

NHLA National Hispanic Leadership Agenda

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

November 9, 2017

Mr. Gara LaMarche
Democracy Alliance
P.O. Box 18607
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. LaMarche:

On behalf of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), a coalition of the nation's preeminent Latino advocacy and constituency organizations, we write to express deep dismay about the virtual absence of investment in the Latino community by the Democracy Alliance. NHLA notes with great concern that once again the Democracy Alliance has excluded Latino led organizations at the forefront of electoral change within the Latino community from its list of organizations recommended for support by its members.

Following the underfunding of Latino organizations during the 2016 election cycle, particularly those that are dedicated to engaging our community in civic participation, it is of utmost importance in seeking to achieve a more robust civil society, that efforts include those organizations dedicated to and expert in bringing Latinos into our democracy.

It is time to make a serious investment in the Latino community and to collaborate strategically to ensure that Latino organizations have the resources necessary to further engage our community members, allied organizations, members of Congress and the federal government. We are seeking to open a meaningful, actionable dialogue to establish a fresh start, grounded in an accurate understanding of the Latino community and its place in politics. We strongly urge you to consider the importance of providing convening opportunities and resources for Latino organizations long active in civic engagement. As members of NHLA's Civic Engagement Committee, we welcome the opportunity to sit with you to further discuss. You may reach Hector Sanchez Barba, Chair of NHLA, via email at hsanchez@lclaa.org or phone at 202.508.6918.

Sincerely,

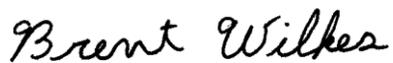


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- Alianza Americas
- American G.I. Forum
- ASPIRA Association
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- Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
- Farmworker Justice
- Green Latinos
- Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities
- Hispanic Federation
- Hispanic National Bar Association
- Inter-University Program for Latino Research
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- MANA, A National Latina Organization
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- Mi Familia Vota
- National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures
- National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives
- National Association of Hispanic Publications
- National Day Laborer Organizing Network
- NALEO Educational Fund
- National Association of Latino Independent Producers
- National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc.
- National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
- National Hispanic Council on Aging
- National Hispanic Environmental Council
- National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts
- National Hispanic Media Coalition
- National Hispanic Medical Association
- National Institute for Latino Policy
- National Latina/o Psychological Association
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- United States Hispanic Leadership Institute
- United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce
- U.S.- Mexico Foundation
- Voto Latino



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