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### Gents and Latino Peace Officers Installation

By: Rebecca Gil  
Field Representative for Assembly-  
man Jerry Eaves

Something new and exciting is happening in San Bernardino on April 7.

In an innovative show of unity and fiscal practicality, The Gents and the Latino Police Officers Association are holding a joint installation/awards dinner at the Maruko Hotel.

Why?

What does a former gang have in common with a police officers association, and why in the world would they want to team together?

Both groups, the Gents and LPOA, are members of the Hispanic Roundtable which is a community coalition made up of over 50 organizations and individuals. The Hispanic Roundtable seeks to promote understanding and awareness of Hispanic issues.

Organizers of this year's event, said the idea sprung from conversations that took place at the Hispanic Roundtable.

Frank "Shorty" Rodriguez, President and an original member of the Gents said the idea came about as a means "of saving money for all of the people," because many organizations attend each other's events. Rodriguez said that when they decided to combine events, the others weren't ready to try it just yet, but we decided to go ahead.

The Gents which currently has 55 members, had a curious beginning. The original Gents can best be described as "diamonds in the rough."

The group which was originally founded in 1952, began as a club with interests in athletics and community service. Membership quickly grew to over 70 members. The youths wearing their colored jackets with a top-hatted caricature could frequently be seen around town and attended dances at the Orange Show and parties.

Confronted with hostility from gangs such as the Dukes, Topos, Saints and Raiders, The Gents found themselves

often being pulled into the fray and fought back to survive and to defend their honor. The fighting climaxed with a shoot-out in 1956, and after that the group got involved in the Mexican-American Youth Association and participated in sports instead of brawls.

In 1963, The Gents separated going their own ways, but kept in touch. Upon a reunion of the Gents in 1973, they decided to get the old gang together again and hired the "Fabulous Premieres" for a fundraiser. They held a raffle to make ends meet after the event and used the extra money earned to give away a scholarship.

Many of the former members wanted to continue giving out scholarships, so the group decided to reunite. They kept the same name but began again with a new purpose -- to help Chicano youth.

Their list of community activity since incorporation as a non-profit organization in 1975, could easily place them high on the list of "who's who in public service."

President Frank "Shorty" Rodriguez says of his participation, "I've enjoyed being involved in everything...doing so many things for so many people."

And help others the Gents have!

Every Christmas the Gents give away baskets brimming with holiday foods to needy families. They help persons who can't pay for the funerals of their deceased relatives. They gave Helen Acevedo, a cancer victim, money to help with expenses and they gave Rudy Lara money to help pay for a heart transplant. The Gents have held dances, golf tournaments and menudo cookoffs to bolster their scholarship fund. The individual members also contribute to their building fund to purchase a site to hold their own functions as well as to share the building with other community organizations.

Joe Mujica a former boyfriend of a "Gent sister," and the current president of the San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter of the Latino Police Officers Asso-



Frank "Shorty" Rodriguez  
Gents President



Joe Mujica  
LPOA President

ciation believes both organizations share a common bond because they both want to "give back to the community."

Mujica says that the groups wanted to hold a joint dinner to show to the community that they are united. "This dinner will show that we are not isolated, that we do know how to mix with the community at large." "We expect at least 600 people to attend the dinner, in what promises to be the social event of the year," said Mujica.

Upon deciding to reactivate the local chapter, Mujica says, "We thought let's promote law enforcement by getting more Hispanics involved, and then we will get more involved in helping the communities."

Locally LPOA is made up of marshals, deputy sheriffs, correction officers, probation officers, police department officers and highway patrol officers. Mujica says the group encourages Hispanics to join law enforcement and it also helps Hispanics advance themselves.

Mujica says that high-ranking Hispanics in his organization hold mock oral exams to prepare the members for the rigid exams. "We don't believe in pushing the racial issue. We want to pass the same test everybody else passes," said Mujica.

The group were also co-sponsors along with the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Law Enforcement Career Day held at Riverside Community College.

Some members of LPOA are actively involved in the Puente Project at San Bernardino Valley college, which encourages retention of Hispanic youths

at college. Recently, LPOA had a float in the Black History Parade. The group also spearheaded the Hispanic blood donor recognition day, the Hispanic Blood Donor Week last December.

As a special project, LPOA "adopted" the Bethlehem orphanage in Tiajuana, Mexico upon the request of Jerry Lamb, a retired San Bernardino Police officer. Mujica said that the group decided to help the orphans which range from infants to young teenagers because nobody else was helping them. When LPOA found out that the orphanage needed a patio to create more shaded space, the officers bought the material and put up the patio themselves. "We knew where every penny of our money was going," said Mujica. "Being able to meet and interact with people and different agencies, without being dictated to by a department," is what Mujica feels is the most rewarding part of being a member of LPOA.

Apparently it is this reason and the desire to help the community form a common bond that LPOA and the Gents share as they work together on their upcoming dinner.

Dinner co-chair, Jim Juarez, says that the professional actors from Nosotros are providing the entertainment for the dinner. Richard Yniguez, actor, singer and president of Nosotros will be the keynote speaker. The master of ceremonies will be actor Anthony Cordova. Actresses Alitzah, Marie Antoinette, Lydia Nicole and Susan Saldivar will also perform.

The tickets for the event are \$25.00 and can be obtained by calling Jim Juarez at 886-5957 or Alex Lujan at 874-4312.

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## HISPANIC LINK

## CENSUS: Hispanics down for the count!

**Latino Empowerment Hinges On Accurate Census, Fair Redistricting**

By Harry Pachón

A new Census Bureau report on elected officials raises a recurring question about Hispanic political empowerment. Is the Latino political *vaso de agua* half empty or half full?

The census report shows that Hispanics constitute only 1 percent of all elected officeholders in the nation. Of more than half a million individuals voted into public office, barely 5,200 are Latino.

Considering that Hispanics comprise more than 8 percent of the nation's population, it would seem logical that there should be more, many more.

That is true. It is also true that Latinos have had to overcome huge obstacles just to gain the portion of political empowerment they hold today. Their struggles have helped to double the number of Hispanics elected during the past 15 years, evidence that some progress is occurring.

But many impediments remain. Among them:

-- the large number of Hispanics who are not yet U.S. citizens

-- the need for more voter registration campaigns

-- the relative youth of the population

-- socioeconomic factors, such as poverty and low education levels. Overcoming these obstacles will change little, however, if the Latino vote has no impact. A long-term strategy for increasing the number of Hispanics elected to public office must center on fair redistricting and voting practices at local, state and federal levels.

For years, Hispanic electoral clout has been effectively diluted by badly drawn political jurisdictions.

As an example, Gloria Molina was elected in 1987 as the second Hispanic representative on the 15-member Los Angeles City Council only after the local district map was legally challenged and changed. (In December, 1985, Richard Alatorre became the first in more than 20 years in a city that was one-third Hispanic). In March of 1986, court-ordered redistricting increased Latino representation on Chicago's 50-member council from one to four.

But how districts are drawn won't remedy the inequality alone. Whether representatives are elected by citywide

vote or individual districts is critical. Acting in a suit filed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the U.S. Court of Appeal recently ordered the city of Watsonville, Calif., to change its electoral process to individual district voting rather than the at-large elections that had historically denied the city's large Hispanic population of representation.

At-large elections and gerrymandering continue still. Currently, Los Angeles County, which is 35 percent Latino yet has no Latino county commissioners, is being sued by the U.S. Justice Department over the issue.

To change the face of Latino politics for at least the next decade -- and in one stroke, the number of Hispanic elected officials -- community leaders have to look to the 1990 census. State legislatures will be using census data to develop the road map by which districts will be drawn. This will determine whether ethnic communities are given a fair chance to elect "one of their own" or will be subdivided into politically ineffective islands.

It is no coincidence that the Hispanic voting delegation in Congress doubled in number from five to 10 after the 1980 census, picking up three seats in '81 and another in '84. Gained were two districts each in Texas and California and one in New Mexico.

Thus, there are two immediate actions to be taken:

First, local, regional and national leaders must ensure that the Census Bureau fully counts the nation's Hispanics in 1990.

Hispanic organizations estimate that in 1980, census-takers may have missed as much as 10 percent of the Latino population; the Census Bureau's estimates are about 5 percent. According to the bureau, it missed only an estimated 1 percent of the general population.

More census resources must be devoted to public awareness and outreach

in the Latino community. As we learned in the poorly run outreach campaign for the legalization process that followed the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, civic leaders must have a voice in identifying the best ways to reach Hispanics.

Second, pressure needs to be put on state legislatures that districts must not arbitrarily slice up Hispanic communities for incumbent or party advantage, then legal action must be taken promptly.

Gerrymandering not only limits the number of Hispanics elected to public office; it discourages the electorate and creates cynicism among voters.

Next year, we have a once-in-a-decade chance to change the face of Latino politics. Work must commence today to ensure that Latinos make up far more than an anemic 1 percent of elected officials in the 1990s.

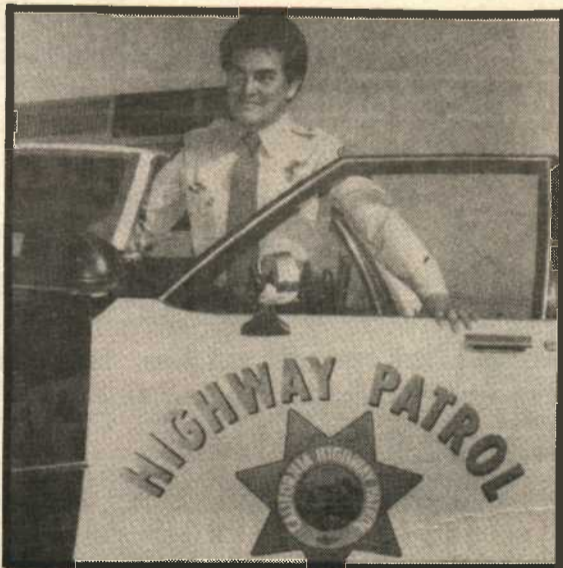
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**Happy  
Easter**

# Leticia Moreno choice of a new generation

By Brian Goler

Senior Leticia Moreno was the choice of a new generation, and winner of the Pepsi Cola annual scholarship. The competition, conducted almost entirely in Spanish, started in late December. After surviving four rounds of competition, Leticia was awarded \$4,000 and an Apple computer. In addition, San Bernardino High School will receive an Apple computer for Moreno's efforts.

"Since I first heard about the scholarship on T.V., I knew I would enter," she said. Part of the application was an essay written in Spanish explaining who was the most influential person in her education. Leticia wrote about her mother, "I've seen my mom suffer, so I want to help people like her."

Leticia's application was randomly chosen to be one of the one hundred essays Pepsi evaluated from the original applicant pool. Of these one hundred applicants, Leticia placed among the top twenty and was declared a semifinalist. She then drove to Los Angeles, where she was interviewed entirely in Spanish by five Pepsi representatives. A few days after this, she was notified that she had become one of the ten finalists and she was guaranteed \$1,000 and two computers.

The final round of the competition took place at Knott's Berry Farm. The ten finalists were divided into two teams and Leticia was chosen to be the

captain of her team. The teams then competed in three rounds of questioning including questions dealing with current events and general knowledge of the humanities and sciences. Her team won and she was awarded an additional \$3,000. It was not easy for Leticia to do all this. "It was very difficult to win this scholarship because it required a lot of work and preparation but, thanks to God, to the support of my parents and Mrs. Anderson (my counselor), and especially to the help of my parents, who had to take me to all of the practices, I was able to win."

Leticia Moreno has a great future ahead of her because she is a very hard worker and has an internal drive to go on and succeed. She will be attending the University of California at Riverside next fall. She is entering as a biochemistry major and hopes to eventually enroll in medical school and become a doctor. She states in her essay, "the love that I have for my mom, the desperation that I feel when I see her suffer, and the joy which I experience when she feels better, have helped me realize that the field of medicine is the one that I want to pursue in my attempt to help mankind. This is why I have tried to do my best in my educational career. My goal is to become a good doctor and help my people; when I say 'my people', I mean all of mankind."

Leticia Moreno is a very intelligent and active senior at San Bernardino High School. She is one of this year's Salutatorians with a GPA of 4.22. She

is a GATE (Gifted And Talented Education) student and is enrolled in the Phoenix Program (Honors Program). She is also President of Key Club and Hunger Busters, a member of NHS (National Honors Society) and CSF (California Scholarship Federation) and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement), and is also the Senior Class Secretary. "The joy that I feel as I see a person's face light up with happiness when I help him or her makes work seem less burdensome and certainly worth doing."

Leticia had to work very hard to get this far. She states in her essay, "In 1975 when I was only five years old, my family and I, seeking a better life, arrived in California. I then began school. Initially, I was taught in my own language, Spanish. It was not until first grade that I was introduced to the English language. It was very difficult because at the same time I was learning the Spanish language. I had to keep up with the rest of the class in the academic program. I will never forget how hard my teacher and I worked. I never had free time like the rest of my classmates. I never had art time and very seldom did I go out to recess. I studied, studied, and studied! Yet, I never complained because I was learning because I was growing."



**Leticia Moreno  
Receives \$4,000 Award**

Even after her many accomplishments, Leticia Moreno does not give up and keeps striving to do better. She believes that "this is only the beginning" for her. "Thanks to God and my mom, I have come a long way since that year of 1975 - but not far enough to fulfill the mission that God has given me - to help others... If God gave us the potential to learn, He did it so that we would use it to help others. This is what I intend to do."

## Los Padrinos Youth Awards



**YOUTHS OF THE MONTH.** Los Padrinos would like to congratulate Angela Bracamontes of Fontana and John Amador of Rialto. Both have proven that with hard work you can reach any goals set in life. Angela and John can be commended on the positive changes they have made. We are very proud of them both and wish them the best of luck in their future.



**LOS PADRINOS RECOGNITION.** Max Alonso, board member and Amparo Olguin, family counselor, on behalf of Los Parinos recognizing volunteer youth for their contribution to the Los Padrinos Annual Fundraiser. L - R Max Alonso, board member, Amparo Olguin, family counselor, recognized youth.

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# Movement to vote by districts in Redlands elections

A volunteer committee met on February 7, 1989, to reorganize a community effort to restructure the current city council system into a district representation for councilpersons.

Many of the committee members met approximately two years ago to achieve the identical goal. At that time the committee circulated petitions to incorporate a provision to establish five local districts, each district with one representative to serve on the city council. The petition included approximately 3700 or more signatures, about 1000 more signatures than was required by law, but the total effort was rejected as illegal since district outlines had not been specified as required by law.

The current committee is composed of interested citizens residing in various areas of the City of Redlands. The committee reviewed the history of the

current electoral system for council members. The primary objection to the current system, as stated by a number of committee members is that current council members reside, or have resided, in approximately the same geographical area causing a lack of representation of the total community and inability to identify problems in other areas of the city. It was stated that the current system is not representative of what our democratic government intended participation for its citizens.

The committee was chaired by Tony Martinez, who has been an involved leader in the movement to form council districts, and co-chaired by E. Dwayne Burks, CSP of Norton Air Force Base. Attorney Eleanor Preston is the legal advisor and held a similar position on the previous committee. She explained the legal procedures to be followed for district formation.

The committee, named formally as 'Committee For Fair Representation By District' has developed fact sheets to justify the action to be taken, for example: according to the 1980 census, ten cities in Southern California with a populations as high as 119,000 and as low as 24,000 have city councils represented by districts. Another significant fact that was forwarded as a strong argument was that if any citizen had a problem they could contact their representative council member who would be more responsive to the immediate needs of his constituency. It was further stated that by having a district system the council would be more cohesive in working together, discussing common problems and more understanding of each district at the council meetings. The recommended system, stated Mr. Martinez, if adopted, would be compatible with the local

school system, water district and the County Board of Supervisors, and in essence, with every level of government. The current population in Redlands is approximately 57,000 or more with a voter registration of 29,871.

The Committee is required by law to obtain 10% of the previous election's registered voters. A notice of intent to circulate the petition is filed with the city clerk and a period of 15 days is allowed to obtain the required number of petitioners. The Committee is planning to obtain a greater number of petitioners in order to compensate for any petitioner who is disqualified.

The Committee is asking the general public that is interested in helping by circulating petitions or fundraising to contact Tony Martinez at 792-7271, Larry Westwood at 792-1489, James Cresswell at 794-6898 and Joe Gonzalez at 792-1928.

## Oquendo, Olguin promoted by San Bernardino Fire Department

The San Bernardino Fire Department announced the promotion of two firemen to the position of Engineer.

Robert Oquendo, age 35, was born in Kansas and the family moved to San Bernardino when he was 12 years old. He graduated from Pacific High School in 1971, and is currently enrolled in San Bernardino Valley College, working on an AA in fire science. He has also

attended Crafton Hills College, taking various classes in fire science.

He is married to Rochelle (Pat, daughter of the late Vera Lopez) for 16 years, they have three sons - Steven, 16, Peter, 12, and John-Paul, 7.

He is an active member of the San Bernardino Firefighters Union and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Hobbies include fishing, water and

snow skiing and cooking.

Engineer Oquendo has been with the Fire Department since February 1977, starting as a hose-man and is currently working out of Station No. 3.

Rudy Olguin, age 35, was born in San Bernardino and has lived on Victoria Street for 22 years. He still resides in San Bernardino. He graduated from Pacific High School in 1971, is currently attending Crafton Hills College, majoring in fire science.

Engineer Olguin was hired by the City of San Bernardino in April, 1972 in the

print shop, and on July, 1977 transferred to the Fire Department as a firefighter.

He has been married to his wife, Lois, for 14 years. He has a daughter, Myra, age 13, that attends Del Vallejo Middle

School and a son, Rudy Jr., age 9, attending Belvedere Elementary School.

He enjoys fishing, boating, motorcycle riding and camping. Olguin stated that, "I am continuing my education to expand my knowledge to advance in my career. The fire department is an outstanding career for any person, male or female, with good advancement opportunities."

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# AS I SEE IT

BY SENATOR RUBEN S. AYALA  
California State Legislature

SACRAMENTO -- With the recent slaying of Stockton school children and the increasing frequency of random drive-by shootings in Los Angeles neighborhoods, the pressure for stricter firearms laws has intensified.

Legislation has been introduced to ban the sale and possession of military-type assault rifles in California.

Critics point out, for example, that criminals rarely are deterred by the waiting period required for handgun purchases. Most obtain their guns through street transactions. A criminal who decides to legitimately buy a gun through a dealer can use a front person, such as a spouse or friend.

Foes of the legislation also point to the problem of defining "military" or "paramilitary" weapons. Semiautomatic assault weapons are not as powerful as most conventional semiautomatic hunting rifles. So how do we craft a law banning one and not the other? Opponents contend you can't. Instead of concentrating on the instrument, they believe the emphasis should be on harsher penalties for those who commit crimes with a gun.

Some cities and school districts have

adopted resolutions asking the Legislature for the prohibition of some semi-automatic assault weapons, and some cities are adopting ordinances calling for such prohibitions. I do not believe these ordinances are enforceable.

The mail and personal calls regarding this issue have been divided down the middle. My district staff has also been calling citizens at random for their opinion. The following are comments from citizens who have called or have written letters:

D. L. G. from San Bernardino writes, "I urge you to just say 'NO' to any gun control legislation that is being proposed. I believe that our second amendment rights must be preserved for the sake of our country."

Mrs. R. V. from Rialto writes, "The prevalence of semi-automatic rifles in the hands of teen gang members is making us prisoners in our own homes. No one should have a right to own such weapons in a civilized society."

S. P. P. of Chino, who writes, "... I have shot Both of them (UZI and AK 47), and I don't feel they are accurate enough for sanctioned matches or even hunting. But my rifles are accurate

from 500 to 1000 meters. There are two definite distinctions. I would be for a 15 day waiting period to purchase a rifle. But the investigation should be intensive. We cannot ban all semi-automatic rifles."

Proponents of outlawing military assault rifles contend the weapons are made for warfare and have no peacetime purpose. The U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reports that of the top 15 importers of AK-47 assault rifles from China, eight are in California. In 1986 there were 8,000 AK-47s brought into this country; that figure climbed to more than 80,000 in 1988.

Strengthening the case against assault rifles is the alarming increase in gang shootings and the belief shared by California police chiefs that the availability of military rifles contributes to the rise.

Law enforcement officials claim the domestic arms race is out of hand. They feel peace officers are outgunned on the streets and this reduces their ability to fight crime. Police chiefs statewide urge a sweeping ban on military assault rifles.

Opponents of the firearms control legislation have their own arsenal of arguments. Banning immediate possession and sale of these weapons, they say, is not the way to go.

When feelings are running so high it is good to take a step back and try to analyze the controversy. What is needed is more light and less heat.

We don't want to kid ourselves that a crackdown on guns will mean the crime problem is going to disappear. Legislation addressing the misuse of guns is not the same as undertaking the

researched and rational steps required to confront the root causes of crime in our society.

We need to clarify the goal. If it is to separate the predator from the gun, then we need to determine how and where lawbreakers obtain the weapons used in criminal activity.

Legislators must ask themselves if banning possession and sale of these military-style weapons really will help cut down the number of drug dealers, gang members, and other criminals. Will such a prohibition reduce the murder rate?

The gun control debate has been going on a long time. The use of weapons in crime is not new, but today is a more intense concern of the public. Lawmakers grappling with the relationship of guns to crime have their hands full. The competing points of view are emotional and forceful. It is time to calmly examine the evidence and let common sense prevail.

Note - The Senate passed this bill on March 9, 1989 and is in conference with the Assembly.

The Assembly passed a version of this bill on March 13th.

The two bills will now go to a Conference Committee.

## San Bernardino School District Supports Assault Rifle Legislation

Citing the school children killed and injured in Stockton, the Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District is supporting state legislation that would restrict the sale of "assault rifles."

In a resolution passed by the School Board without a dissenting vote, the Board says, "The loss of freedom to purchase such a weapon by persons who would not use it in an illegal or threatening fashion is far overshadowed by the potential damage that can be done by making such a weapon easy to get by persons who would use it for illegal and possibly tragic purposes."

The resolution goes on to urge support of legislation to restrict the sale of these guns now being considered in the State Legislature.

The Board of Education resolves that the San Bernardino City Unified School District does endorse efforts to drastically restrict the sale of high powered, repeating assault rifles as a means to protect youngsters at school and in their home neighborhoods and urges all office holders in the California legislature to support legislation that will make our state safer and free from armed assault by these weapons designed for combat use.

## Los Padrinos Employee of the Year



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.** The staff and administration would like to recognize Barbara Masteller, family counselor for Los Padrinos. Barbara's hard work and dedication should not go unrecognized. She has given of herself and has always gone beyond the call of duty in any crisis situation. We would like to congratulate her for receiving Employee of the Year. Thank you Barbara.

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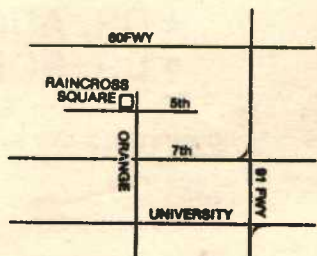
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## George Aguilar Challenges S.B. County Social Services on Food Stamp Distribution Change

George Aguilar, Secretary of The Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce says that San Bernardino County is being insensitive to people who need food stamps.

The Hispanic Chamber and the City of Colton have taken an official position that food stamp distribution points should be as convenient as possible to the greatest number of people.

In the past food stamps have been distributed at area post offices. This has

been changed by the County Department of Public Social Services (Welfare) because the post office does not want to distribute food stamps.

Beginning May 1, food stamps will be distributed in only three locations in San Bernardino, at Mill Street and Arrowhead Avenue, Baseline and Arrowhead and Highland and Mt. Vernon. No Colton locations nor westside or southside San Bernardino outlets have been specified.

"This is totally unacceptable," said Aguilar, who chairs the Hispanic Chambers Food Stamp Committee.

"Twenty per cent, or 8,000 families, of the food stamp recipients reside on the west side and Colton. Yet the families have no convenient access to get their food stamps," Aguilar said.

He added that the County Welfare Department awarded the food stamp distribution contracts to check cashing establishments that are very difficult to reach for west side and Colton residents without transportation.

"There has to be locations that are within walking or short driving distance of the largest concentration of recipients," Aguilar said.

"We want to know why the Welfare Department did not choose these locations as well. It is very difficult for people on the west side, particularly if they don't have a car, to reach the locations chosen by the County," Aguilar added.

Aguilar said the Hispanic Chamber Economic Opportunity Committee is urging all food stamp recipients to attend a meeting 9:30 a.m., Monday, March 20 on the first floor of the County building, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue.

"We believe it is about time the County Welfare Department shows sensitivity to the people being served and who need the help," Aguilar said.

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Chairperson for the local event is Clarice Richards, District Affirmative Action Officer for Caltrans. Other local committee chairpersons are Danny Morales, Patton State Hospital, Outreach, and Officer Patricia Shearer, California Highway Patrol, Publicity, according to Tony Vasquez, Recruitment Manager State Personnel Board in Sacramento.

Local co-sponsors include the CSU, San Bernardino, U.C. Riverside and Riverside Community College Career Centers, Somos Hermanas Unidas, Project Redirect, Candelaria American Indian Council, Bass, Inland Empire Chapter, Los Dorados del Valle de Victorville and OIC.

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