

Purpose of the NCLR Affiliate Council

The Affiliate Council, serving in an advisory capacity, is the vehicle through which the National Council of La Raza's (NCLR) Affiliates provide input on NCLR policy and operations. The Affiliate Council serves as a voice for, and represents the bond between, NCLR and its most important constituency.

The Affiliate Council advises NCLR on specific issues such as programmatic priorities of the Latino/Hispanic community and the public policy positions of NCLR, and provides guidance on strengthening regional networks and promoting the work of Affiliates. Additionally, the Council provides advice on Affiliate dues, affiliation and disaffiliation procedures, and Affiliate standards of performance and accountability.

The Affiliate Council also provides feedback to the organization on other topics, as considered necessary by NCLR and the Affiliate Council. Council members serve as advocates for the Affiliates in their designated regions.

Selection of Affiliate Council Members

Each NCLR region democratically elects two members, one male and one female, to represent the region. Standard eligibility criteria for candidates require that they are representatives of an Affiliate that has been an NCLR member for more than one year and is current on dues payments and submission of recertification documents. *Additionally, current members of the NCLR Board of Directors are not eligible to hold a position on the Affiliate Council.*