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Official Convention Call Letter

A Message from the President

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to LCLAA's 17th National Convention "LCLAA at 35: *Unidos en una Voz*" in celebration of LCLAA's 35th anniversary. Every two years, LCLAA historically gathers the entire membership at its convention. Its purpose is to serve as the launch pad to discuss the issues that Latino working families are facing in the upcoming election cycle. The discussion this year will revolve around key priorities requiring further research, specific problems and policy solutions that require greater public awareness, and strategies for advancing an agenda for shared prosperity that meets the needs of America's racial and ethnic minority groups in order to "create community."

The 2008 convention – to be held in Orlando, in the battleground state of Florida – promises to be a bellwether for the Latino vote and an opportunity for promoting the needs of the Latino community. As part of its 35th Anniversary Celebration, LCLAA will host a series of events including an exciting exhibit highlighting "The New Economy: Saving Energy, Growing Jobs"; important policy discussions; and the LCLAA 35th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. This premiere convention will highlight the valuable work that LCLAA has done over the years and establish the benchmark for its future work by bringing together important Latino and labor leaders; local, state and national political figures; and a diverse coalition of non-profits, think-tanks and community-service organizations to create LCLAA's agenda for the next 35 years.

2008 is also an important election year and the presidential candidates are in full swing stumping for the Latino vote. If the current numbers hold, the Latino vote will only grow more this year. We must bear in mind that every month approximately 50,000 young Latinos turn 18 and that there are many hard-working immigrants who are becoming citizens who will have an opportunity to vote for the first time. It is critical that we continue to link politics to organizing and look to the Hispanic community as an opportunity. The policies that the incoming 111th Congress establishes in the coming years must include thoughtful immigration reform that addresses workers' rights. This convention will be the crowning highlight of the year and is a unique opportunity to engage with Latino and labor leaders concerned about advancing progressive policy that benefits the both U.S. workers and the U.S. economy.

I encourage you to fully engage in our policy roundtables with the goal of taking valuable information back home so you can better inform your community about how the Latino community and labor can work together to create progressive policy for working families. 2008 will prove challenging not only because it is an important and historical election year, but because so much of the critical work that needed to be done on behalf of Latino working families this year remains unfinished.

I hope that as we move forward with our National Convention, you will also take the time to enjoy the World of Disney. Even though we will be discussing matters of great importance to our community, to the labor movement, and to elected officials, it does not mean that we cannot also have some old-fashioned family fun.

We look forward to seeing you all.

In solidarity,

Milton Rosado, National President

REGISTRATION FORM



17th NATIONAL CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
AUGUST 4 - 8, 2008

"Unidos en Una Voz"

Early registration forms will be accepted up until Tuesday, July 15, 2008. After July 15, participants must register on-site.

First/Last Name: _____

Title _____ Union/Company/Organization _____ Union Local # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Work) _____ Telephone (Cell or Home) _____

Fax Number _____ Email _____

LCLAA Chapter _____ Member ID * required _____

Check the appropriate box (es)

***Registration fee includes: Access to all Plenary Sessions, Policy Sessions, Forum, Exhibit Area, Welcome Reception, Unity Breakfast, 'Building the Latino Vote' Luncheon, 35th Anniversary Reception, Women's Luncheon, Closing Dinner and more.**

Registration fee

- Early Registration \$235.00
(cut-off date 7/15/08)
- On-Site Registration \$275.00
- Student/Senior (ID required) \$200.00
- Non-Members \$300.00

LCLAA Membership

- New Member
- Union Member
- Associate Member
- Retiree
- Student
- Renewal \$20.00
- \$20.00
- \$10.00
- \$5.00

Payment Information

Registration by mail _____ Check# _____ Amount \$ _____

On-site registration _____ Check# _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash _____ Amount \$ _____

*If you wish to pay with a credit card, please register online at www.lclaa.org

Please make checks payable to LCLAA and mail completed registration form along with your payment to LCLAA, ATTN: Karla Pineda 815 16th street N.W, Washington DC 20006. There is a \$25.00 handling fee for all returned checks.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Cancellations will be accepted in writing until July 15, 2008. All refunds will be issued within 30 days after the convention. After July 15, 2008, registration fee is non-refundable.

To request additional information or if you have any questions please email kpineda@lclaa.org

HOTEL INFORMATION



17th NATIONAL CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
AUGUST 4 - 8, 2008

"Unidos
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Hotel and Transportation

Convention Hotel

Contemporary Resort
Walt Disney World
Lake Buena Vista, Florida

For reservations call

(407) 824 - 3869

For Online reservations visit

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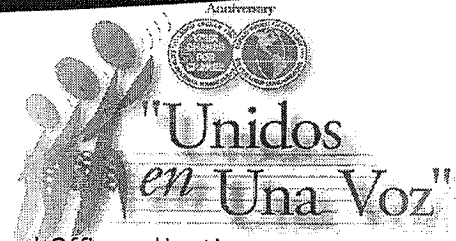
If you already have confirmed your room reservations, call 1-407-827-6777 or use the convenient online form.

Please provide the information at least 30 days prior to arrival.

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"LCLAA at 35: Unidos en una Voz"
Orlando, FL
August 4-8, 2008

For more information visit www.lclaa.org

TENTATIVE AGENDA



Saturday, August 2

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| 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | LCLAA's National Officers Meeting | Room: Nutcracker 1 |
| 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM | LCLAA's National Executive Board meeting | Room: Nutcracker 1 |

Sunday, August 3

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| 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | LCLAA's National Executive Board Meeting | Room: Nutcracker 1 |
| 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Committee Meetings | Room: Fantasia M-N, P-O |

Monday, August 4

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| 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Registration | Registration East |
| 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | LCLAA/Latino Caucus Meeting | Room: Nutcracker 3 |
| 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Welcome Reception | Room: Fantasia Ballroom H |

Tuesday, August 5

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| 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Registration | Registration East |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Unity Breakfast "Unidos en una Voz" | Room: Fantasia Ballroom H |
| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Opening Plenary Session | Room: Fantasia Ballroom H |

Building America: Our Common Agenda
 o Part I: Forum of constituency groups and community leaders to discuss how the vote affects our communities and what we can do to bridge wedge efforts that confuse the issues.

Building from the Ground Up
 o Part II: Forum of experts on the Latino vote to discuss the 2008 elections and the impact it will have regionally.

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| 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Opening of Exhibit Area - "The New Economy: Greening Jobs, Growing Technology" | Room: Fantasia J |
| 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Luncheon: "Building the Latino Vote" | Room: Fantasia Ballroom H |
| 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | Registration | Registration East |
| 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM | Workshop I: Components of a Voter Contact Program | Room: Nutcracker 3 |

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2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop II: FIELD GOTV and Election Day Activities	Room: Nutcracker I & 2
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Workshop III: So you want to run for Office? Basic Steps for Building A Campaign	Room: TBD
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	35th Anniversary Reception	Room: Ballroom of the A

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Area "The New Economy: Greening Jobs, Growing Technology"	Room: Fantasia J
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	"The New Economy: Saving Energy, Growing Jobs" Community Forum	Room: TBD
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Organizing Session I: New Alternatives for Organizing	Room: Nutcracker 1
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Policy Session II: Women's Rights are Workers' Rights	Room: Nutcracker 2
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Policy Session III: The State of the Economy: Bringing back the Middle Class	Room: Nutcracker 4
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Women's Luncheon	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Organizing Session II: Building Strong Communities: Immigration and Local Politics.	Room: Nutcracker 1
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Policy Session IV: A New Day for Health Care Reform	RoomL Nutcracker 2
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Policy Session V: Educating the New Workforce: Preparing Students for Economic Competitiveness in the 21st Century	Room: Nutcracker 3
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Plenary Session for Resolutions	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Town Hall Meeting: Orlando and the Latino Vote	TBD

Thursday, August 7

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Closing Plenary Session: Immigrant Rights are Human Rights	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Resolutions Plenary	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Work Site Voter Day of Action	(TBD)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Organizing Meeting: LCLAA Chapter Presidents and Chapter Boards	Room: Fantasia A & B
7:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Closing Dinner: "LCLAA at 35: History in the Making"	Room: Fantasia Ballroom H