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**HER SPIRIT LIVES ON IN GOOD WORKS**

**Vera Lopez Remembered**

Vera Lopez was the well-known and popular manager of Midía's Restaurant on Mt. Vernon Avenue. She started working in the restaurant when it was founded in 1939 by her mother, Lucia and stepfather Salvador Rodriguez and became manager in 1969 until her death in 1984. In 1946, she married Henry Lopez and had four children, Edward, Vernon, who passed away at age five, Rochelle (Pat) and Henry, Jr.

Although Mrs. Lopez had no formal education, she was able to take charge of the business and continue to care for her family. The business was her second family and due to her determination, there was a continual business growth. The restaurant has been for many years, the meeting place for politicians, professionals and persons of all walks of life, especially on Sunday after Mass.

The success of the restaurant and its popularity was directly due to the personality of Mrs. Lopez. She was determined to please every customer, regardless of social status, and everyone was treated with dignity and respect. Her concern and honest approach was contagious.

The other positive side of Mrs. Lopez was her generosity and commitment to the community, and she was a contributor for every cause and fund-raiser in the community. She was never known to turn any person down.

In 1981 Mrs. Lopez was diagnosed as having Lupus, a blood disorder and her doctor recommended that she retire. She retired temporarily and returned to work in 1982, wearing a leg brace and continued working and displaying the same demeanor, although there were obvious signs of deteriorating health. Her sudden death in December of 1984 was a shock to the community of San Bernardino.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 8TH ANNUAL**

**Vera Lopez Scholarship Awards Banquet, June 13**

The Vera Lopez Scholarship Committee has scheduled its 8th Annual Scholarship Dinner/Dance to be held at the Orange Show Renaissance Room on Saturday, June 13, 1992. Pat Oquendo, committee chairperson, announced that Alfredo Gonzalez, well-known radio personality and community activist, will be master of ceremonies and Congressman George Brown will be the main speaker. No-host social hour will be at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and dancing at 9:00 with the AFTER SEVEN BAND.

As a result of Mrs. Lopez's inspiration and unselfishness and her tremendous impact in the Westside community, coupled with her continued motivational spirit for young people to continue their education, in 1985 the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino established the Vera Lopez Scholarship Fund. Since that time, 80 scholarships with a value of $20,000 has been presented to graduating students throughout the Inland Empire. This year, 13 scholarships are planned for graduating students, including graduates from Sierra, San Andreas and Slover Continuation Schools.

Tickets are $30.00 per person and can be purchased by calling Norma or Mercy at Midía's Restaurant, (714) 888-0460. Persons wishing to attend the dance only, tickets are $10.00 per person at the door.
California in the coming years is directly related to how well our citizens understand the critical need for additional facilities on our university and community college campuses throughout the state.

More than a half million new students will seek an education via the University of California systems or University of California systems new students will be Hispanic and African-American citizens who strive for social mobility through higher education. The demands upon higher education by under represented minorities will indeed be unprecedented in the next ten years. Increasingly, the state of California will be challenged to continue its tradition of access. We as a state must resist the current trend to limit educational opportunities for only a select few.

Will the needs of under represented citizens be met? That depends, in part, upon voters who will have the opportunity on June 2 to make an informed choice on Proposition 153, The Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 1992, which will authorize $900 million in funding for two years of building projects on campuses throughout the state.

Nearly $20 million of the bond issue would fund projects at Cal State, San Bernardino, where the African-American and Hispanic enrollments have increased by 78 and 79 percent, respectively, in the last five years. Building for the growth in enrollment expected through the 21st century is mandatory if the university is going to meet the needs of citizens whose welfare is heavily dependent upon education.

Critical need facilities for the School of Education, the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Visual Arts, as well as a renovation of the existing library, are among the construction plans for Cal State, San Bernardino. These needs were needed by the mid-to-late 90s when Cal State's student enrollment is expected to approach 20,000.

With more than half of Cal State's enrollment currently hailing from the San Bernardino-Riverside County area and approximately 80 percent of the university's graduates residing in the region, chances are you will know someone whose educational future may be affected by the university's ability to provide an optimal learning environment. Those students and the state's system of public higher education are relying on voters with vision to make an informed choice on Proposition 153 this June.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News endorses Proposition 152. The school systems throughout California are unable to keep up with the influx of current and future enrollment growth. These overcrowded schools will exacerbate the schools' ability to house students, especially first time students, in adequate school facilities.

The following facts will reinforce the need for this bond passage:

- 260,000 new students are pouring into our public schools system each year - a total of almost 2 million additional students in California schools by the end of the decade.
- Overcrowding in California's classrooms is already worse than in any day to get our community as a whole to where we need to be. By knowing what each other's aspirations are, we can concentrate our efforts to achieve the goals we set for ourselves as well as those we set for our community.

The Hidden Agenda - It's Up to Us

By Jerry Lopez

There is no doubt that within our community, the level of political sophistication is inchoate; however, there is also no doubt that we have many talented and articulate people. Using these resources, we can cause innovative changes to affect the status quo.

It is time for us to stop being so naive as to not realize that being human dictates having some sort of agenda by which we live our lives. It is ludicrous for us to sit at meetings and accuse each other of having some sort of "Hidden Agenda." Further, it is ridiculous for us not to realize that until a person's "agenda" is articulated, it is hidden. Perhaps this fear we feel is unfounded.

It is time to stop worrying about someone whose educational future may not to realize that being human dictates having some sort of agenda which every 365 days for the next 5 years.

- Passage of Proposition 152 will also give a dramatic boost to the state's economy by creating 65,000 new jobs.
- By putting bond dollars to work now, when interest rates are near all-time lows, major school construction will be advanced at the lowest possible cost.

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We all have places we want to go and dreams of where our futures will take us. Utilizing these desires, we can advance much quicker than if we sit at community meetings arguing each other of having hidden agendas.

Community leaders can fulfill the overall goals of the community and the goals of the constituents by assessing what the individual's goals are and then proceeding to answering the question of "What is it in me?" By doing this, we can begin to build the nuer dice by which our ship will be steered on the way to realizing our community's goals.

In these times of apathy and tragically, the lack of national leadership, including the lack of national goals on important issues such as social, economic and domestic areas which are of major concern with the recession, we, the public that has been impacted by this lack of sensitivity by our national leaders, should make the determination to activate ourselves where it counts most: AT THE VOTING BOOTH.

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Editorial

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Riverside Jerry Brown And Raiser Planned

The Riverside County supporters of Jerry Brown will be hosting a Murder, Mystery Cocktail Party at 7:00 p.m. on May 30, 1992, to raise funds for the Presidential candidate. Guests will "witness" a murder and be provided clues during the course of the evening in order to solve the "mystery."
Joe Baca for 62nd Assembly District

Five candidates are vying for the newly-apportioned 62nd Assembly District.

Although the four other candidates for this office have held various elective and appointed positions, the Inland Empire Hispanic News editorial board selects Mr. Joe Baca for Assemblyman for the 62nd Assembly District.

Mayor John Longville’s campaign committee’s most recent direct mailer reactivates the alleged endorsement by Senator Ted Kennedy in 1988 assembly campaign. The court exonerated Mr. Baca of any wrongdoing. In view of Mayor Longville’s undesirable campaign tactics, this course of action nullifies his candidacy for the assembly office.

Mr. Baca has twice made a run for the assembly against the incumbent Assemblyman Jerry Eaves. In the last election, Mr. Baca received a substantial block of votes, which surprised a few of the die-hards, but not the majority of his supporters. There are no current incumbent candidates for this office.

A review of Mr. Baca’s outstanding performance at the San Bernardino Community College District illustrates his commitment to young students.

Appointed in 1979, he has significantly invested substantial time and effort, at the expense of his family, to improve the academic programs for all students both at Valley and Crafton Colleges.

He has stated, and rightly so, that education begins at the elementary level, and additionally has spent time and effort in advancing the quality of education at the K thru 12 grade levels.

The San Bernardino County District Advocates for Better Schools (SANDABS), in its report of candidate interviews, stated that Mr. Baca has a strong position as an advocate for a public educational system, establishment of a local education round table and transportation for students for safety and crime reasons.

In 1992, he was reelected to the Community College Board with votes greater than all other incumbents with the exception of Charles Beeman!

His community involvement has no equal in terms of organization memberships. His leadership skills has resulted in being appointed to the major service agencies within the Inland Empire. Additionally, he has served in numerous civic, veteran, education, economic committees and task forces.

Various organizations have honored him for his service to education and community, among the notable accomplishments include: Citizen of Achievement by the League of Women voters and Kiwanian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino. In May, 1992, Mr. Baca also was honored for his contribution to education at all levels by the Association of Mexican-American Educators.

The assembly district’s endorsements include major community organizations as well as the Honorable Senator Ruben Ayala, Mayor Frank Gonzales, Colton Board of Education President Ray Abril, Jr., Rialto School Board Trustee John Kazlanas, Community College Trustee Chuck Beeman, and the majority of elected officials in the district, labor unions, CSEA, Latino Peace Officers Association, etc.

In our editorial judgement, Mr. Joe Baca has served his community extremely well; above all, he would equally serve his constituency as Assemblyman for the 62nd Assembly District. Vote for ballot No. 19.

Barbara Riordan for Third District County Supervisor

County Supervisor Barbara Riordan who represents the Third Supervisorial District has, in the last decade, shown a leadership role in developing policies for the county.

An important aspect of Supervisor Riordan’s district office and its staff is their accessibility to the concerns and issues brought forth from her constituents, business community, Chamber of Commerce and social service agencies.

Notable accomplishments in which the supervisor has effectively represented this county is at the local, regional and state levels. She is an active participant in the councils, boards, including, but not limited to the following: County Air Pollution Control District; San Bernardino Associated Governments; County Earthquake Preparedness Conference; County Growth Management Task Force; State Seismic Safety Commission; State Board of Fire Services; State Air Resources Board and the Local Area Formation Commission.

Ms. Riordan has been cognizant of the critical social issue of homeless people and has been successful in organizing various groups to resolve the problem of the homeless in the area. Supervisor Riordan’s most recent appointment to the Regional Airport Authority will give her an opportunity to promote an economic development plan which will generate local employment opportunities in the area.

Her support of the Affirmative Action Commission and subsequent County Affirmative Action Plan, Senior Citizens Advocacy Programs and her success in organizing a county-wide homeless task force illustrate her effectiveness in resolving social needs.

Supervisor Riordan’s accomplishments has gained creditable endorsements.

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The death of Trinidad (Trino) Negrete, who was known as the "mayor" of Mount Vernon ends a historical era when Mount Vernon Avenue was known for its activities, whether it be community, religious or political.

That era of many decades generated actively involved persons and leaders of Mexican descent who greatly contributed to the development of the Westside. Many families who are descended from those community-active leaders can be grateful that a foundation was established which has benefited and improved their lives.

Outstanding among those early "pioneer" leaders was Trino Negrete. He and his wife, Julia, (we can only speak of them as one) were truly involved. They gave of their time, energy and money to worthy causes, the only one in a lifetime. He was successful in business. But the most important thing in his life was his family. Knowing him all my life since I was a child, he had a tremendous impact on me and was my role model. I knew him as an unselfish man who gave of himself and his worldly goods to whomever, being relative, friend or stranger. I learned so much from him, but the most important thing that I learned from this remarkable person was how to be a humanistic individual in my everyday life. I will always remember you, Trino, my friend and mentor."

Trinidad "Trino" Negrete

Hernandez

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His direct involvement in the San Bernardino School District resulted in major reforms in the educational process to incorporate bilingual programs.

In 1972, Mr. Hernandez played an advocate role in the acquisition of Ramona School, now the Casa Ramona Community Center.

As a result of Mr. Hernandez’ hard-won election to the San Bernardino City Council, he identified critical issues and brought forth to the attention of the council for viable solution. His advocacy for mobile home residents in the area of rent stabilization earned him wide support from that segment. He has fought a viable battle to combat crime and drugs and most importantly, alleviating gang activity by increasing police patrols in the Third Ward.

Above all, Mr. Hernandez is recognized for his sensitivity and efforts in addressing constituents’ concerns of the Third Ward.

Mr. Hernandez’ problem-solving experiences and knowledge of identified needs at the local level has earned him the opportunity to serve at the Board of Supervisors level.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News Editorial Board endorses the election of Mr. Ralph Hernandez to the Fifth Supervisorial District. 'VOTE FOR #56 ON YOUR BALLOT.'
We the 17,000 people of Edison want to help our neighbors.

Here's what we're doing:

At Edison we believe it's time for the business leaders in Southern California to attack the problems that beset our cities and take action. That's why we've committed $35 million to a five-year assistance program aimed at making Southern California an even better place than it's ever been before.

However, we can't do it alone. So we're asking other business leaders to support programs designed to rebuild and re-energize the Southern California region. We will begin with a multi-million dollar commitment to the "Rebuild LA" campaign. Other programs we will initiate include:

- Job Skills Development Centers. Edison will work in partnership with the City of Compton, educators, community representatives and industry to develop a regional training and job skills center in Compton. Edison and, hopefully, other volunteer companies will help train and place hundreds of graduates each year.

- Customer Assistance Program. Under this program we will forgive electric bills of all homes and small businesses lost during the riots. We will also initiate a special energy-efficiency rebate program targeted to customers rebuilding businesses in the affected areas. And we will extend low-interest loans for the purchase of related energy-efficient equipment.

- Community Support and Assistance Programs. This collection of programs includes a variety of specific contributions including money, equipment, both paid and volunteer assistance.

- Educational Assistance. This program provides targeted educational assistance to "at risk" students, students facing language barriers and difficult cultural transitions.

The health of every major industry in Southern California depends on the health and well-being of our community at large. People want change. And Edison wants to help make it happen. Working together, we can build pride in Southern California as an excellent place to live and work.
JOE BACA: Family Values Are First!

Joe and Barbara have four children, Joe Jr., a graduating senior at Cal State San Bernardino; Jeremy, a San Bernardino Valley College student; Natalie who is in middle school; and Jennifer, a first grader.

A strong defender of retirees' rights and income...

LEADERSHIP by Example:

A former instructor and counselor, College Trustee Joe Baca visits local schools with the message: "College is for you!" Without encouragement and without guidance too many of our children are dropping out — doomed to low-paying jobs or no job at all.

Veteran

Joe also believes every American has a RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE our country. He is a Vietnam era veteran and served with the 82nd and 101st Airborne.

Graduate

The youngest of 15 children, Joe Baca, like his wife Barbara, worked his way through college. Their oldest son graduates Cal State this year.

Father

Time spent with daughter Natalie often leads to the computer.

Friend

Jennifer, the youngest Baca, insists on reading and story telling during her special time with Dad.

ENDORSED BY MORE LOCAL LEADERS!

FONITANA  John Piazza, Sec. Fontana Council of Seniors, Trustee • William Krapness, Mayor • Nat Simon, Former Mayor • Ben Abemathy, Councilman and retired Fontana Police Chief, Pat Murray, Councilwoman

COLLEGE  Dr. Stuart Bundy, Chancellor, San Bernardino Community College District • Gane Wood, San Bernardino Community College Trustee • Chuck Beam, San Bernardino Community College Trustee • Richard Wilkerson, Former Trustee, San Bernardino Community College District

COLTON  Frank Gonzalez, Mayor • Roy Roman, Councilman • Max Lofy, Councilman • Abe Belfan, Former Mayor • Tom Rivera, Educator and Former School Trustee • Ray Abril Jr., School Board President • Arlie Hubbard, School Board Member

G RAND TERRACE  Don Alvarez, School Board Trustee

BLOOMINGTON  Shirley Green, Member M.A.C. • Maria Lopez Carson, School Board Trustee • Phyllis Zimmerman, School Board Trustee

RIALTO  Don Oliger, School Board Trustee • Bill Jueh, School Board Trustee • John Kazaian, School Board Trustee • Sam Orfield, Councilman

SAN BERNARDINO  Rachel Kraney, City Clerk • Ralph Hernandez, Councilman • Esther Estrada, Councilwoman •orraine Miller, Councilwoman • Valerie Poppe-Ludlam, Councilwoman • Tony Campos, Former Councilman • Martin Brown, City School District Trustee • Elvis Diaz, City School Board Trustee • Lillo Vang, City School Board Trustee • Dr. Ernest Garcia, Retired Dean of the School of Education Cal State Univ. • San Bernardino, and former Rialto School Trustee

ORGANIZATIONS  California State Employees Association • Latino Peace Officers Association • Hod Carriers and Laborers Local 783 • United Steel Workers Local 684 • Greater Inland Democratic Club

VOTE JUNE 2nd
Councilman Ralph Hernandez and wife, Lillie

I have lived in the 5th District all my life. My commitment to family values is real and demonstrated by my 40 year marriage. My wife, Lillie, and I have raised seven children and today we value time spent with our grandchildren.

You and I share the belief that government has grown too large and too expensive. I have led the fight to limit politicians' terms, salaries and expenses.

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 elect RALPH HERNANDEZ
Our NEW County Supervisor

VOTE JUNE 2

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The Association of Mexican-American Educators, Inland Empire Chapter, honored nine Hispanics on Monday, May 11, at the Milta's Restaurant. This year's honorees were individuals who were selected for their contribution to specific areas of education.

May 13th was California's DAY OF THE TEACHER and State Superintendent of Public Instruction stated that "no job is more important than teaching, because they have the opportunity to help students develop and expand both their academic and social skills."

The DAY OF THE TEACHER statewide is sponsored by the AMAE. In 1970, AMAE adopted the Mexican tradition of annually recognizing members of the teaching profession. In 1982, a bill sponsored by AMAE became law: it is called a DAY OF THE TEACHER.

The following individuals were selected as Hispanic Educators of the Year:

- **Brandy Lopez**: Cajon High School, G.P.A. 3.6. Will attend the University of California at Riverside. She wants to be a physician.
- **Elvia Ramirez**: Colton High School, G.P.A. 3.45. Will attend the University of California at Riverside. She wants to have a career in medicine.
- **Michelle Cantu**: Bloomington High School, G.P.A. 3.5. Will attend Riverside City College. She would like to be a surgical nurse.
- **Jerry Atilano**: Washington High School, G.P.A. unknown. Will attend Crafton Hills or Valley College. Would like to pursue a career in nursing.
- **Monica Ornelas**: Sierra High School, G.P.A. unknown. Will attend Santa Ana City College. She wants to be an attorney.
- **Cecilia Ramirez**: Slover Mountain High School, G.P.A. unknown. Will attend San Bernardino Valley College. She would like to own her own fashion merchandising business.
- **Joe Baca**: has served on the San Bernardino Community College District for the past 12 years. During his tenure as trustee he has willingly donated his college board stipend in order to establish a scholarship fund and a fund for emergency loans for needy students. His community involvement includes the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Youth Education Motivation program and he is the co-owner of Interstate World Travel.

ASSOCIATION OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATORS

Students and Teachers Honored With Scholarships - Awards

The AEAIE 1992 Latino Educators of the Year Honored

- **Felipita Tello**: has been a teacher and, more recently a bilingual resource teacher at Ramona-Alessandro School since 1976. She has extensive community involvement which includes Inland Empire Future Leaders of America, Latin American Sister City, Mexican Sister City Committee and the San Adelaida Commission for Youth. She has been the recipient of several awards and honors including Outstanding Bilingual Educator by the County Superintendent of Schools and the San Bernardino Unified School District's Exemplary Employee for 1991.
- **Socorro Quintero**: has an extensive career in the educational field. She has worked as an elementary bilingual teacher, a resource teacher in the High Intensity Language Training Program, an elementary school counselor and for the past six years as a middle school counselor at Curtis Middle School in the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Her community involvement includes teaching adults at Sunday school, Missionary Outreach to Mexico, and a commentator on the "Educador Vencido" radio program.
- **Dr. Luis Gomez**: is currently the president of Crafton Hills College. He has served in a number of capacities in the educational field including, teacher-counselor, Dean of Student Services and coordinator of counseling. Dr. Gomez has received such honors as the "Distinguished Alumnus of 1991" by the California State University, San Bernardino and "Who's Who in Education" in 1991. His community involvement includes National Hispanic Honor Society, Board of Directors for the Inland Symphony Association and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.
- **Dr. Barbara Flores**: is currently a tenured professor in the School of Education at the California State University, San Bernardino. She was one of the first Title VII Bilingual Fellows 15 years ago and received her doctorate from the University of Arizona. In the past 12 years she has been involved with collaborative action research. She has spearheaded pioneering work with teachers (both bilingual and monolingual) in urban, suburban, and rural areas of the southwest and western United States. She has worked with culturally and linguistically diverse children and teachers throughout the United States. She recently elected to serve on the governing body of the National Council of Teachers of English and she will lead a 12,000 member section for three years.

**Manual Gonzales** is Assistant Principal at Colton Union High School. He has 12 years experience in education and teaching. His community and youth involvement has been extensive and includes Migrant Education Unit Leader, MECHA club advisor, volunteer of the Bilingual/Bi-Cultural Child Development Center and several youth sports programs. Gonzales states that teachers played a role in shaping his life, so he knows a teacher can make a difference. He was selected for special recognition from among more than 200 Claremont McKenna College's Alumni in education.

**Elisa Diaz** retired from the San Bernardino City Unified School District after more than 22 years as an elementary school teacher and Bilingual/Bi-Cultural Project Coordinator. After her retirement in 1989 she was elected to the Board of Education for the San Bernardino City Unified School District where she is currently serving her third term. She has travelled extensively throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Central and South America, Europe and the Orient. She has received numerous awards and honors including Latina of the Year in 1985, Citizen of Achievement in 1988 and Mujer Latina Award in the Field of Education in 1991.

**Ray Abril, Jr.** is currently the President for the Board of Education for the Colton Joint Unified School District. He was re-elected to the school board in 1989 for a 5th term. He has been active in numerous activities including the formation of the Mexican-American Parent/Student organization and he is the co-founder of the Hispanic News. During his 19 years on the Board of Education, some of his most memorable moments occurred when he handed high school diplomas to his five children.

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AMAE Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Presenter; Monica Ornelas, Naomi Flores, Brandy Lopez, (L to R) Mary Helen Anderson, Principal, Burbank Elementary School, Cantu, Jerry Atilano.

Mecha; Antoinette Vargas, MEChA; Esther Ramirez, Cecilia Ramirez, Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce from San Manuel Indian Bingo campaign from San Manuel Indian Supervisor for the Fifth District. has re­

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doctor; Marian Luna, Director; Joe Hernandez, V.P. Public Rela­


gainst the growing fin­

nancial independence of Native Americans, something that has been long overdue. Also, I'm glad to see Native Americans making their voice heard in the political process, and it's about time we all listened to that voice," Hernandez added.

"I support spending our leisure time and money for recreation and relaxation locally and I strongly support the San Manuel business program that draws many people to our community," he said.

"The contribution from San Manuel Indian Bingo is still very small compared with the more than one million dollars Jerry Eaves has collected from virtually every special interest including alcohol, tobacco, Nevada style gambling inter­
est, the insurance industry, and the medical industry," he said.

"Eaves has also received substantial sums of money from the chemical in­
dustry, mining interest, major devel­

opers, and other Sacramento based politicians and PACS. Eaves' political portfolio is a disgrace and a threat to honest, local government," Hernandez said.

Since the Latino electorate has not been closely studied, it has become the subject of several persistent myths. These misperceptions include: Latinos are apolitical; Latinos vote in a mono­


lithic bloc for Democrats; over time, Latinos are rapidly shifting to the Re­


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4.5 Million Latinos will VOTE in '92

The growth of the Latino population during the 1980s has led many to speculate about the Latino community's electoral potential. NALEO estimates that 4.5 million Latino voters will cast their ballots in the 1992 Presidential elections and that 1 out of 22 voters nationwide will be Latino.

In the last decade, the Latino elec­torate has grown dramatically. While the national electorate increased by less than 10 percent, the Latino electorate grew by more than 50 percent. These Latino voters are concentrated in nine states with a total of 202 electoral votes. In states like California and Texas, Latino voters comprise 7.8 percent and 13.8 percent of the statewide vote. Therefore, small shifts of the Latino vote can have statewide impact. For example, bases on California's 1990 elections, to shift 1 percent of the California statewide vote requires 5.3 percent of the Latino vote.

Despite the impressive growth of the Latino electorate, several demographic factors reduce its electoral potential. First, among Latino adults, 37 percent of all Latinos are non-citizens and thus ineligible to vote. Second, one third of all Latinos are too young to vote. Other internal factors, such as low levels of education and income, as well external factors, such as voter dilution efforts, further reduce Latino electoral participation rates.

In recent years, the Latino electorate has grown large enough that in close elections, Latino voters have the po­
tential to be the swing vote in certain states. NALEO has released an exten­
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