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Denver, Colorado

Mr. Alfred J. Hernandez  
Chairman of the Board  
Jobs for Progress, Inc.  
515 Kress Building  
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir,

It is with great regret that I write this letter to inform you that I am tendering my resignation as a Board Member of S.E.R..

I have taken part in this venture with the confidence and faith that it was to be an independent Job Training, Job Placement program that would not only provide employment but preserve the cultural identity and natural dignity of the Mexican-American of the Southwest.

After careful evaluation and consideration I have come to the conclusion that S.E.R. has become just one of another of the many Bureaucratic, red tape, political branches of the Government Administration.

Positions taken by officials of the Labor Department and O.E.O. in regard to S.E.R. have proven the validity of my statements. The original proposal has been refuted and disregarded. The need of the grass-roots people of the Southwest have been ignored. Insistence by these Government Manpower Agencies and capitulation to these demands by S.E.R. employees and Board Members has only led to complete rejection of the original ideals and objectives of S.E.R..

Other reasons for my decision to resign and also related to the above mentioned is that most of the present Board members are employed by the U. S. Government, State or Municipal Government or related power structure organizations. With a composition such as this there can be no objective, dynamic or revolutionary programs initiated. Instead of affording the needed leadership to our people, S.E.R., is offering a gateway to a society that offers hypocrisy, sterilization, castration and neuroses in exchange for the values of integrity that are inherent in our culture.

Many militant people who yesterday cried for justice have claimed the word dedication for their own mercenary gain. It should be more honest to say that in their dictionary, dedication means ambition and a full stomach. Also I might add for the record, that a copy of a letter I received from S.E.R. Regional Director to the Chairman of LULAC's Denver Chapter, answering LULAC's inquiry about information regarding S.E.R. actions, was false, misleading and an insult to my intelligence. I have related information, in the past to Denver's S.E.R. Chairman, but it seems that he has an exclusive hot line to S.E.R. regional office and therefore is fully informed. The hiring of the Skills Bank Director for Colorado was not cleared through me nor was I informed by anyone in the Regional Office, including the Colorado State S.E.R. Director. The Job Fair letter, to notify myself and other involved people, came from Albuquerque the day after the meeting was held. Although I had no intention of going, it seems that efficiency is not up to par.

Finally, I want it understood that to be more specific about the type of people representing the poor from their state, I refuse to be seated on the same board as Alfonso Sanchez, District Attorney for Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, who supposedly represents the people on the S.E.R. Board and persecutes and prosecutes the poor of Northern New Mexico.

I will not compromise my principles, my ideals and my honor to be seated at the same table with hypocrites.

Sincerely,

R. "Corky" Gonzales

RCG/jmd  
cc: Geo Roybal  
Nat'l Bd. Members