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LABOR COUNCIL FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT

January 27, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement exists to work within the labor movement and other organizations with compatible goals and ideals to encourage voter registration, voter education and greater participation by workers of Latin American descent and their families in the American political process. Further, to empower, mobilize, lead and be a voice for all Latino workers. To maximize support for economic and social policies and legislation that is essential to advance the mutual interest of trade Unions, the poor and Latin Americans. To work with the labor movement in order to organize the unorganized and thereby improve and strengthen trade Unions by ensuring equal benefits and protection of Union membership for all workers, regardless of national origin, sex, religion or race.

The Denver Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement will be holding our 8th Annual Cesar Chavez Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 28th, 2015. We will be celebrating the birthday of Cesar, and his legacy of change and activism through non-violent means. We would like your organization to join us, and consider sponsoring a table at this year's event. We have several levels of sponsorship available to your organization for your consideration. All proceeds go towards offsetting the costs of this exciting event, building our Tim Flores Scholarship Fund, and enable us to continue the important work of our organization. We promote community awareness and participation in a growing number of special projects we are involved in all year long. Thanks to our supporters, we have been able to partner with other community service organizations to sponsor the annual Del Mar Park Easter Egg Hunt, which provides candy, toys, and books to children of Latino families living in motels and temporary housing along the East Colfax corridor. We provide gloves and clothing to the same families in the wintertime. Our dedicated volunteers participate in several toy distributions at Christmastime. We were able to conduct a targeted Latino voter education campaign, knocking on over five thousand doors prior to last November's elections. We work with several Unions and the High Tech Early College to assist teenagers on the path to education and training for a variety of careers in the trades. On the horizon this spring and summer, we will be holding bi-lingual organizing training, and social security, Medicare, and disability seminars. There are a number of other projects that are in the works for the near future.

In January 2015, we were especially honored to receive the LCLAA Constituency Group Award for outstanding community leadership and activism from the AFL-CIO Martin Luther King Jr. Civil and Human Rights Conference in Atlanta.

Our event will be held at the Police Protective Association Event Center, at 2105 Decatur Street, Denver, Colorado, 80211. It is conveniently located just west of I-25, from exit #211. There is plenty of free parking behind the venue, or in the "H" lot directly across from the entrance.

“That Elegant Touch” catering will be serving appetizers during the Social Hour, beginning at 5:00pm, followed by a delicious Mexican buffet dinner starting at 6:15pm. Several cash bars will be serving your favorite cocktails, wine, and beer throughout the evening.

Miguel Baca-Barragan, host of am760 Real Talk Radio’s “Weekend Wisdom” show will be doing a live broadcast starting at 5p.m. to 6p.m. be sure to stop by, and be on his popular show!

We will be honoring some very special people this year for their tireless contributions to the Latino community.

The 2015 Fred Ross Award goes to a non-Latino who advances the interests and causes of Latinos, as Fred Ross helped his dear friend, Cesar. This year’s honoree is Ms. Julie Speer, an award winning producer, director, and filmmaker for her continuing work to tell the story of the history and struggles of the Latino people through her excellent documentaries. Her film, “Swift Justice: Illegal Immigration in America” shows the impact of the Swift meat packing company ICE raids, the largest raids in U.S. history. She currently has programs on PBS about Denver’s own Latino history, as well as working on a production concerning immigration reform.

The 2015 People’s Award goes to a civil servant who demonstrates true dedication to improving the lives of Latinos through legislative change, and community service. This year’s honoree is Ms. Crisanta Duran, Attorney, and Colorado State Representative of House District 5. She is the youngest Latina elected in Colorado history. This year, she was elected as House Majority leader. The Washington Post lists her on their “40 under 40 Political Rising Stars” Crisanta focuses her efforts on economically struggling families, child care, education, affordable housing and unemployment issues.

The 2015 Cesar Chavez Award goes to the Latino/a who has dedicated their lifetime to the betterment of Latino families through community service, seeking justice, educating and empowering all to believe, and achieve their goals. This year’s honoree is Ms. Ramona Martinez. She began her community involvement in the ‘70’s working with organizations to improve the role of women and minorities in politics. This led her to successfully run for the Denver City Council district 3 seat, which she held for 4 terms, as well as being the first Latina elected as President of the council. She built successful woman owned businesses, including a travel agency, and a political training, campaign management and public relations firm. Her numerous accomplishments include her appointment as an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee by the Clinton Administration. She was recently inducted to the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. She is a true champion of minorities and women’s concerns.

Our Keynote speaker this year is the Honorable Jared Polis, Congressman of Colorado District 2. Mr. Polis has worked tirelessly on immigration reform, minority issues, civil rights and equality for all. He believes that the strongest ladder to success is education. He served as Chair of the Colorado State Board of Education, and demands accountability. He worked on legislation to provide disaster relief for the victims of the severe flooding experienced in Northern Colorado. He is the founder of the Jared Polis Foundation, a philanthropic organization that focuses on education, and community work. Among his numerous interests, he is a well-respected member of the LGBT Caucus, and co-sponsored The Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Upon the conclusion of the Keynote Speaker address, our live band, “Chicano Heat”, will be playing your favorite Mexican tunes for your listening and dancing pleasure until 10:00 p.m.

We will have a 50/50 cash give-away during the dance, with proceeds going to our Tim Flores Scholarship Fund.

We hope that you will join us to honor our fine award recipients for their numerous accomplishments and contributions, and consider sponsoring a table at one of the levels listed:

Gold Sponsor...Contribution of \$1000.00 Table for ten at the dinner, premium location. Full page advertisement in our program

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*Thank you very much for your support and we sincerely hope you will be able to join us.*

Solomon F J Juarez

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