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"P.A.S.O." TAKES FIRST GIGANTIC STEP TOWARDS ITS GRASS ROOT MOVEMENT
AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

WE DEFINITELY ARE MOVING TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND EXPANSION. WE NEED YOUR HELP. THE REASON WHY WE HELD UP THE WORK WAS SIMPLY THAT IN TEXAS, THOSE OF US WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WERE NOT GETTING ANY RECOGNITION FROM THE STATE OR NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS. IN ORDER TO PROVE OUR WORTH AND OUR "GUTS", THE TEXAS "PASO" ORGANIZATION DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD NOT HELP TEXAS "DEMOCRATIC" SENATOR WILLIAM BLAKELY. WE HAD TO PROVE TO THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINERY THAT THEY COULD NOT WIN WITHOUT OUR WORK AND HELP. THE RESULTS: TOWER WON BY ABOUT 9000 VOTES. FOR THE FIRST TIME A REPUBLICAN WAS ELECTED U.S. SENATOR FROM TEXAS. THIS WAS STRATEGY CALLED FOR BY A UNITED "PASO". THE STRATEGY WORKED SINCE NOW WITHOUT OUR HELP NO CANDIDATE, DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN, CAN WIN A STATE WIDE RACE IN TEXAS. THIS TOOK "GUTS", BUT WE PROVED IT.

THE DELAY WAS TO PROVE THAT OUR PLANS WERE RIGHT. THE RESULTS HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE ELECTION DATE. "WE WERE 100% RIGHT". NOW WE HAVE SOME RECOGNITION AND PRESTIGE. I FELT THAT IF BLAKELY HAD WON WITHOUT OUR SUPPORT THEN I WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN MY NATIONAL "PASO" PRESIDENCY. THANK YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT.

AS SOON AS WE WON THIS GREAT AND SINGULAR ELECTION, WE STARTED TO MOVE IN. CORPUS CHRISTI HAS TURNED IN CLOSE TO 100 MEMBERS. THE TEXAS "PASO" STATE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER ALBERT PENA, EXPECTS TO GET THE GROUP STATE-WIDE WITHIN A PERIOD OF WEEKS. WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT STATE SENATOR HENRY B. GONZALES FROM SAN ANTONIO WILL RUN FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. IT IS FIGURED THAT WITH STATE AND NATIONAL P.A.S.O. BACKING HIM UP, HE STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING.

WE ARE PROUD AND PLEASED TO KNOW THAT OUR NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN, ED ROYBAL FROM L.A. CALIF. WILL ALSO BE A CANDIDATE FOR U. S. CONGRESS MAN. WE SHOULD ALSO GET BEHIND MR. ROYBAL AND HELP HIM ON A STATE AND NATIONAL BASIS. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT OUR STATE AND NATIONAL P.A.S.O. IS SUPPORTING MR. ROYBAL WHO IS A WONDERFUL PERSON AND DESERVES ALL OF OUR RECOGNITION, CONSIDERATION, AND HELP.

QUE VIVA ED ROYBAL!

QUE VIVA HENRY GONZALES!

IN THE MEANWHILE, TWO LARGE GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORGANIZED IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AND IN WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA.

OUR PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH COMMUNITY AND IN EACH CITY IN THE NATION. SEND ME THE NAMES, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF YOUR MEMBERS WITH THE \$1.00 NATIONAL DUES TO ME. I WILL SEND THEM THE P.A.S.O. MEMBERSHIP CARDS. IF YOU NEED A NATIONAL P.A.S.O. CONSTITUTION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ALSO SEND ME WITH YOUR LETTER, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF YOUR OFFICERS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE OFFICERS ELECT A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OR MORE, SECRETARY, AND A TRES. RUSH ME THE INFORMATION, MATERIAL, AND MONEY.

CERTAINLY, IF OUR COLORED BROTHERS CAN GET SO MANY IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS, LET US TAKE A LESSON FROM THEM AND GET ORGANIZED.

"DO IT NOW. DO NOT DELAY. THIS IS THE TIME".

YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT,

Hector P. Garcia
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