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THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF LATINO AFFAIRS

SALLY J. PEDERSON
LT. GOVERNOR

September 28, 2005

Dear

You are cordially invited and encouraged to actively participate in this year's Latina/o Youth Leadership Development Summit on Friday, October 28. The Youth Summit is a unique track of the larger Seventh Annual Statewide Strengthening and Valuing Latina/o Communities in Iowa Conference.

This year's conference theme is "*People of Corn/Gente de Maiz*," which is symbolic of Latinos growing new roots in Iowa. It also recognizes one of Iowa's most prized resources Corn, which is a gift from the original Latinos, the pre-Colombian Native American peoples.

The youth summit offers a day of workshops and leadership development activities for approximately 180 Latino high school juniors and seniors from across the state of Iowa. This year the youth summit will be held at the Wallace Building with the exception of an afternoon legislative panel which will be held at the State Capitol Legislative Chambers from 1:30-2:30 pm. **Please plan to participate in this session with other Iowa lawmakers to address current legislation affecting Latina/o youth (e.g., The Dream Act).**

It is clear that Latinos have a strong and growing presence in Iowa! The Latino population in Iowa increased 153% from 1990 to 2000 and was estimated at 89,627 in the latest Census report (2002). Latino Pk-12 public school enrollment increased 425%, making Latinos Iowa's largest minority population. As the larger conference seeks to value Latino culture and therefore strengthen all Iowa communities, the Youth Summit will give young Latinos the skills and resources necessary to be strong leaders in their communities. Your participation in the legislative panel will show these young Latina/o participants and future voters that you have their interests in mind, too!

Please let us know no later than October 14th if you are able to participate. Confirm your participation by contacting Melissa Esquivel at the Division of Latino Affairs. You can contact Melissa at Melissa.Esquivel@iowa.gov or at 515-281-7015.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Follett".

Jason Follett
Commissioner
Division of Latino Affairs

and Valuing Latino/a Communities

The 7th Annual Strengthening



in Iowa Conference 2005

Art by: Pedro Rafael González Chavajay

The 7th Latino Conference

"Gente de Maíz/People of Corn"

OCTOBER 28-29, 2005

Des Moines, Iowa

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Lalo Alcaraz is the creator of the nationally syndicated and politically charged Latino comic strip *La Cucaracha*, featured daily in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Denver Post*, *Arizona Republic*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *San Diego Tribune*, and 60 other major newspapers. He began his illustrious career drawing editorial cartoons at his college paper, the *Daily Aztec*, at San Diego State University. Today Lalo is a one-of-a-kind cartoonist, satirist and writer who captures the essence of the country's changing cultural and political landscape like no other. Bringing a young fearless Latino sensibility to his political and social commentary, his is a fresh voice whose unabashedly progressive stance about the need for a multicultural visibility in the media is long overdue. His latest books are *La Cucaracha* and *Migra Mouse*.



Patrisia Gonzales and Roberto Rodriguez have been writing the syndicated *Column of the Americas*, distributed by Universal Press Syndicate, since 1994. The writers offer a unique perspective of the Americas — on topics of general interest as well as highlighting issues that specifically affect the peoples of the continent. Former residents of El Paso, Texas, and Albuquerque, N.M., they were inducted into El Paso's 1997 "Writers of the Pass Hall of Fame" and received the 1998 human rights award from the Albuquerque Human Rights office. In 1998 they uncovered a series of maps that have located the "Ancient Homeland of the Aztecs" in what appears to be present-day Utah. A compilation of their columns, "Gonzales/Rodriguez: Uncut & Uncensored," was published by the Ethnic Studies Publication Unit at UC Berkeley in 1997.

PRE-CONFERENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The pre-conference institute will provide a series of intensive trainings to professionals and community leaders working with the Latino community. Continuing Education Units are available for all institute workshops. (Friday, October 28—John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center — 13th St. and Grand Avenue, Des Moines)

LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

The Latino Youth Leadership Summit is an opportunity for 180 Latino/a high school juniors and seniors to gain essential leadership skills. The summit includes: keynote speeches by celebrated Latino/a leaders; leadership skill-building workshops; Latino music, food, art and performance; a legislative session with State Senators and Representatives; tools for change-making and organizing relationship-building with other Latino students across the state. "For more information or to nominate a student leader call the IDLA at 515-281-4080". (Friday, October 28 — Wallace State Office Building, E. 9th and Grand Ave., Des Moines)

"LATINOS YOU WANT TO KNOW" - NETWORKING RECEPTION

Enjoy a showcase of Latino music and art at a networking reception Friday evening. Music by "Latino Pride" (evening of Friday, October 28). For details check www.latino-institute.org

HISPANIC EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Hispanic Educational Resources (H.E.R.) is a community service organization which operates Xochipilli: Iowa's only N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Bilingual Early Childhood Education Center. Please support H.E.R. at the banquet as they celebrate Xochipilli's 10-year anniversary! This fun event follows the conference on Saturday evening and includes a brief program, dinner and dance. Separate registration is required; for more information contact Christina Fernandez-Morrow at (515) 242-6542 or cfernandez-morrow@herdm.com. (Saturday, October 29 — Hotel Fort Des Moines — 10th St. and Walnut St., Des Moines)

DES MOINES ART CENTER DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

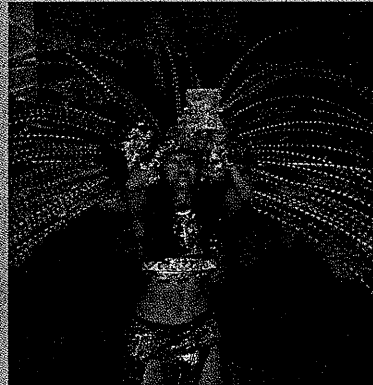
This event is sponsored by the Day of the Dead Committee and is held on Sunday, October 30, 2005 from 1-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (515) 277-4405 or visit www.desmoinesartcenter.org. (Sunday, October 30 — 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines)

CONFERENCE MISSION

The Strengthening and Valuing Latino Communities in Iowa Conference is an opportunity to explore the changing demographics and dynamics of the Iowa Latino community. The conference also looks at the responsiveness of educators, policy makers, institutions, communities, businesses and organizations to the fastest growing population in Iowa and the US.

Maíz: Gift from America's First Peoples

This year's conference theme is "People of Corn/Gente de Maíz," which is symbolic of the deep history of Latino indigenous roots in Iowa, and Iowa's abundance of and reliance on this gift from pre-Colombian groups



INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The workshops at the Latino conference and institute cover a wide range of topics and issues that pertain to the Latino community in Iowa. Iowans of Latino and non-Latino origin will be able to choose from a variety of workshops at the institute and conference walking away with new skills for both personal and professional interests. Some of the topics include:

- * Community Building and Reaching out to Latino Communities
- * Cultural Competency with Latinos
- * Latino/as in Education
- * Human and Civil Rights, Worker's Rights
- * Immigration, Domestic Violence, and other legal topics
- * Interpreters and Translators
- * Latinas and Chicanas
- * Latino Art, Music and Culture
- * Political Involvement, Advocacy, and Voting
- * Program Development and Grant Writing
- * And more!

REGISTRATION FORM

Strengthening and Valuing Latino/a Communities Conference
October 28 & October 29, 2005

Make checks payable to The University of Iowa School of Social Work
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 308 North Hall
 Iowa City, Iowa 52242

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	Student or Senior Discount (65+)	Registration (Before Oct. 17)	Registration (After Oct. 17)
1 Day Only - Saturday Conference** October 29th, 2005	\$30	\$45	\$55
1 Day Only - Friday Institute* October 28th, 2005	\$50	\$70	\$80
2 Days-Fri & Sat Complete Conference October 28th & 29th	\$70	\$100	\$135

I would like to donate this amount towards scholarships \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

* Lunch on your own

** Includes Latino Awards Brunch & Main Conference

Please check here if you do not want to receive any e-mail updates on opportunities and events.

If registering for the Friday Institute, please complete the enclosed workshop pre-registration form (form also available on our website www.latino-institute.org by e-mail kate-kemp@uiowa.edu or by calling 319-335-1254.

Events Schedule

Friday October 28

- 8:00 to 4:30** Pre-Conference Professional Development Institute—
Featured Presenter: Rose Vasquez, Esq. Iowa Board of Regents & Salome Raheim, PhD. Director of the University of Iowa School of Social Work.
(*John and Mary Pappajohn Higher Education Center*)
- 8:30 to 3:00** Latino Youth Leadership Summit (*Wallace Building*)
- 6:00 to 9:00** “Latinos You Want to Know” – Networking Reception-
Location TBA - Music by “Latino Pride”

Saturday October 29

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. —The 7th Annual Strengthening and Valuing Latino/a Communities in Iowa Conference (*Hotel Fort Des Moines*)

- 7:30-9:00** Registration
- 8:00-9:00** Early-Bird Workshops
- 9:00-12:00** Latino Awards Brunch-Keynote: LALO ALCARAZ
Music by: Mariachi Zapata
- 12:30-2:00** Workshop 1
- 2:15-3:45** Workshop 2
- 3:50-5:00** Closing Ceremony -Keynote:
Roberto Rodriguez and Patrisia Gonzales



*** Immigration Resource Center-- The conference will also feature a day-long Immigration Resource Center (Which will provide information and answer basic questions about immigration).

- 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Hispanic Educational Resources Banquet;
separate registration required. Contact Christina Fernandez-Morrow at 515- 282-6542.
(*Hotel Ft. Des Moines*)

Sunday Oct 30

- 1:00 to 4:00** Day of the Dead Celebration (*Des Moines Art Center*)
Free Admission Event!

For more information or to request a scholarship please contact:
Kate Kemp at 319-335-1254 (kate-kemp@uiowa.edu) or visit www.latino-institute.org for the latest information on the 2005 Latino Conference



Iowa Department of Education
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Your Name _____ Email _____

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LATINO INSTITUTE –FRIDAY OCTOBER 28- WORKSHOP PREFERENCE SURVEY

Please submit with registration *if you plan to attend the Friday Pre-conference Institute*

7:30-9:30 Registration (Check In)

9:00-9:30 Welcome by Salome Raheim and Rose Vasquez

Title	Presenters	Workshop Description Indicate your top two choices for a.m. and p.m. workshops by ranking with "1" or "2 in the last column →
All Day Workshop 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30		
Ethics	Diane Finnerty & Jesse Villalobos	This interactive workshop is designed to identify and problem-solve issues that may arise while attempting to work respectfully with Latino/a communities. Participants will be asked to share their stories, dilemmas, and ideas for defining and addressing ethical issues. Topics discussed will include: Understanding the historical context - How does understanding or not understanding history impact the relationships we establish in Latina/o communities, the services we provide, the decisions we make? Cultural Competence: How does approaching Latino/a communities through an ethnocentric/Anglocentric view affect our interactions? Immigration Status: How do the politics of immigration impact our work with one another? What challenges arise around issues of documentation? Alliance Building: How do we build respectful and integrated communities in which all can thrive and meet each other as equals?
Morning Workshops 9:30-12:30		
GLBT Issues and the Latino Community	Melissa Atalig, Rubin Zamudio, Carlos Garza, Alba Bassett-Armijo/Perez	This workshop addresses the multiple forms of issues facing GLBT Latinas/os and their allies. Latinas/os often translate multiple forms of silencing, invisibility, and non-belonging. This workshop considers the various and multiple challenges faced by this group and also insights that arise when we embrace these conflicting relations. Topics for discussion include the progress of the GLBT community in the Des Moines metro area, alliance building across lines of difference, as well as an open discussion on how each person in society can make a significant difference relating to various types of diversity issues. A diverse group is encouraged.
Immigration 101	Eugenia Hernandez and Ann Naffier	Key legal issues affecting the immigrant community in the United States will be addressed. We will have a broad discussion of the basic ways individuals can legally immigrate to this country. We will also have a discussion regarding some of the reasons individual choose to enter the United States without inspection and live here as undocumented individuals. We will also address some of the "fix-ups" that could aid the problems with legal immigration. The presenters intend this workshop to appeal to a variety of service providers, businesses and anyone working with the immigrant community. This workshop is intended to be taken in conjunction with the Immigration 102 workshop
Address Issues of Power and Privilege and Building Capacity for Organizational Cultural Competence	Salome Raheim	This presentation addresses issues of privilege in organizations. It examines how organizations can build capacity to work effectively in the context of the organization's diversity and the diversity of individuals, organizations and communities with which the organization interacts. The goal of such capacity building is creating inclusive and respectful environments and culturally appropriate and effective services. Using organizational case studies, strategies for building organizational cultural competence through adaptations of organizational values, structures, policies and practices, with emphasis on Latino families and communities, are examined.
Domestic Violence	Chinyere Ukabiala	This workshop is divided in three sections. The first section will address the dynamics of domestic violence in immigrant communities and will provide participants with creative skills in interviewing and assisting immigrant women and children to access services and survive the abuse. The second session will address the legal remedies under immigration law for immigrant victims of crimes of violence including domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. The facilitator will present the basic information and work through short case scenarios with participants. The last session will present strategies on how to collaborate and develop effective partnerships to address the needs of immigrant women and children victims of domestic abuse. If time allows, a case scenario will be presented that will allow participants to apply what they have learned during the workshop
Education: Improving language development	Carmen Sosa	This workshop will discuss the advantages of dual language programs in a diverse language population and will present an example of a successful dual language program in Iowa (Marshalltown). A panel of Iowa administrators will share their experience while learning about second language acquisition and what possibilities for the future of education for all children and youth in Iowa might be

12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Tour begins with lunch - Meet at Los Laurels 1518 East Grand Ave, Des Moines Iowa. Pre-registration is required because enrollment is limited to 15.

Private/Public Partnership in Commercial Redevelopment-Tour	Warren Morrow	Warren Morrow will lead a (walking tour or discussion) on the redevelopment of the East Grand Commercial District. Iowa's position as one of the nation's fastest growing Hispanic markets in terms of buying power has resulted to a large extent because of the growth of this District. Warren will discuss the process of redevelopment of this area and its impact on the City and the State.
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Afternoon Workshops 1:30-4:30

Latinos Aging in Iowa	Susan Murty	A panel of 3-5 Latino elders and providers of services to Latino elders will discuss the experiences of Latinos aging in Iowa. Ideas for improving the situation of Latino elders in Iowa will be discussed. Useful for service providers working with Latino families throughout the life cycle. Larger numbers of Latino immigrants will be aging in Iowa in the coming years and culturally competent services for elders and their families will be needed
Immigration 102	Eugenia Hernandez and Miryam Atunez de Mayolo	The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview legal immigration to the United States. The presenters will review family-based immigration, business immigration, asylum, and non-immigrant visas. This workshop is not intended to provide training in immigration law. Rather, the attendee will leave with a better understanding of the process, the time limitations and the difficulties associated with the process. The attendee should be better able to understand the frustrations of those navigating through the immigration law system. Attendees will also have some familiarity with the right terminology utilized. This workshop is intended to be taken in conjunction with the Immigration Issues 101 workshop. Presenters will not discuss any policy issues in this presentation
Latino Youth Violence Prevention	Sergeant Joe Gonzalez & Senior Police Officer Mike Gonzalez	Working with Latino youth in the prevention and intervention of violence and gangs to empower them to succeed in positive activities. We will give information on the trends in Des Moines that effect our youth and the programs that we get involved with to prevent these problems. We will also address the need for the community and families to get involved in addressing the problems and to promote more activities for our youth.
Mobilizing Political Power	Max Cardenas	This workshop aims to discuss the challenges and opportunities for greater civic engagement of Latino communities in Iowa. We will begin by providing a statistical overview of the Iowa Latino population with reference to their political leadership representation at local and statewide levels. We will overview how Latino political representation in Iowa compares to similar states and the potential for attaining great representation given our Latino/as current and projected growth in key regions throughout the state of Iowa and state and federal legislation that would impact the Latino population. Further, the workshop will provide concrete ideas on how service providers can help mobilize and educate Latinos regarding their civic participation. The workshop will offer guidelines on how to work with different constituencies and get them to work towards a common civic engagement initiatives. Also, the workshop will offer the opportunity to discuss the importance of Latinos in office and to identify issues that affect them
Comprehensive Asset Building in Latino Communities	Gloria Guerrero and Noel Poyo	Over the last 13 years the Rural Development & Finance Corporation has been working with Latino communities along the U.S./Mexico border and in urban areas through its affiliate, the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB). This workshop will introduce participants to a comprehensive model of community-based economic development that takes into account the characteristics of a healthy community and the roadblocks faced by communities that are "outside" the mainstream. The workshop will also touch on RDFC's unique approach of using peer-based training to keep information relevant, timely, and culturally appropriate, which has been very successful in our border work

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2004 Annual Services Provided**

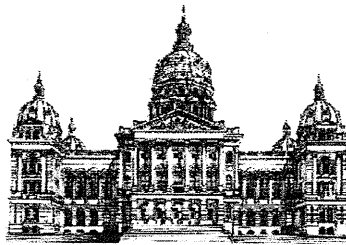
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Immigration assistance	9	9	22	11	2	10	20	19	9	52	20	18	201	16.75
Immigration forms	4	3	2	0	0	1	5	3	2	38	6	8	72	6
Immigration updates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	0	0	0	17	1.416667
Letters to USCIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal assistance access	6	14	41	21	16	32	21	19	26	24	62	20	302	25.16667
Public Notary services	2	5	5	11	1	3	1	4	4	8	6	2	52	4.333333
Interpretations	48	66	19	46	32	24	90	16	12	9	7	15	384	32
Translation of documents	23	39	16	14	13	17	80	4	7	5	2	7	227	18.91667
Fill out other applications	8	3	2	2	0	4	55	5	3	3	0	2	87	7.25
other services provided	10	9	2	0	1	1	10	0	2	0	0	0	35	2.916667
Clothing issues	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	11	0.916667
Food needs	1	4	1	0	2	5	1	5	3	1	0	3	26	2.166667
Health care issues	1	3	5	7	3	1	8	6	2	2	12	4	54	4.5
Housing/ rental	0	4	4	12	17	15	15	12	4	8	16	25	132	11
Human or Civil rights issues	0	0	1	6	1	3	16	3	4	10	12	14	70	5.833333
Money Smart matters	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25
Relocation issues	0	8	3	1	3	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	24	2
Social Security issues	0	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	12	1
Employment placement	35	98	64	87	88	153	135	281	225	136	144	171	1617	134.75
Resume making	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1
Unemployment benefits issues	16	16	6	16	15	13	17	11	12	30	14	24	190	15.83333
Information regarding NIC	7	5	5	5	20	20	53	33	5	7	8	22	190	15.83333
Introduction of NIC program	7	2	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	19	1.583333
Special presentations	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.416667
Business information	0	0	2	5	5	0	5	0	0	3	0	4	24	2
Staffing needs	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	6	21	1.75
Joint activities / events	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0.666667
Diversity / Sensitivity trainings	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.416667
Education issues	1	3	3	0	2	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	22	1.833333
ESL classes	1	4	2	2	4	7	5	2	3	0	1	0	31	2.583333
Computer access	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.25
Data or information needed	0	2	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.833333
Referrals to partners agencies	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.583333
Citizenship preparation classes	9	3	4	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	27	2.25
Taxes / ITIN issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Monthly Services provided	201	310	234	257	236	328	556	430	346	339	314	349	3900	



**New Iowan Center - Ottumwa
2005 Annual Services Provided Report**

Services	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Average
Immigration assistance	27	28	36	26	13	27	20	35	68				280	23.33333
Immigration forms	12	10	19	10	4	10	5	18	30				118	9.833333
Immigration updates	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2	0.166667
Letters to USCIS	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2	0.166667
Legal assistance access	36	38	66	8	16	23	21	31	21				260	21.66667
Public Notary services	6	2	13	11	8	7	1	21	20				89	7.416667
Interpretations	18	23	82	74	83	85	90	66	40				561	46.75
Translation of documents	14	9	64	43	53	46	80	76	57				442	36.83333
Fill out other applications	2	1	61	35	46	20	55	20	14				254	21.16667
other services provided	3	2	14	5	2	3	10	1	6				46	3.833333
Clothing issues	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1				4	0.333333
Food needs	1	0	6	0	0	3	1	1	3				15	1.25
Health care issues	9	2	5	4	5	4	8	2	0				39	3.25
Housing/ rental	8	24	29	18	23	24	15	8	4				153	12.75
Human or Civil rights issues	9	18	10	20	11	4	16	5	2				95	7.916667
Money Smart matters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
Relocation issues	1	5	0	6	2	1	0	2	0				17	1.416667
Social Security issues	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0				5	0.416667
Employment placement	170	166	244	175	165	168	135	153	140				1516	126.3333
Resume making	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0				6	0.5
Unemployment benefits issues	16	24	20	16	17	29	17	12	3				154	12.83333
Information regarding NIC	3	28	8	11	13	42	53	8	10				176	14.66667
Introduction of NIC program	0	1	0	17	3	15	1	1	4				42	3.5
Special presentations	0	2	1	1	4	3	1	0	0				12	1
Business information	1	0	3	4	7	8	5	8	9				45	3.75
Staffing needs	3	2	5	13	8	4	0	2	2				39	3.25
Joint activities / events	0	2	10	6	4	19	0	0	2				43	3.583333
Diversity / Sensitivity trainings	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0.083333
Education issues	2	4	2	2	3	2	4	2	0				21	1.75
ESL classes	5	6	5	2	1	0	5	5	1				30	2.5
Computer access	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0				7	0.583333
Data or information needed	1	3	4	0	2	0	4	0	1				15	1.25
Referrals to partners agencies	0	0	7	2	1	16	3	7	9				45	3.75
Citizenship preparation classes	0	0	5	0	2	1	4	20	7				39	3.25
Taxes / ITIN issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0
Total Monthly Services provided	351	402	725	509	499	566	556	511	454	0	0	0	4573	381.0833

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October 4, 2005

Statement to New Iowans Legislative Interim

Hispanic and other immigrant families are looking for the same things our forefathers were looking for... economic opportunity.

Unfortunately, too many citizens, too many employers take advantage of immigrants to meet their own selfish interests. Too often, the result of such selfish behavior is increased burdens on public need programs and reduced wages for all workers.

Iowans should welcome new legal immigrants as they would have liked their ancestors to be welcomed. This means a welcome that rewards hard work and personal initiative, and a welcome that encourages immigrant families to become a part of, and to contribute its skills and resources to benefit all Iowa communities.

Iowa's welcome should not be the sole responsibility of Iowa taxpayers.

The business community needs to formulate a plan that will ensure that workers are legal immigrants, that they are well trained, and that the additional workers will not reduce wages, benefits or opportunities for current workers and our high school and college graduates. Increased numbers of well-trained, well-educated, and highly motivated workers can and should result in more good-paying jobs for all of our families.

The immigrant community needs to formulate a plan to better ensure that its members speak English; that they provide personal and other resources to church and community volunteer projects; and to minimize their need to use already stretched public need programs.

I look forward to working with business, labor, new Iowans, and community groups to increase economic opportunities for all of our families in Southern Iowa

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State Senate District 47

On September 25, Wapello County which includes the city of Ottumwa was featured on Good Morning America Weekend due to Wapello County having the highest Latino population growth in the nation for counties with 1,000 or more Latinos. The county's Hispanic population increased 108 % from 2000-3. That compared to a 12.1% rise for the state of Iowa as a whole. The population growth poses opportunities and challenges for our community, schools, businesses, and work force.

Our community is thriving and developing into a diverse population of Ottumwans, people from Central America, Mexico. It makes for interesting conversations!

Our concerns, desires and wishes for this community and the state of Iowa are the following:

- 1. More opportunities for free immigration legal assistance. If there was a hotline that immigrants could call and receive some relatively simple assistance. Often they agonize over immigration problems that create tension and stress.**
- 2. As immigrants come here to work, more and challenging opportunities should be provided to learn other skills and trade. Our community colleges may be a source to begin this venture. We have several Latino businesses flourishing in the community. More is possible depending on the availability and eligibility of receiving financial assistance.**
- 3. Drivers Licenses are a necessity for the immigrant population, documented or undocumented. People are here to work and want transportation to their work place and provide for their family needs. Many would take the driver exam and many would pay for car insurance but what is lacking is a social security number. If a creative way to provide drivers licenses could be developed, many arrests would be diminished.**
- 4. County jails must be able to provide a paid interpreter for those immigrants who are arrested and are not able to communicate with the jail staff.**
- 5. Our immigration system is broken and in need of repair. Legal avenues should be created to allow immigrants to enter our nation in safety and security. We are tired and have had enough deaths of people crossing the borders in order to survive economically. Reforms that are needed : opportunities for legalization for the undocumented currently living in the United States; temporary worker programs with full worker protections and a path to permanency and reform of our family immigrations system that will allow families to be reunited in a timely fashion.**
- 6. We need to pass the Dream Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act). This legislation would allow for the provision of in-state tuition rates and permanent residency for undocumented students in US secondary schools.**

This would allow the students to be eligible for Pell grants and other forms of federal assistance.

- 7. Driver License stations should be able to have someone bilingual on staff or pay for an interpreter when immigrants apply for their licenses.**
- 8. The immigrant population is a young population and there is need for more money available for headstart-preschool programs. The SEITA headstart has a waiting list. We have seen the results of children entering a headstart program at 3 yrs of age. When kindergarten arrives, they are ready for school with a workable knowledge of English.**
- 9. The schools are in need of more intermingling with parents of immigrant children. They have school teacher conferences but that is not enough to understand the complexity of all the problems students face. Several of our immigrant youth have been relocated to the alternative school due to problems that have arisen in the school system. Perhaps these could have been resolved if more parent involvement had taken place.**
- 10. The teachers in the schools need to reflect the diversity of the population. More mentors are needed in the schools to help our young people learn English and all the studies required of them.**
- 11. The trafficking of human cargo must stop. We had a case of manand others who were brought from Texas by a restaurant owner and was not paid adequately and was monitered continuously so that he and the others would not escape from the premise.**
- 12. The health care of our undocumented people is deplorable. They do not have health insurance and when more sophisticated treatment is recommended they do not follow through for lack of money for health care.**
- 13. More classes are needed for English as Second Language at the times when it is convenient for immigrants along with childcare being provided.**
- 14. The police force must reflect the diversity of the community. It is difficult to recruit Latino people to enter this profession. Efforts have been made. New creative ways at the Police Academy or community colleges could be creative routes of inviting Latinos to be members of the police department.**
- 15. Universities and Community Colleges could begin to offer a degree in Interpreting/Translating for different languages.**

Good things that have happened in the community with immigrants:

We have an active Diversity Committee created by our Mayor.

Many churches have assisted the immigrants with English Language classes

A building rented by the church brought many invaluable items to immigrants who were in need of the basic necessities of clothes, dishes et.

Many churches have assisted financially in helping immigrants pay utility and gas bills.

The Latino community sponsored a celebration of the Latino Countries independence days and all Ottumwans were invited.

Many students from Central College in Pella have assisted immigrant families and studies with their English through the Service Learning Project at Central College in Pella, Iowa during these last five years.

St. Mary of the Visitation has provided a mass in Spanish with over 300 people attending as well as other churches in the area providing services.

Many Latino Soccer teams are flourishing.

Iowa Extension Service has initiated two leadership conferences for immigrants.

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