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RESOLUTION

LULAC Supports New Process for Supreme Court Nominee Support

Because of the importance of the Supreme Court to the civil rights, civil liberties, human rights and the immigrant community LULAC looks forward to the process of reviewing the White House nominees for the anticipated vacancies on the Supreme Court. As the process moves forward LULAC looks to a thoughtful, deliberative and civil dialogue of the nominees.

Whereas LULAC has a 76 year history of promoting and protecting civil rights and civil liberties in the Hispanic community.

Whereas has often utilized the U.S. system of justice it is intimately aware of the significance and critical importance of a fair and independent judiciary system, As such and irrespective of the nominee. LULAC will carefully consider and review the credential of each and every nominee with the particular vantage point of how the nominee is likely to affect the concerns of LULAC's membership and the entire Latino community.

Whereas critical issues of importance to the Latino community are likely to be decided by the Supreme Court in the near future such as English Only, Affirmative Action in the workplace, consular notification, immigrant rights, voting rights, driver's license eligibility in the context of REAL ID and the Patriot Act and the war on terror.

Whereas many of other important issues faced in the Latino community have been decided by the Supreme Court on a 5 to 4 vote and are thus vulnerable to being revisited or overturned.

~~NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before any nominee is endorsed that there will be advice and consent and the immediate formation of a national committee to review and consult with the membership for their perspective so as to reflect as best as possible the LULAC membership broadest view~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT LULAC will create a national Legal Advisory Commission that will be composed of attorneys, judges and other civil rights advocates. One Commissioner will be chosen from each region. Each state director will contribute a nominee and the slate of nominees will be voted on by the national board.

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