

TOWN HALLS

Saturday, July 8, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Toward Immigration Reform and Beyond: Latinos and Labor Unions Working Together

Lead Sponsor: Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Concourse Hall 152

The immigration debate has done a great deal to build new partnerships between Latinos and labor unions. Meet the union leaders who transformed a labor movement that wasn't ready to take a pro-immigrant position into a major force for comprehensive immigration reform. Learn how NCLR and other Latino leaders are engaging with the labor movement to accomplish immigration reform as a step toward a broader agenda for low-wage workers, and find out how you can connect to key campaigns to support Latino workers and energize your community to make change happen.

Moderator: Cecilia Muñoz, Vice President, NCLR Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation

Panelists:

John Wilhelm, President, UNITE HERE!

Eliseo Medina, International Executive Vice President, Service Employees International Union

Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor

Arturo Rodriguez, President, United Farm Workers of America

Irasema Garza, Director of Women's Rights, American Federation of State, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO

Sunday, July 9, 3:30-5:00p

Break the Silence without Fear: Protecting the Latino Family Against HIV/AIDS

Rompe el silencio sin temor: Protegiendo la familia Latina contra el VIH/SIDA

Sponsored by the Office of Minority Health and AltaMed Health Services Corporation

Concourse Hall 152

This Town Hall meeting will focus on HIV/AIDS, with a specific focus on the role of Latina women and their families. Historically, HIV prevention activities in the U.S. have emphasized changing behavior at the individual level. However, these strategies have proven relatively ineffective with Latinos – although Hispanics are 13% of the population, they account for 19% of the total number of new AIDS cases. One possible explanation for this phenomenon is that individually-focused strategies fail to capitalize on the strengths and assets of the Latino family in general, and the mother's crucial role in Hispanic family cohesion in particular. Participants will gain new perspectives on the Latino HIV issue, receive important findings from community-based research conducted with Hispanics, and learn how to apply this new knowledge to shape policy and practice to reduce HIV risk in the Hispanic community.

Moderator: Britt Rios-Ellis, PhD, Director, NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health, Evaluation & Leadership Training

Panelists:

Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis, D-32nd Congressional District, California

Monica Alonso González, MD, PhD, MPH, MHA, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization

Maria C. Rangel, MD, PhD, Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Garth N. Graham, MD, MPH, Dep. Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Office of Minority Health

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Monday, July 10, 3:30-5:00p

Stepping Out and Standing Up: The New Generation of Latino *Líderes*

Co-sponsored by the United States Marine Corps

Concourse Hall 152

Young leaders have played an instrumental role in support of comprehensive immigration reform, and attendees at this Town Hall will hear the voices of remarkable young Latino leaders who will share their experiences in creating real, long-lasting advances for our community. Come hear from a panel of youth who orchestrated some of the recent student walkouts throughout the country; the panel will also respond to the thoughts and questions of established activists and community leaders. Just as the student walkouts in 1968 were a wake-up call to the nation, the walkouts of 2006 show the value that our young people place in education and the commitment they have made to the advancement of the Hispanic community.

Panelists:

NCLR *Líderes* Summit participants

Latino student activists who organized recent marches

Established Hispanic community leaders

Tuesday, July 11, 3:30-5:00p

Leadership Across Communities: Opportunities and Challenges in the 21st Century

Lead Sponsor: GEICO

Concourse Hall 152

Major events in the last year have focused the country's attention on our nation's changing demographics and the intersection of race and poverty. The impact of Hurricane Katrina, the mobilization of immigrants and their supporters throughout the country, and the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and the debate on its reauthorization are all reminders that there are challenges that affect individual groups uniquely – and challenges that we face together. There is a vigorous and vibrant debate in the civil rights community about how to strengthen our relationships and work together and how to address real tensions between communities. This Town Hall meeting will bring leaders of the Latino, African American, and Asian American communities together for honest, open dialogue about the challenges we face as a movement. This session will be taped for national radio broadcast on the award-winning *The Tavis Smiley Show*.

Moderator

Tavis Smiley, *The Tavis Smiley Show*, Public Radio International (PRI)

Panelists:

Antonia Hernandez, President, California Community Foundation

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Founder and President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Inc. (Invited)

Stewart Kwoh, President and Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Legal Center

John Mack, President, Los Angeles Police Commission

Cesar Perales, President and General Counsel, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)

Janet Murguía, President and CEO, NCLR