

MNVREP

MIDWEST/NORTHEAST VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT

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August 9, 1989

Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

On October 27-29, 1989, the Midwest/Northeast Voter Registration Education Project (M/NVREP) will hold its 7th Annual United States Hispanic Leadership Conference (USHLC) at the McCormick Center Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the M/NVREP, I would like to respectfully invite you to be our Honored Guest at our Dinner Banquet, to be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 1989. Our theme for this year's Conference will be "Unity into the '90s: Making the Difference".

As our Honored Guest, we would like to share with our participants an insight into your life as the Founder of the American G.I. Forum and the contributions you have made to our community and to this nation throughout your distinguished career. Those who will lead our community into the 21st century need to know, see, and hear how you have dedicated your life to help so many of us get this far. Our community owes you very much. I sincerely hope you will allow us this opportunity to publicly express our personal gratitude.

Our emphasis is on leadership development because, with a population estimated to be approaching twenty million, Hispanics are one of the fastest growing ethnic minority groups in America. We need to develop more and even better leadership to meet the rapidly growing needs of the Hispanic community, as well as to do our part to meet the increasingly complex and challenging needs of our country.

Let me share some brief information with you about the USHLC and M/NVREP. The USHLC attracts an extraordinary cross-section of the Hispanic leadership community including public officials as well as representatives from business, labor, corporate, media, the clergy, and other professional associations. Representatives of

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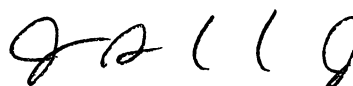
civic, social, and cultural organizations, government agencies, academia, and student associations will also attend the conference. Based on past experience, we are again expecting over 1,500 Hispanic leaders representing approximately 25 states to attend what is regarded to be the biggest and best Hispanic leadership conference in the country.

The M/NVREP is a Chicago-based non-partisan, non-profit organization. Founded in 1982, the project was established to organize non-partisan voter registration activities; conduct research on Hispanic political demographics; sponsor local leadership development programs; investigate and propose remedies to voter participation; and, to promote citizenship awareness through workshops, conferences, and other appropriate forms of information dissemination.

To date, approximately 325 non-partisan voter registration campaigns have been conducted in 17 states through which more than 750,000 persons have registered to vote. Our extensive research has resulted in over 100 reports on Hispanic political demographics being published. And local leadership programs have been completed, or will soon be completed, in Scottsbluff and Omaha, NE; Aurora, IL; Kenosha, WI; Hutchinson, KS; Kansas City, KS; and Kansas City, MO.

Please let us know at your earliest opportunity if you will be able to accept our invitation. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me immediately. Enclosed please find a Pre-Conference Information brochure which you may find useful and a Data Sheet which provides some socio-economic characteristics of our Conference participants. Thank you for every consideration given this invitation.

Sincerely,



Juan Andrade, Jr.
Executive Director

Enclosures

DATA SHEET

A. What is your national ancestry?

Mexican	72.5%
Puerto Rican	14.2
Cuban	1.0
Dominican	0.3
Central American	2.0
South American	4.4
No Response	5.4

B. What is your gender?

Male: 49.5%

Female: 50.5%

C. Please specify your age category.

18 to 24 years old	40.7%
25 to 34 years old	21.0
35 to 44 years old	22.0
45 to 54 years old	9.2
55 to 64 years old	4.7
65 years old and over	1.0
No Response	1.3

D. What level of education have you completed?

Some high school or less	4.1%
High school graduate	11.9
1 - 3 years of college	43.4
College graduate	14.6
Some graduate school	10.2
Advanced degree	12.5
No Response	3.3

E. What is the total income of all persons in your household before taxes?

Less than \$ 5,000	4.1%
\$ 5,000 to \$ 9,999	7.8
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11.9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20.3
\$30,000 to \$39,000	16.9
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17.6
\$50,000 and over	18.0
No Response	3.4

F. Do you or a member of your household belong to a labor union?

Yes53.6%

No44.4%

G. Do you belong to an organization?

Yes90.5%

No7.1%