapolis.

It was then suggested that we confront Monroe, and that was put in the form of a motion by Jose, and seconded by Felino. Motion carried unanimously. It was also pointed out that a meeting will be held Thursday, August 31, time to be determined later, concerning the proprieties on special CETA programs. Some of the HAC Advisory Board said they would try to attend. We are to call 348-8213 for the time of the meeting. A motion was made to support Guzman and Gene Moore at that meeting, August 31st. Motion carried.

It was also determined that we need an outreach advocate wince the statistics given on the Hispanic population in Minneapolis are not current. According to Mr. Sonderlund, CETA doesn't know how to deal with the Hispanic population, although the programs in St. Paul and Minneapolis have a good track system. But because it's a new and small program, it may not get funded although it has overreached its goal.

Motion was made to get each Alderman of City Council to meet with us and have our representative from those particular wards here at that particular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HRA REPORT

Marcela Trujillo brought the committee up to date on the final resolution of 1800 Olson Memorial Highway. Since the final vote was a compromise that the Chicanos had not wanted, it was suggested that they hold out until they could get a final and permanent building.

A guggestion was made that we form a "Hispanics for Better Housing Coalition" and that we look into a non-profit venture for buying our own building. Marcela Will contact Dick Brustad for us and we will meet with him in the future concerning this possibility.

The item of the Credit Union was tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marula Irujillo

Marcela Trujillo, Secretary Pro Tem



MIGRANTS IN ACTION

Migrants In Action 1162 Selby Ave St. Paul, Mn. 55104 Ph 612-646-4566

Donna

August 25, 1978

Mr. George Monroe Minneapolis CETA

RE: Chicanos/Latinos and the Minneapolis CETA System

Dear George:

MIA would like to thank Mayor Hofstedt for his concern and sensitivity in establishing a Chicano/Latino Advisory Committee in Minneapolis. The first of its kind. MIA would like to thank George Monroe and Minneapolis CETA for sub-contracting with Migrants In Action for a Manpower Program for the Spanish-speaking.

MIA has attempted for years to get Minneapolis CETA to see to the needs of a neglected target population - the Spanish-speaking. My understanding is that there are approximately 11,000 Chicanos/Latinos in Minneapolis and that the majority use Spanish as a dominant language. I also understand that the CETA System does not have staff that speak Spanish or can relate to the Chicano/Latino culture, that you have no programs that can effectively assist this target group and that your statistics don't even acknowledge that the target group exists.

Hopefully we can meet and change some of this soon. It is vitally important that the current six month sub-contract that we have be extended at least another six months, and hopefully a year.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

FG/ds

cc: Mayor Hofstedt

Minneapolis Chicano/Latino Political Caucus Minnesota Spanish Speaking Affairs Council

Minnesota Manpower Advisory Council

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS CETA

Involvement of the Latino/Chicano Population in the City of Minneapolis CETA Programs

	Total Employment	No. of Spanish- American Descendents	Percentage
TITLE VI Special Projects	1,420	22	1.6%
Title I Training & Employment Services .	nt 2,107	46	2.2%
Title III Youth Programs	2,201	35	1.6%
Title II & VI City of Mpls. Employment	1,282	12	1.0%

REFERENCE:	Minneapolis Population	380,864
	Spanish Surnamed Population	3,100
	Percentage	0.8%
	Unemployed in Minneapolis	22,932
	Spanish Surnamed Population	262
	Percentage	1.1%

MIN. of JAN 8, 1978 m/g

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. approval of WARD rep. for Spanish spenking committee to be commissioNED.

3. Jose GAITAN report.

ExpliNation of political activity and the Need for Latinos to become politically active, the implications and the advantages. Latinos have NO STATE Representatives, NO COUNTY, AND NO CITY representatives. The need to change, so that Latinos CAN have political imput and representatives.

LATINOS don't have qualified people yet, but

Lativos have qualifiable people.

LATINOS MUST discuss specific bills before the state legislature and must give total support to specific bills which would effect the LATINO Community.

Is Hofstede NOW going to fulfill his committeent to the LATINO community NOW that he is excited.

Question-ANSWER period None

4. CONERNORS COMMITTEE pr report. MARCELA Trujillo

O'DONNElls sceening committee was selected by him to be manipulated by him. Appointed NO LATINOS to STATE job but selected / Anglo WOMAN WITH SPANISH SURNAME.

Suggestions -

Support Spanish Speaking ASSAITS bOARD Already before state legislature.
Have positive meetings with State reps. AND GOV. Offering list of complaints with solutions.

ANY lation hired for STATE position must be gualified because that per person will be

very visible.

* possible appointment in very near buture. Latino community must stick together because there ARE Degative forces at work in our Community.

HILSEDO GONZAles. GOVERNOR STATED he would like to continue to meet with this committee until A Spanish speaking Affairs bones can be selected. * Support ANY type of pulitical action. because it will certainly bring discussion in the latino communities.

3. Hugie KIUERA.

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A result was not part of the quidlines put down

JOR SCEENING Process.

** STATE employes had inside track on All jobs.

* Why has nothing been done for Latino's in MINN.

STATES LArgest MINORITY.

- 6. Ruth Cain
 Explained about power structure
 KNOW each other push for appointments

 from latino community.

 Be aggressive vocal

 STATE office can help expedite some of the political moves.
- 7. Hablo Conzales.

 Who are the sponsors for the STATE Spanish

 Speaking Affairs board who drafted it
 who is going to be appointed what quid/inves

 will be followed.

 Diasted bill Jose Trejo, Jose Gamez, Jose Ualdez

 Sponsors McCutcheon Keith Irene Bethke

 ** WANTS Copy of bill for Next mtg.
- 8. Felino de la Peña

 FORMAL MOTION

 Get list of latinois for boare : Commissions

 submit names at all openings both

 aualified and for qualifiable.

 seconded

 motion carries.
- 9. Springhill Conserence Center (Political mtg).
 Application in hand-arrangements are being made will be held before Gov. race.

10. Old business None.

11. New business.

ANTONIO SALINAS requests NAMES be submitted for Appointment to the BOARD of Directors of the LegAL Rights Center.

1. Jose A. GAITAN

2. FeliNo de la PEÑA

3. ANTONIO ArellANO

4. Slyvin CONZAles

S. Irene Bethke

6. ANITA BETHKE

12. Gilberto Lopez y RIVAS

TORMAI MOTION

START proceddings for setting up a Press

CON SETENCE - MORE INSO NEXT Mtg.

SECONDED

MOTION CARRIES

13. Felino de la Peña Marcela Trujillo FORMAI MOHON Have secretario de propoganda appointed, but take list et volunteers por position. Seconded

motion carries. 1. Marcela Trujillo 4. Irene Bethke 2. Felino de la Peña S. Jose Gaitan. 3. Alfredo Conzales 14. Marcela Trujillo
Formal mohon
meeting 1st sunday of each month
seconded
motion carries

15. ALLFEDO CONZALES

Precint CAUCUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Impoetant to attend.

Feb. 28, 1978 THE. 8:00 p.m.

16. NexT Mtg.
Feb. 5, 1978

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Roberts rules of Dependent

List of Concerns for Hofstack.

Petition For a sp. Sp. church For the Room. Of Mpls. and surrounding areas [We need your name to makeour Arch Bishop RoacH AWALE of our plight. The Community has no services in Spanish nor are our needs met, such as the cuincinera, Mariago communions, masses celebration of our Jaly of Surabalize ete- We propose the Basiling Would Be a prime church for 48, due to its central tocation, access by bus, Freeway & ramps and

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day care? men/nomen-Community services specialist 5, Consumer Representative? N.SP.? Gas. ? Leacher / assistant > Mortors ? get melsom Social worker? nursis aide? Mirro women's advacate & emergency housing women / children crisis intervention counciling? outruck working got placement? training? prof. people to put on workshap o. a seminars Bldg Code enforcement tech III Glan examine minority Services Courselor (Having subsidy low/man. income for elduly durdicapped / disabled

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II. During the past year, we have met with key personnel in City government which has included Commissioners, Directors and other visitors. We have analyzed statistics, studied legislative bills, reports from various agencies and other data which has been relevant to our problems and progress.

The following report will focus on some of the activities, issues discussed, results if any, and conclusions with solutions concerning the first year of existence.

Learning the System: People who Addressed the Committee - Directors of City Agencies

It was decided to invite department heads of various agencies of city government to question them on their personnel policies and sensitivity to Hispanic concerns. The first addressee was Otis Smith, Director of Affirmative Action. He stated that there were 18 Chicanos working for the city and 28 for the Park Board. We questioned the nature of these jobs which could be menial positions and found that none were management or power of decision-making positions. Mr. Otis asked the Committee to help him recruit, however, retrenchment in the city budget could not create new positions except those filled by attrition. Most openings were of a technical nature, and there is a lack of Chicanos educated in these fields. Nevertheless, some members of the committee cited some instances where qualified Chicanos had been passed over - one who had passed the test was ruled ineligible when he failed to show for the second part of the test due to illness. The ruling stated that he could not proceed for the position. Statistics were shown to the Committee, and affirmative action goals as it concerned Chicano/ Latino employment were found to be zero based or minimal, or menial.

Gerald Singer of the Civil Service Commission, met with the Committee and gave an outline of the function of his office, the qualifications and procedures in applying for civil service jobs. When asked about Chicano Latino organizations being aware of job openings, Mr. Singer replied that recruitment was excellent, but the hiring was bad because there were not enough jobs available. He also

defended the Civil Service exam as being objective after many discussions from the Committee concerning its validity. The Committee was not satisfied with his rationale.

Mr. Victor Propes, Director of the Department of Civil Rights, also met with the Committee, and gave us an overview of his office. He came in 1970 from L.A. - Alhambra, Calif, and staff includes a Philipino with Spanish surname. His goals/timetable, so that Latinos would qualify accountability with affirmative action policy through budget.

Commission employment opportunity

- 1. Civil Rights Commission
- 2. Lawyer

Criteria: Resident of Minneapolis, resume to Commission by August 31.

Major issues Budget/Refinancing

100 Cfice is established fundably
Funding from EEOC

Procedure instigated to speed process of case load, and to deal with backlog of 311 accumulative case load. Seven investigators speed resolution to within 10 weeks.

III. Visitors, John Soderland, an aide to John Monroe, Director of CETA met with the Committee who expressed disappointment that a substitute had been sent. Mr. Soderland gave us some statistics on the Spanish speaking people on the CETA program. Frank Guzman, Executive Director of Migrants in Action, St. Paul, expressed serious concern for the Minneapolis Migrant in Action CETA employees. Their program had received the news that it was not to be refunded, although the program had overreached its goals. The Chicano/Latino Community from the Twin Cities had vigorously supported this program by calling the CETA program directors, their Alderman and other influential people. (It was reported that Alderman DeMars did not return the calls). Donna Folstad and RoseMarie Freeman lobbied for our

group and were unsuccessful. It was felt that CETA should have some responsibility to support the Migrant CETA program. Adult Education classes stressing job development skills were initiated. The program created its own employment agency. Information about bilingual personnel in hotel and industries was obtained to help migrants obtain employment.

In spite of all efforts to save this program, the only one of its kind in Minneapolis, the project was terminated at the end of 1978. The clients will now have to go to Centro Cultural Chicano which does not really have enough staff to cope with the new types of services these people are requesting.

The Committee met with Director Dick Brustad, HRA, after Dick Brustad received a letter from Ricardo Nevilles, as suggested by Marcela Trujillo. The particular meeting has been one of the most productive meetings between Directors and the Committee. Brustad mentioned 1800 Olson Hwy. as a possible site for the Chicano agencies. He stressed that he would look into the matter and present it to the Commissioners.

However, when the recommendation for 1800 Olson Hwy came before the Commissioners, it was unacceptable to the Chicanos. The recommendation stated that the Chicanos could occupy 1/3 of the space with 2/3 going to the Head Start group, and occupancy could begin November, 1978. The Chicanos were to occupy the Mandel building in November and then move to 1800 Olson in June when they could then occupy the entire building. The Mayor was asked to intervene, and although he was willing to write the letter, Commissioner Trujillo advised him against it. Both buildings are owned by HRA. The recommendation would have meant two moves for the Chicanos within the space of seven months. This caused problems for both the Chicanos and the Head Start group, and although the vote went against the Chicanos, the building was not vacated in time for the Head Start group to begin classes in November. This coincided with the eviction of the Chicanos from 204 W. Franklin since that building had been sold, and so they were able to move to 1800 Olson immediately, and were later joined by the Chicano Seniors agency. Both

groups now occupy the building.

This center has become the focal point for community organization and activity for the Hispanic pupulation of Minneapolis. Hopefully, more political activity will emanate from the community now that a home base has been established.

There are also other housing needs. Through Insight, Mabel Stapleton?

(Spaulding) from the Mayor's Office and Marcella Trujillo are publicizing the advantages to home ownership, few can meet the mortgage requirements. A high rise for the Hispanic elderly is feasible since the majority or roughly 95% of this population speak Spanish, primarily. Their needs in many social service agencies are not being met because of a lack of bilingual personnel, and it would be ideal to concentrate them in one building, and bring health and other services to them. Narrolla Trujille has also inquired about the affirmative action policy of HRA where there are 5 part time and temporary positions and only one full time Chicano employee who was hired about the time that she became commissioner. Mr. Lemly, the present Director, as well as the present affirmative action director, have promised to help in this aspect.

Although there are too few Hispanics employed even in the lower echelons of City government, there was little possibility that they would be employed due to budgetary cutbacks, according to our speakers. Affirmative action officers have little or no knowledge of where to recruit the Hispanic pupulation. There needs to be more visibility of the Advisory Committee to act as resource persons for state agencies and city agencies. This may mean hiring a liaison within the Mayor's Office, even with CETA funds, in order to facilitate the "learning the system," process.

Affirmative action has never been responsive to Chicanos and Latinos in Minneapolis because we are invisible to other minorities, and ignored, if visible. The few jobs that were publicized to us, were of such highly technical

nature so as to discourage our input. We contend that some of the jobs could hire qualifiable Hispanics since even degreed people need initial training on any job. Through CETA or other funds, more positions could be given Hispanics in City agencies and government.

We can report no progress or impact in this area. More publicity and yisibility for Hispanics is needed, and we are requesting input from the Mayor and his Aides to help us in this respect. For if they do not, visibility will come anyway - since Hispanics will be the largest minority nationally in the next decade. As TIME Magazine has said, "Already the two groups (Chicanos and Blacks) are competing fiercely for jobs and government aid. Nearly 27% of Hispanic families in the U.S. earn under \$7000 a year; only 16.1% of non-Hispanic families fare as badly. Hispanics are the most under-educated of Americans despite their own deep belief of the maxim, "Saber es Poder" (Knowledge is power). Only 40% have completed high school as compared with 46% of U.S. Blacks and 67% of Whites. (Readers' Digest, Feb., Pg.183)

The Hispanics are also under-represented in politics, especially in Minnesota; and the future looks bleak since Scandinavian and Slavic names are needed for credibility. There are also a number of reasons for under-representation: The relatively recent emergence of Hispanics as an important minority; their traditional preoccupation with family and community affairs rather than broad political issues and outright discrimination.

We have made few gains and those are tenuous. Although we have a building at 1800 Olson Highway, we need support from City leaders and Alderpersons to (1) Perpetrate the existence of our Chicano agencies in Minneapolis and (2) Give us knowledge about obtaining and lobbying for CDBG funds and (3) Recognition from the City to recognize us in terms of the total Hispanic, Minneapolis population; and not just as a group within a certain ward or planning district, since a Chicano "barrio" does not exist. This is a matter that we have to pursue through the City Council.

Learning the system has been a lesson in futility and frustration. The committee

decided to end the interview with department heads because we were getting no where since there was a general trend to "pass the buck" and to put the blame on us for not contacting them personally.

Many of our conclusions are not conclusive, but are only the beginning of future actions and resolutions.

HISPANIC MOMENS DEVELOPMENT COFFORATION

1500 Olson Methorial Highway Minneapolis, Minnesora 55411

8:50pm

Meeting February 24th
Place: Centro Cultural Chicano
Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Subject: Informational Meeting for Women of Minneapolis

AGENDA

6:00pm	Sign in and welcome
6:15pm	Overview, Lolly Smith
6:30Pm	Introduction of Martha Lamas
6:30pm	Pannel Irene Gomez de Bethke; Anthropological history of the Hispanic Woman Elena de Voto; Accomplishments of the Hispanic women. Isabel Gomez Edwards; Personal experience working within the Hispanic community.
7:25pm	Questions and answers
7:40pm	Break
7:55Pm .	Small gruop discussions
8:40pm	Summary: Lolly Smith

Closing thoughts, positive feedback

LATINO-CHICANO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, October 24, 1978

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TIME;

6:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Mayor's Reception Room

127 City Hall

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AGENDA:

1.) Approval of minutes

2.) Credit Union

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5. New business

6. Old business

7. Adjournment

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Staff Contact:

Donna Folstad

Administrative Aide to Mayor Hofstede

127 City Hall (348-2100)

NOTICE OF MEETING

Latino/Chicano Advisory Committee

TIME:

November 28, 1978

6:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Mayor's Conference Room - 127 City Hall

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Credit Union

3. Status of Letters of Resignation

Status of Cultural Center

5. Old Business

6. New Business MCAA.

(a) Mass in December

7. Adjournment

Staff Contact: Donna Folstad, Administrative Aide to the Mayor - 348-2100

Minutes for October 24, 1978 meeting of the Chicano/Latino Advisory Committee to the Mayor

Place: Room 217, City Hall Time: 6:30 P.M.

Irene Bethke-Gomez, Chairperson, opened the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read because Marcella Trujillo who took the minutes at the last meeting was not present. Rafael Esparza will contact Marcella about them for our next meeting.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Item I - Resignation of Present Members of the Committee. Although a letter was sent to all members of the Advisory Committee stating that whoever could not meet their obligation of attending the meetings should resign, the Mayor's office did not receive any response. Another letter is being made up and will be taken personally to members of the Committee who plan to resign so that they can sign it. In this way other new people will be able to apply.

Item II - Credit Union.

of the meeting will be sent out.

Plans for a credit union among the Hispanic people are being looked into. There is much work and study to be done before a credit union could be set up. Felino de la Peña told the Committee about some men from Euerto Rico who are economic advisors to help set up credit unions. They will be here in the city for two weeks. It was suggested that we invite these men to the Friday October 27 meeting to talk to us in regard to starting our credit union. It was also suggested that we invite our brothers from St. Paul to join us in this project. The visitors from Puerto Rico are Jesus Martinez, Tony Chacon, and a lawyer, Don Horvath.

Item III - Hispanic Week.

The Hispanic Week Committee will have a meeting Saturday October 28th at Building 54 of the V.A. Hospital at 1:00 p.m. Rafael had not finished the report as of this meeting, but will have it by Saturday. A notice

Rafael sent a letter of apology to the Park Board in response to their complaint that the pavilion was left messy and that according to them it took two cleaning crews to clean the place up. One of the members of the Park Board also made a complaint to the Mayor, but there are contradictions within our Committee in regard to this.

Item IV - Political Convention.

Jose Gaitan reported that the two day political conference was a success, and that all the resolutions that were introduced were passed. Jose also wants to thank all the people who helped with funds and food, and also to thank the government guests who were present.

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127 City Hall (348-2100)

October 11, 1978

Dear Committee Member,

This letter is to remind you of the rule agreed upon by all the membership, that three missed, unexcused meetings would qualify as a resignation.

Please send in a written resignation, if this applies to you, to Donna Folstad, Mayor's Office, Room 127 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55415.

This letter is being sent to all the membership. Your immediate response will be appreciated.

Sinceramente,

Irene Gomez-Bethke Chicano/Latino Advisory

Committee to Mayor Hofstede

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LATINO-CHICANO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING

DATE:

August 29, 1978

TIME:

6:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Mayor's Reception Room

127 City Hall

AGENDA

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