Resolution - Non-Support for OC Sheriff Enforcement of Federal Immigration laws

WHEREAS, Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona has drafted and intends to implement a plan of cross-designation for Deputy Sheriffs to assist ICE in its federally mandated role to enforce federal immigration laws;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Carona's proposal could result in many victims unwilling to seek assistance by local law enforcement agencies if they see themselves becoming extreme victims and possibly being deported;

WHEREAS, Carona proposes to take over the tasks of immigration officers in the Orange County Jail by training 200 deputies in jail operations, patrol operations, and investigations; in addition to offering training to other law enforcement agencies if they so choose;

WHEREAS, many community-based organizations, including LULAC have reviewed Sheriff Carona's "White Paper" proposal and have denounced it as opening the doors for deputies to proceed in a racial profiling mode for certain population groups, denying them full constitutional protection;

WHEREAS, these same community groups have unified and are prepared to show its opposition to the proposal by keeping itself independent and free of providing suggestions and recommendations for the plan's implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Orange County LULAC District #1 strongly opposes any efforts by the Sheriff to implement his "White Paper" for the training of deputies in federal immigration apprehension methods;

BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC District #1 seek the affirmation of California State and National LULAC to assist in having the Sheriff abandon his plan for "Cross-Designation" of county deputies;

BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC Orange County join with and assist other community groups and individuals in taking steps to stop the implementation of Sheriff Carona's "Cross-Designation" Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that California LULAC support the efforts of Orange County LULAC District #1 in its opposition to the plan being proposed by Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona.

Resolution Submitted by Zeke Hernandez, Santa Ana LULAC #147 and approved unanimously at the 55th Annual LULAC Orange County District #1 Convention on April 23, 2005.

Motion to Approve Said Resolution at the LULAC State Convention by:

Council:  # 147

Seconded By: Zeke Hernandez

Council:  STATE DIRE