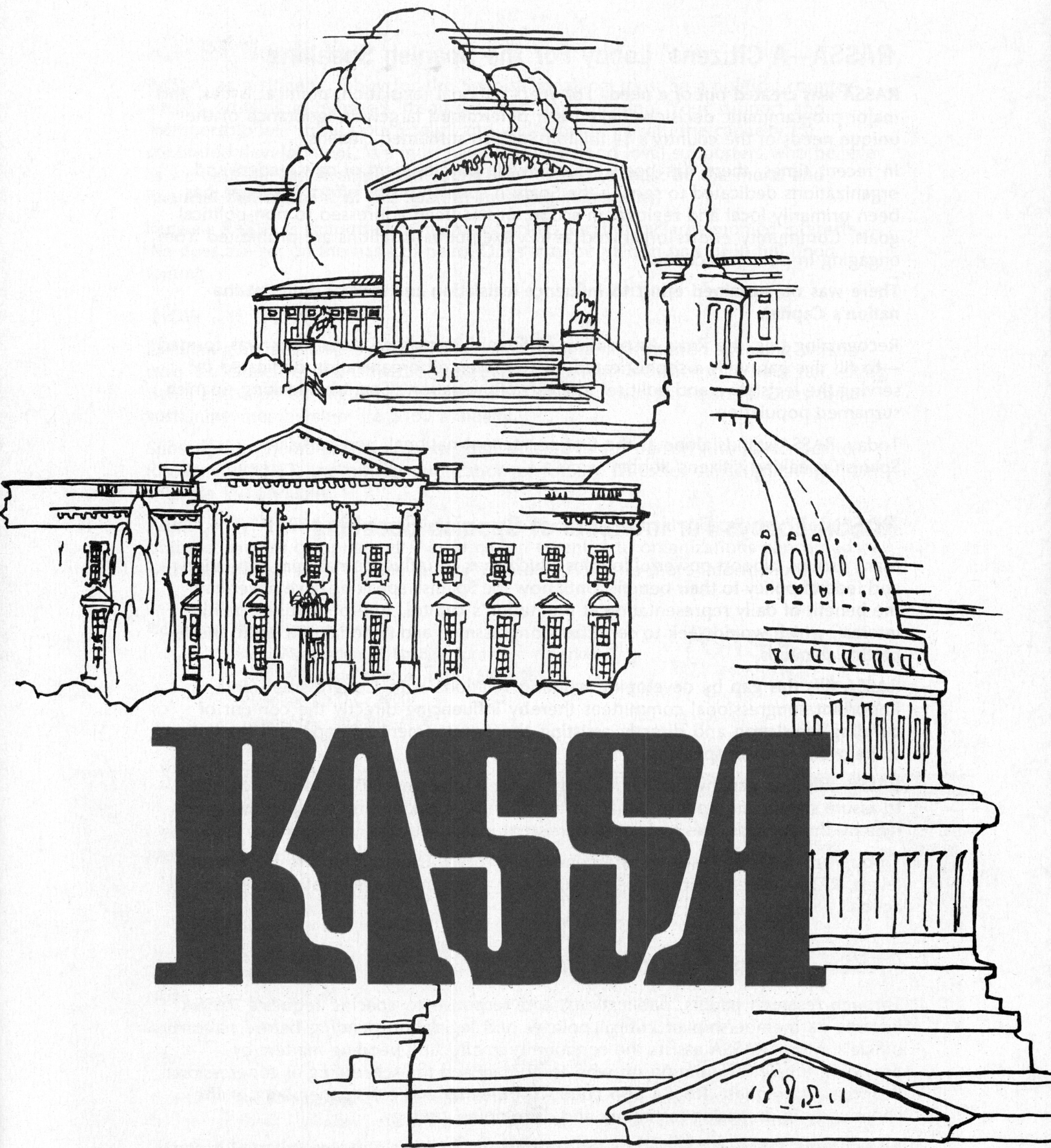




A Citizens' Lobby For the Spanish Speaking

RASSA—A Citizens' Lobby For the Spanish Speaking

RASSA was created out of a need. For years national legislation, political issues, and major programmatic decisions have been determined largely in ignorance of the unique needs of the country's 14 million Spanish surnamed citizens.

In recent times, there has been a nationwide development of new leaders and organizations dedicated to serving the Spanish speaking. This effort, however, has been primarily local and regional in scope, or has been addressed to non-political goals. Community efforts organized as tax exempt associations are prohibited from engaging in political activity.

There was no sustained effort to influence legislation and federal policy at the nation's Capital.

Recognizing this, the Raza Association of Spanish surnamed Americans was formed—to fill this gap with a sophisticated, action-oriented organization dedicated to serving the legislative and political interests of the nation's Spanish speaking, Spanish surnamed population.

Today, RASSA stands alone as the first permanent national, non-partisan Spanish speaking citizens' lobby.

RASSA Lobbys For Interests of Spanish Speaking

Many groups support powerful lobbies which seek to influence national legislation and federal policy to their benefit. Until now the Spanish speaking have never had the benefit of daily representation at the nation's capitol, free of partisan political interest, which would seek to sensitize Congressmen and national officials to their particular needs.

RASSA fills this gap by developing working relations with Congressmen and important congressional committees thereby influencing directly the content of pending legislation and directly assisting the development of important legislation to help the Spanish speaking.

RASSA fills this gap by "watchdogging" federal agencies and national programs to assure significant input in behalf of the Spanish speaking, input which too often falls by the wayside due to lack of persistent daily activity.

Through painstaking research and community survey from the local to the national levels, RASSA develops its priorities and works them into a systematic pattern of action.

RASSA Informs the Community

Through research papers, publications, and response to specific requests RASSA informs its membership of critical policies and legislation pending before national officials. More, RASSA assists the community in affecting pending matters by providing timely information on who to contact and the scheduling of congressional hearings. On request, RASSA also conducts research and assists members of the community in preparing testimony and developing strategy.

As a citizens' lobby, supported by the community, RASSA's only commitment is and will be to the best interests of Spanish-speaking people.

RASSA Needs You

RASSA, as a citizens' lobby for the Spanish speaking, must be a political counter-weight, growing in numbers, resources, and sophistication. Your support and membership will sustain our vitality and will provide us with the capacity for continued development. We must have dedicated and loyal supporters who believe as we believe. **The strength and foundation of RASSA must be the moral and financial commitment of the Spanish-speaking community.**

Because RASSA is supported by its membership and not by large monied interests, the dues are set on the basis of need. Dues may be paid in part or in full upon joining.

How To Belong

Sustaining membership is open to any Spanish surnamed/Spanish speaking person who is a citizen of the United States. Every sustaining member shall have full voting rights and shall be eligible for membership on the Board of Trustees. Dues for a sustaining membership are \$100 annually.

Subscription memberships are extended at large to any person who subscribes to RASSA LOBBYIST, the official publication of RASSA. Dues for subscription membership are \$50 annually.

Additionally, RASSA offers a unique service to organizational subscribers. The essence of these services comprises vital information essential to organizations concerned with the Spanish speaking community. Contact RASSA for more information.

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RASSA MEMBERSHIP FORM

I am in agreement with the purposes of the organization, and in order to insure the effectiveness of RASSA, I hereby choose to participate in the effort by enclosing \$..... in payment of:

- ☐ one year's membership as a sustaining member ⁵⁰ ~~(\$100)~~
- ☐ one year's subscription to RASSA LOBBYIST (subscription membership ²⁵ ~~\$50~~)
- ☐ Please send my organization information on organizational subscriptions

Name Date

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With offices in Washington, D.C., RASSA is governed by a 26-member Board of Trustees, representing more than 17 states, who were elected at a national convention in the summer of 1972. Presently, representatives of over 100 organizations from throughout the country have pledged their formal support to RASSA.

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