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TO : Hector Garcia

FROM : John Flores & Grace Olivarez

SUBJECT : National Steering Committee Nominations

At our meeting with Mr. Gardner on May 28th, it was agreed that four additional Chicanos should be added to the National Steering Committee. One of the functions of the Chicano Advisory Committee, should be to nominate Chicanos to serve on this steering committee. Could you, within the next five days, submit three names of Chicanos whom you would nominate to serve on the Urban Coalition National Steering Committee?

May I suggest that you keep the following points in mind when selecting individuals: geographic location, age, sex and do they have some visibility and constituency (national, regional)?

We currently have three Steering Committee members and they are: Senator Joe Bernal (San Antonio, Texas State Senator) He is currently a member of the Urban Coalition Executive Committee; Dr. Hector Garcia (Corpus Christi, Texas) Founder of the American GI Forum, medical practitioner; Henry Santisteven (Phoenix, Arizona) Executive Director Southwest Council of La Raza.

We would like you to consult with members of your city delegation and submit names to us within the next five days (by September 3rd). We will then compile the names which each of you have submitted and mail them back to you for your further review (by September 9th). We hope that you could then mail us your comments on this final list by September 15th. We then will submit a slate of names to the National Urban Coalition Nominating Committee for final approval.

When you submit the names, please include some background information on each of the individuals, e.g. past experiences and accomplishments, age, education, etc. Should you have any information, please contact us immediately.