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November 12, 1982

Irene Gomez de Bethke  
State Chair  
Minnesota Hispanic American Democrats  
4649 Decatur Avenue No.  
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Dear Irene:

Thank you for your warm words of congratulations on my recent victory. I sincerely appreciate the support and confidence that so many people have extended me. Lola and I are happy to be back in Minnesota and I look forward to serving as your Governor once again.

There are many challenges facing our state and I have begun to meet them head-on. We are enthusiastically looking forward to creating a better economic environment in Minnesota.

Again, thank you for the kindness you have shown. Lola and I send our best.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature of Rudy Perpich in dark ink.

Rudy Perpich  
Governor-Elect

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December 5, 1979

David Lizzaraga  
Chairperson  
Hispanic American Democrats  
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Minnesota Hispanic American Democrats organization, I am sending this letter with the two delegates we have elected to the National H.A.D. Convention, hoping that the Convention will elect to seat them. Because we received word only recently that H.A.D. existed, we have had very little time to get organized. However, our two delegates, Marcela Trujillo and Jack Bethke, are carrying with them a list of 30 Minnesota Hispanic democrats who have pledged to join our H.A.D. Chapter in Minnesota. Their membership dues will be sent to the National H.A.D. headquarters later this month. Minnesota Hispanics are anxious to become members of this new and important organization.

We sincerely hope that the Convention will take under consideration our difficult situation and will elect to seat our two delegates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sinceramente,

*Irene Gomez-Bethke*

Irene Gomez-Bethke  
Chairperson Pro-tem  
Minnesota Hispanic American Democrats

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Dear Friend,

We have been appointed to handle the arrangements for the Seminar on the Situation of Black, Chicano, Cuban, Native American and Puerto Rican Communities in the U.S.A.

The America Study Center and Casa de las Americas are very pleased to invite you to participate in this event to take place in Havana between November 13 - 20, 1981.

The Seminar will be attended by specialists from different Cuban and American institutions dedicated to carry out sociological and historical studies. The reports will cover such aspects as National Identity and Social Reality in these five communities.

Enclosed is a brief description of the America Study Center and Casa de las Americas, as well as the themes to be covered in the Seminar.

In order to facilitate your attendance we have designed an all-inclusive package which you will find enclosed.

If you are interested in participating, please kindly register in the enclosed registration coupon.

Sincerely,

Alex Lopez  
President

Authorized Cubatur Representative

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THEMES

Theme I: The social reality of these five communities. Existing, similarities, differences and contradictions.

- 1) Historical development and changing economic, political and social composition in the five communities.
- 2) The effects of sustained unemployment on the social composition of these communities.
- 3) The impact of racism and discrimination in the different classes and social strata.
- 4) The situation of women and their role within the social reality of the five communities.
- 5) Effects of the social status and race/ethnicity/nationality on access to social services (education, health, housing).

Theme II: Concept of national identity

- 1) Historical development of the concept of national identity in each of the five communities.
- 2) Major political formations and tendencies.
- 3) Relationship(s) to and attitude(s) towards country or continent of origin. Impact and perspectives of present immigration.
- 4) How conceptualizations of race, ethnicity and nationality are actualized in daily life.
- 5) Role of expressive culture (music, literature, dance, theater, arts) in the maintenance of national identity.

### CASA DE LAS AMERICAS

Casa de las Americas is an independent cultural institution linked to the Cuban Ministry of Culture. Its work is directed to developing socio-cultural ties with the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. It was founded by and presided over by Haydee Santamaria until her death in 1980\*.

Casa de las Americas opened a breach in the cultural blockade against the Cuban Revolution. In 1960 Casa de las Americas organized its first Literary Prize. This annual Competition is today the most prestigious in the Americas, drawing important Latin American and Caribbean writers as judges.

In more than twenty years of work, Casa de las Americas has organized numerous meetings, symposia, exhibitions, contests, etc. These events have brought together writers, artists, researchers and specialists from all over Latin America. Casa de las Americas has published many books, a large number of which are devoted to the study of Latin American culture. Its official publication is the magazine Casa de las Americas.

### CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS SOBRE AMERICA

El Centro de Estudios sobre America (The Center for American Studies) was inaugurated in Havana, Cuba in 1980. The Center's purpose is to conduct scientific research on social, political and economic issues in the western hemisphere.

The work of the Center is organized into five geographical areas: North America, Central America, The Caribbean, The Andean Zone and the Plata River Basin area.

Four series are published by the Center:

- 1) Avances de Investigacion (Advance in Research)
- 2) Documentos (Documents)
- 3) Lecturas (Papers)
- 4) Cuadernos Economicos Trimestrales (Quarterly Economic Notes)

During 1981, the Center will begin publication of its official publication, the magazine Nuestra America (Our America).

The Center encourages interchanges with academic and professional institutions which are also involved in research on The Americas.

\*Santamaria was an outstanding Cuban revolutionary who took part in the July 26, 1953 attack on the Moncada Barracks.

February 11, 1980

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Hispanic Employees Council (Foreign Affairs Agencies) urges you to appoint a qualified Hispanic to the position of Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

This appointment, we believe, would be a laudable first step to redress the historical underrepresentation of Hispanics at the Commission, particularly at policy-making levels. It would also assure a strengthened avenue of communication between the Commission and the growing, concerned and increasingly active Hispanic community. We are convinced that Hispanic broadcast professionals and radio stations, who communicate daily with millions of our citizens, will be well served, as will the nation as a whole, by the presence of a Hispanic in such a powerful arm of the federal government.

Sincerely,

Francis D. Gómez  
President  
USICA-MGT/PF

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*Office of National President*  
RUBEN BONILLA, JR.

January 28, 1980

Dear Mr. President;

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) strongly urges you to appoint a Hispanic as Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

Presently, only seventeen of over 8,500 radio stations are at least 50% Hispanic owned. Hispanics are also vastly under-represented in the total FCC work force.

The appointment of a Hispanic as FCC Commissioner would benefit the public and improve the image and standing of Hispanic Americans across this country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruben Bonilla, Jr.

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

bcc: Ms. Maria Elena Torano  
National Association of Spanish Broadcasters  
2550 M. Street, N.W., Suite 450  
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**MALDEF**

Vilma S. Martinez  
President & General Counsel

February 8, 1980

President James Earl Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Mr. President:

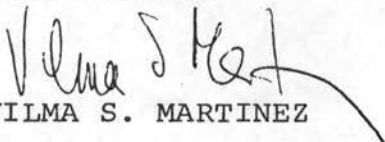
I am requesting that you give strong consideration to a qualified Hispanic for the vacant position of FCC Commissioner.

As you know, Hispanics comprise the fastest-growing minority in the United States. Hispanics require a stronger voice in public affairs, in government, in education and in the media.

Filling the FCC Commissioner position with a qualified Hispanic, of whom there are a number, would be a positive step in meeting this need. FCC Commissioners play a key role in influencing national media policy. A Hispanic Commissioner could, among other things, articulate the view of minority communities. He or she could foster important ties among Hispanics, other minority groups and could help achieve a more responsive federal communications policy.

Your Administration has made a firm commitment to Hispanics, insuring us of adequate representation. This appointment is a prime opportunity for you to acknowledge Hispanics in a tremendously vital area for our community.

Atentamente,

  
VILMA S. MARTINEZ

VSM/SC/dj

cc: Maria Elena Torano, National Association of Spanish Broadcasters, 2550 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20037

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# FEDERACION NACIONAL DE ASOCIACIONES DE COMERCIANTES HISPANOS, INC.

February 2, 1980

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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The "Federacion Nacional de Asociaciones de Comerciantes Hispanos, Inc." strongly urges you to appoint a Hispanic as Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

Presently, only seventeen of over 8,500 radio stations are at least 50% Hispanic owned. Hispanic are also vastly under-represented in the total FCC work force.

The appointment of a Hispanic as FCC Commissioner would benefit the public and improve the image and standing of Hispanic Americans across this country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodolfo Urrutia  
President

cc: Ms. Maria Elena Torano  
National Association of Spanish Broadcasters  
2550 M. Street, N.W. Suite 450  
Washington, D.C. 20037

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# Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce

407 Rio Grande Blvd. - Suite #2

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104

Phone (505) 842-9003

March 21, 1980

Ms. Irene Gomez-Bethke  
Hispanic American Democrats  
4649 Decatur  
New Hope City, Minnesota 55428

Dear Ms. Bethke:

It is with great honor and pride that I confirm your executive committee meeting to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Friday through Sunday, April 18-20.

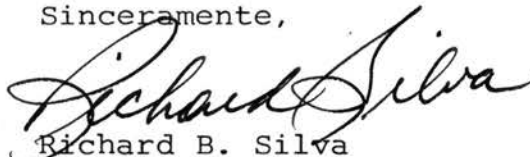
Reservations have been made for you at the Albuquerque Hilton. It is most important, however, that you call in your reservation under HAD by Friday, April 4. Please call (505) 243-8661 for your reservation.

You may be happy to know that Albuquerque is considerably lower in hotel prices than the national average. You will be paying \$37 for a single room, \$45 for a double room, or if you like, \$65 for the VIP room.

A luncheon (with a definite New Mexican flair) has been planned by Ms. Teresa Samora and myself for Saturday. The cost will be \$8.55 a person. Please make out your checks payable to the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce and forward it to the address on this letterhead. The hotel needs a 24-hour pre-payment on the luncheon.

Lastly, our convention bureau is hosting a reception in your honor on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m. Please plan on being there.

Sinceramente,



Richard B. Silva  
Executive Vice-President  
Albuquerque Hispano  
Chamber of Commerce

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# United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Nelson Rodriguez  
President

February 11, 1980

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

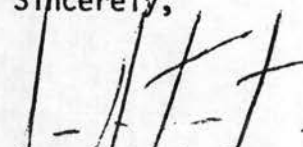
Dear Mr. President:

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) welcomes the appointment of a qualified Hispanic-American as Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

Recently constituted, USHCC represents approximately twenty-five thousand affiliated Hispanic owned businesses throughout continental United States. Increasing Hispanic ownership of broadcasting stations is one of our vital interests. The appointment of a Hispanic as F.C.C. Commissioner would contribute toward the achievement of this goal.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, we remain,

Sincerely,



Jose Antonio Font  
Vice-President and  
Chairman; Governmental  
Affairs Committee  
1735 I Street, N.W.  
Suite 612  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
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cc: Ms. Maria Elena Torano  
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Mr. Nelson Rodriguez  
President, USHCC

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January 14, 1980

Maria Elena Torano

President

National Association of Spanish Broadcasters

2550 M St., N.W., Suite 450

Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Ms. Torano:

The Puerto Rican Institute for Media Advocacy of New York has been aware of the situation regarding your lobbying efforts to ensure the appointment of a Hispanic FCC Chairman. We at PRIMA support your efforts and have been reviewing possible candidates to recommend for this position.

We will submit our recommendations to you as well as to the FCC and our local political leaders within the next few weeks. If you have a candidate in mind already, please contact us so that we may give him/her our support.

Sincerely,

Louis Victor Cafiero  
Chairman

LVC:js

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**FORMERLY PUERTO RICAN MEDIA GROUP**

Nov. 15, 1979

Hon. Jimmy Carter, President  
United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Sir:

The Radio Broadcasters Association of Puerto Rico resolved in its last meeting to respectfully request from you that a Hispanic Broadcaster be considered for appointment to a seat in the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with the unprecedented growth of Hispanic Broadcasting, not only in the mainland but in Puerto Rico as well.

Almost all Puertorrican Radio station are affiliates of our association and on their behalf we urge you to favor a Hispanic Commissioner.

Respectfully,

JOSE LUIS TORREGROSA  
Executive Secretary

JLT/al

February 13, 1980

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On January 17 through the 19th of this year, a large group of Latinos involved in the public broadcasting industry gathered in San Diego for the "First Annual Conference on Latinos in Public Broadcasting". It was a very moving experience to see so many concerned individuals come together to plan and discuss issues and obstacles pursuant to the future of Latinos within our industry.

One of the issues that was widely discussed was the need to increase the number of Latino women and men in the regulatory process of this industry. In fact, a telegram was sent to you urging you to name a Hispanic-American to the upcoming commissioner vacancy at the Federal Communications Commission.

I, too, would like to join my public broadcasting colleagues in urging you to consider the appointment of a Hispanic woman or man to fill this post.

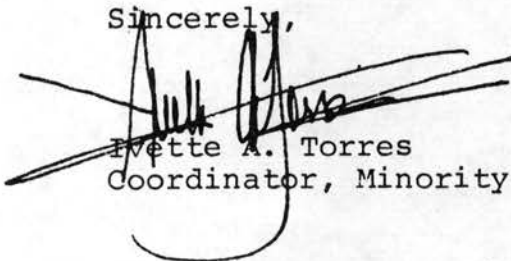
If we are to be understood by Americans in general and by other ethnic groups, we must first have an outlet and a forum to be able to communicate. Most importantly, if we are to communicate with each other as Latinos, Hispanic-Americans, Spanish-speaking Americans et al., we must have the capacity and means to produce programs, documentaries and films which depict our point of view. This can only happen when we have someone at the FCC that knows what we're all about, as well as have the ability to develop policies which will help us help ourselves.

The President of the United States  
Page 2  
February 13, 1980

I trust that your administration will not pass up this opportunity. At the present time, there are numerous names which have been submitted for your consideration by the national Hispanic leadership.

I respectfully request that you heed their advice.

Sincerely,



Ivette A. Torres  
Coordinator, Minority Affairs

cc: Ms. Ana Maria Perera  
National Association of Cuban American Women  
Mr. Al Perez  
Mexican American Legal Defense Fund  
Mr. Rodolfo Sanchez  
National Forum of Hispanic Organizations  
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Ms. Maria Elena Torano  
National Association of Spanish Broadcasters  
Mr. Raul Yzaguirre  
National Council of La Raza



## Hispanic American Democrats

January 17, 1980

The Honorable Robert T. Matsui  
Member of Congress  
Cannon House Office Building, Room 502  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Matsui:

I was very pleased to learn of your recent election to the House Communications Subcommittee, and send my heartiest congratulations.

As you are aware, the Hispanic community has undertaken a concerted effort in recent years to right what we consider to be a critical imbalance within the broadcasting industry. We have specifically focused on those issues within the jurisdiction of your committee, namely station ownership and the appointment of a Hispanic to the FCC. I have enclosed for your information a resolution enacted at the HAD national convention dealing with these issues.

Working in conjunction with the National Association of Spanish Broadcasters, we will be working diligently in 1980 to place an Hispanic in the FCC. I plan to call on you personally in the near future to discuss this matter with you and seek your support.

In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me at your convenience.

Again, I am very encouraged that a Member of Congress who has distinguished himself so soon in his career has been selected for this important assignment.

Sincerely,

DAVID C. LIZARRAGA  
National Chairman

DCL/yr  
cc: Maria Elena Torano

Enclosure

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David Lizarraga, National Chairman  
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# Congressional Hispanic Caucus



Edward R. Roybal  
Chairman  
Baltasar Corrada  
E. (Kika) de la Garza  
Robert Garcia

3562 House Annex 2, Washington, D.C. 20515

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January 28, 1980

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is our understanding that several highly qualified Hispanic Americans are presently under consideration for appointment as Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus again strongly urges you that a Hispanic be appointed a member of the Federal Communications Commission. As you know, Hispanics are this nation's fastest growing cultural minority, and as holds true in most professions, are alarmingly underrepresented in communications and the media. Within the FCC itself, the agency responsible for regulating the communications industry, Hispanics account for merely 1 percent of the total workforce in its Washington headquarters.

The historical lack of visibility of Hispanics in American society, as well as the underrepresentation of Hispanics in all senior policy levels within the government clearly necessitates institutional changes which allow input from this community. A Hispanic Commissioner of the FCC would provide the sensitivity and broadened perspective at the decision-making level, and would serve both a much-neglected segment of society, and the general public interest.

The vacancy on the FCC presents an excellent opportunity to make progress in increasing the active participation of qualified Hispanics in senior policy level positions. We thank you for your kind consideration and attention.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

ROBERT GARCIA, M.C.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Roybal".

EDWARD R. ROYBAL, M.C.  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. (Kika) de la Garza".

E. (KIKA) de la GARZA, M.C.

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BALTASAR CORRADA, M.C.

66 REC'D

January 18, 1980

Honorable Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Hispanic population of the United States represents an estimated 20 million people, most of whom rely on the broadcast media for information and entertainment, particularly on the Spanish language broadcast media in the United States. Currently, Spanish media is experiencing tremendous growth, partly due to the increasing sophistication of Hispanic broadcasters and entrepreneurs and due in part to such FCC policies as the "tax certificates" and "distress sale". However, there are still great strides to be made and we should not become complacent in our efforts to increase Hispanic participation in broadcasting.

The policy and regulations formulated by the FCC affect Hispanics just as they affect the overall population of the United States. Moreover, there are unique regulatory issues that principally concern Hispanics and Spanish broadcasting which are of lesser consequence to the general public. Yet there is no one to personally provide the Hispanic perspective at the highest decision-making level of the FCC: among the Commissioners themselves.

Today Hispanics are underrepresented in every level of the FCC hierarchy, accounting for approximately 1% of the FCC workforce. A Hispanic Commissioner would not only benefit the FCC by providing Hispanic input to the FCC's decision-making process, he would also enhance the agency's ability to attract Hispanics and generally increase Hispanic participation in broadcasting.

We are not suggesting that a "token" Hispanic be named as FCC Commissioner. A token Hispanic appointment would not be in the best interest of broadcasting or in the best interest

# HAD

Hispanic American Democrats

Hispanic American Democrats  
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David Lizarraga  
National Chairman

Assemblyman Richard Alatorre  
California State Chairman

TO: HAD State Chairs  
FROM: David C. Lizarraga, National Chair  
DATE: March 31, 1980  
RE: Up-date on paid HAD Members

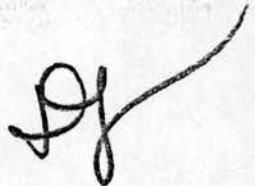
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In order to have accurate records of all paid members of HAD, I am requesting that you send me an up-dated list of paid members which should include name and address with zip code. For the officers of the State or Chapter, you should also include a phone number were they can be reached during the daytime.

I cannot stress enough the importance of this list, since many members have not been added to our mailing list and have been overlooked because their names were never submitted.

Your prompt attention on this matter is appreciated.

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RICHARD CASTRO

Assistant House Minority Leader

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May 17, 1982

Dear Colleague:

During the week of April 26, 1982, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) conducted a series of raids in nine metropolitan areas including Denver. The project was dubbed "Operation Jobs". Most of the raids led to the arrest of Spanish-speaking people. In conducting the raids the INS harassed and violated the civil rights of both workers and U.S. citizens.

The Committee of Concern based in Colorado was organized in response to the tactics that were utilized by INS representatives who conducted the raids. Subsequently, the Committee has developed a set of objectives that address this issue. The objectives are as follows:

1. We are requesting that a National Congressional Investigation take place to determine to what extent the civil liberties of both workers and U.S. citizens were violated;
2. We are requesting that Congress draft and introduce a resolution that would insure the inherent protection of the civil rights of both workers and U.S. citizens;
3. We have selected May 28, 1982, as the National Day of Concern in order to call attention to the plight of the undocumented worker;
4. Finally, the Committee of Concern has been organized as an on-going entity in order to address and protect the civil liberties of both the worker and U.S. citizens of Spanish Origin. We will not disband until we have been reassured that our civil/human rights will be protected.

We are writing this letter in the hope that you will join us in this effort. Enclosed is a copy of a sticker we have developed to symbolize our concern for those in our community who were abused. Should you desire to join us in this National effort, please call (303) 866-5524 and give us your name, title, and state where you reside.

Letter to Colleagues  
May 17, 1982  
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It is our opinion that the issue of undocumented workers should be of concern to all of us. We must develop a network to deal with this question. We hope that you will decide to join us.

Sincerely,

*Polly Baca Barragan*

Polly Baca Barragan  
State Senator

*Richard Castro*

Richard Castro  
Assistant Minority Leader

PBB/RC/sa

P.S. Please note there will be a candle light service at the State Capitol at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday May 27th. We would hope that you can join us.

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# HAD

## Hispanic American Democrats

David C. Lizarraga  
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March 16, 1981

*Dear Ms. Bethke:*

I appreciate your willingness to serve on the HAD Strategy Planning Committee. As you know, it is crucial for HAD to develop and implement a thorough plan for major impact by Hispanics within our political system.

The goal and mission of the Committee is to propose a strategy plan to maximize the impact of the Hispanic community within the Democratic party as well as in local and national politics. The plan should be proposed within the framework of available or attainable resources (personpower, funds, etc.) The plan should be inclusive of a two-year timeframe for major impact in 1982 and a four-year timeframe for major impact in the 1984 national election. The Plan should be broad enough to include all facets of local organizing, but yet precise and concise as to national political priorities (i.e., participating within the DNC and its committees, '84 Presidential election, etc.)

I have appointed Gloria Molina to Chair the Committee and I understand she presented a format for the Committee at our meeting in Washington, D.C. I have consulted with her and agree that a plan must be put into effect as soon possible, thus, I am in agreement with the following format and timeframe.

- April 1, 1981 - Submission to Chair, Gloria Molina, of individual suggestions for inclusion within the proposed Plan.
- April 10 - Return to Committee members individual submissions and outline for development of Strategy Plan (Outline approved by Chairperson, David Lizarraga.)
- April 15 - Committee Meeting (Exact date and location forthcoming.)
- May 1 - Mailing of Committee minutes and approved recommendations and outline for May meeting.
- May 15 - Committee Meeting (To be announced at April meeting.)
- June 1 - Mailing of Committee minutes and draft of Plan.

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- June 10 - Deadline for Committee comments and sub-  
missions To Chair, Gloria Molina.
- June 15 - Committee Presentation of Strategy Plan to  
HAD Executive Committee.

I am also enclosing for your information copies of HAD minutes, bylaws, newsletter and news clippings to assist you. If you have any specific questions, please contact Gloria at (213) 620-2620 or John Echeveste at (213) 268-6799.

I again thank you for your participation and dedication to the full development of HAD and its goals. Your participation will ensure a network of political power in the Hispanic community across the country.

Sincerely,

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David Lizarraga,  
Chair

cc: HAD Executive Committee  
Enclosures

Dear Arturo:

I am writing to give you a summary of the conference since I won't be home until late December. I would've written to Irene except that Jack Bethke will be giving her a summary, and it would be best for two people to have this info, or xerox this and give her a copy.

Minnesota was recognized as having one delegate - me because I sent in my registration early and because of political connections with people on the Steering Committee. Actually, until we send in our money we will not be an official chapter. That is, anyone in Minnesota could incorporate and usurp our initial efforts. So it is important to make an amendment to the incorporation - add "American" after Hispanic, because this organization calls itself HAD. The By-Laws were revised and Jack Bethke should have those revisions. Actually the officers are: David Lizaraga (Calif) Pres; V. Chair Bernice Zamora, (N.M.), V. Chair (Nelson Diaz (Penn) V. Chair Laronda (Cuban) (Fla), Secretary - (woman from Texas and Treas. (France officer) Olga Mendez, State Senator from N.Y. + Exec. Committee members 5 from Texas, 5 from California, 1 from Illinois, 2 from N. Mexico and 2 from Colo, + each chair from each HAD chapter (13 present at this meeting) = 43\*. I was counted as a chair, so consequently our chair is on the Exec. Committee. Thirteen states were present and those chairs were automatically on the committee. Although I am not the Chair of MHAD, I

Wed. Dec 12-79.

\* These elections took place Sunday, 12/9/79.  
Dear Irene: Since I was able to get to a xerox, I'm sending you a copy of this letter. If you have any questions, call. I'll be on a consultant's job from Dec. 17-21. I plan to be home shortly after Xmas. I'm really enjoying my stay here.

Assumed that position to reserve a seat for us  
in the Executive Committee. All this took place  
today, Sun, Dec. 10, 1979, i.e. elections, resolutions etc.  
Other Business

(1) Site of the next HAD convention will be N.York  
two days prior to the Democratic Natl convention. HAD  
will be the Hispanic Caucus, i.e. all Hispanic delegates  
to the DNC will be incorporated to HAD membership if they  
are <sup>not</sup> already HAD members. Meeting prior to the DNC will  
give us good media coverage and focus on our convention.  
We've had good media coverage here. Three representatives  
from Kennedy, Brown & Carter were here, and although  
there was no formal endorsement, it seems that Carter  
had an edge here.

Ideally, the Hispanic Minn delegates to the DNC  
will already be HAD members. Before we conduct our  
membership drive in St. Paul, we must send in our  
money & be recognized. (Sam Verdeja called Denver to get  
some particulars on this convention). If he tries a  
movie, it won't work. The Central Office (Lizarraga's  
address) will just inform him or any Minnesotan  
that they have to go through us (if we're already official).

(2) Chair must get the Selection Process guidelines  
from party chairman (Rick Scott). Disseminate  
and present a plan (to ~~R. Scott~~) for participating  
in that process. Sent (report <sup>on selection process</sup>) to Lizarraga who  
will write party chairman about HAD. Chair  
will examine the Affirmative Action Plan and  
initiate a challenge if 25% is not minority  
which means Hispanic also.  
Lizarraga will send us resolutions to

be incorporated into the state platform process to send later to the DNC platform committee which will be the Hispanic caucus platform in New York.

Anyone can attend the HAD convention. Although we have one vote (one delegate) other Minnesotans attending will be given Observer or Guest passes to the DNC. Therefore the Minnesota Hispanic contingent will be there to influence and support other HAD delegates and our own state convention delegates. Ideally the state delegate will be the HAD delegate, but if he/she's not, they will belong to HAD before the Democratic Natl Convention starts.

Regional Vice Chairs will be reporting on outreach to other states. Nelson Diaz (Penn) will be contacting us. Regions are defined by time zones which means that we'll always have to caucus Texas & Illinois which have larger populations, thus more votes. (I was nominated by the Women's Caucus to hold one of the 15 positions on the Exec. Comm) which would have meant that Minn would have had 2 on the Exec. Committee, but then I would've had to challenge the other states and the floor fight would've been useless, so most nominations were approved by acclamation.

Paul Sandoval, State Senator from Colo, wants you to call Frank Rodriguez to remind him that Paul went to St. Paul to help his election, to quit questioning HAD and sign up. But first, I reiterate (1) add "AD" to MH Democrats (2) send money & become official & then do all the other things you've planned: Voter education for precinct caucuses. (over)

The Convention was really impressive - so educational too. Jack missed a reception, hosted by COHAD (Colo HAD) that had all the free booze one could drink, tamales and mariachis. Parties went on all night. Met many people I knew. By the way all Hispanic Congressmen are honorary members. Congressman Roybal was here as were Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, Miami mayor (Cuban), State <sup>Hispanic</sup> legislators and Senators galore, plus seventeen from Puerto Rico (Main Island). There were 132 delegates. I'm somewhat overwhelmed by the unity and friendship shown here. Esteban Torres from the White House (Carter's assistant), Alex Mercure (Bergland's assistant), Mandale's stuff (Puerto Rican from Pennsylvania) etc, etc, etc.

We'll have to have Fundraisers to send people to New York and to Wash D.C. in Feb which is when our Chair will meet with the Exec. Comm as a member of that committee. Because we attended this first convention, we have a position on the Exec. Committee.

If you have any qstns call (303) 427-8436. So, have elections after (1) & (2) have been completed.

Sincerely,  
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Diane:

I have all the newspaper clippings, about 9 in all, and I'll have those with me in Mn. Did you see the Star article on ~~the~~ Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>? - What did you think about it? (Concerning the HRA business?).