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LULAC IMMIGRATION SUMMIT 2006 Draws Local, Regional & National Groups with Combined Membership of 1,000,000

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) has announced that IMMIGRATION SUMMIT 2006 to be held on May 27, 2006 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin has reached an historic mark. The combined membership of all partners and participants in this national event now represents over 1,000,000 people.

IMMIGRATION SUMMIT 2006 will bring together the leaders of business, civil rights, immigration, and religious organizations from across the country for the purposes of coordinating advocacy efforts on behalf of comprehensive immigration reform efforts. "Our partners agree that we need an immigration policy that not only secures our borders, but meets our economic needs and fulfills our country's commitment to human rights in the best of American traditions," said LULAC National President Hector M. Flores.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from so many local, regional and national organizations" said Darryl D. Morin, LULAC Summit Coordinator. "This underscores the will of the American people. They want comprehensive immigration reform that addresses all of the issues up front. They do not want yet another stop gap measure on an already flawed policy that is no longer clear, coherent or consistent," added Morin

Sessions include H.R. 4437, pending legislation in the U.S. Senate, advocacy efforts, as well as testimony from immigrants that have suffered through the injustices of the current system. Confirmed speakers include Congresswoman Gwen Moore, National LULAC President Hector M. Flores, Eric M. Gutierrez Legislative Staff Attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF), J. Traci Hong, Director of Immigration Programs for the Asian American Justice Center, Tamar Jacoby Senior Fellow Manhattan Institute, Dr. Gabriela Lemus, Director of Policy & Legislation for LULAC, Monsignor Robert X. Stiefvater, Episcopal Vicar of Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, John Torres, President of Torres & Company, Dr. Michele Waslin, Director of Immigration Policy Research for the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), and Christine Neuman Ortiz, President of Voces De La Frontera and more.

Summit partners include: Archdiocese of Milwaukee • Esperanza Unida • Irish Apostolate USA • Irish Cultural & Heritage Center • Irish Immigrant Services of Milwaukee • Leadership Conference of Women Religious Legislative Network • Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) • Milwaukee SER Jobs for Progress • School Sisters of Notre Dame Global Justice & Peace Commission • School Sisters of St. Francis • Spanish Centers of Racine, Kenosha and Walworth, Inc. • St. Ben's Ministries of Milwaukee • UMOS • Voces De La Frontera • Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc. • WISDOM Immigration Committee



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IMMIGRATION SUMMIT 2006 will be held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center at 509 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Summit hours are between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Online registration at www.immigrationsummit.org is strongly encouraged to insure a seat at the summit. The admission fee is \$35 per person and includes lunch and beverages. The admission fee will be collected at the door in the form of cash or check. All checks should be made payable to "LULAC Council 326." For more information and for organizations wishing to participate or sponsor the event, please visit www.immigrationsummit.org.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide. LULAC will be holding its 77th National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin starting June 26th through July 1, 2006.

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