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Dear Dr. Garcia:

First, I would like to say what a pleasure it was to meet you in Detroit. Being aware of your many accomplishments and untiring efforts on behalf of all Mexican Americans, in spite of innumerable and persistent obstacles, amplifies that gratitude and appreciation. Gracias a Dios, Y que Dios lo bendiga.

Second, I would like to offer these recommendations to be considered when planning future meetings:

Registration - Your lovely ladies did a magnificent job. Their thankless job was just superb, even though someone tried to mess them up by leaving some of the registration packages incomplete. Bien Echo!

Workshops - Although many workshops were conducted effectively, many were not. I personally encountered three instances of scheduled workshops that had no moderator and no alternate plan to cope with the occasion. The poor assistant program director reminded me of a "Titere." Once, out of the three instances, some benefits were salvaged by the voluntary efforts of attendees, to take charge in the void and conduct the workshops. Since most attendees are required to submit a program evaluation to local organization management officials, such adverse condition of the program is disseminated far-and-wide, often creating reluctance to support attendance to future program meetings. Three or four substitute or reserve moderators might very well alleviate such adversities in future meetings.

Panelists - Many comments were made about the great number of non-Hispanic panelists. These were not derogatory comments about non-Hispanic panelists, rather of concern for self-management and effectiveness, as Hispanics surely can better serve the common cause and goals of fellow Hispanics. Conceding key positions as panelists in our own convention is tantamount to unnecessary self-sacrifice and

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compromise of an otherwise unified Hispanic effort. Extensive Hispanic Leadership capability and potential remains untapped.

Environment - Much small talk centered about the location of the convention, with one predominant question - "Why a National Hispanic Convention in Detroit, as opposed to the Southwest - a predominantly Hispanic area of the Continental United States possessing a dynamic environment of growth and progress?"

Entertainment - Your planning committee for the entertainment was great. The person or persons responsible, obviously were local people and knew how to cater to the festive moods of el "Mexicano." Los Mariaches were exceptionally great.

Lodging - Your choice of lodging was superb. No one could have gotten more elegant, better consolidated or a more centralized location.

Please accept these few comments as constructive stepping stones to the future. As initially stated, I am both grateful and appreciative to have been a part of your effort, a most significant contribution to Hispanic Americans, one and all.

Yours truly,



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