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LULAC requesting Roger Rocha resign

LULAC solicitando la renuncia de Roger Rocha



LULAC National President Roger Rocha Jr. has been asked to resign after he sent a letter to President Donald J. Trump in support of some of his immigration policies. LULAC members felt he was out of line in sending the letter as President of LULAC. Se ha pedido al presidente nacional de LULAC, Roger Rocha Jr., que renuncie después de enviar una carta al presidente Donald J. Trump en apoyo de algunas de sus políticas de inmigración. Los miembros de LULAC sintieron que estaba fuera de línea al enviar la carta como presidente de LULAC.

As of last week NBC news reported that League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Members of the nation's largest Latino civil rights organization still are demanding the resignation of the group's president and its board and CEO repudiated his statements endorsing

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La semana pasada, Noticias NBC informó que miembros de la Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC, por sus siglas en inglés), la organización de derechos civiles latinos más grande del país está exigiendo la renuncia del presidente del grupo. Su junta y director ejecutivo

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Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer wants to bring a new tone to office

El gobernador de Kansas, Jeff Colyer, quiere traer un nuevo tono a la oficina de gobierno



Jeff Colyer was sworn into office as Kansas' new governor on February 1, 2018. The question on Kansan's minds is will Governor Colyer speak out on the issues facing the state with his own agenda or will he continue former Governor Brownback's agenda.

Jeff Colyer fue juramentado al cargo de nuevo gobernador de Kansas el 1 de febrero de 2018. La pregunta en la mente de la gente en Kansas es si el Gobernador Colyer hablará sobre los problemas que enfrenta el estado con su propia agenda o si continuará la agenda del ex gobernador Brownback.

BY DEBRA DeCOSTER

"Today is a new day in Kansas. It's time for a new tone that reflects the best of our state," said Jeff Colyer after being sworn into office as Kansas's new governor on February 1, 2018.

Colyer replaces former Republican Governor Sam Brownback after he stepped down from office to become the U.S. Ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom.

"I am glad to see our governor (Brownback) leaving. I think it would have been fair to our state if he had just resigned earlier before we went back in session," said Kansas state

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TRADUCE GEMMA TORNERO

"Hoy es un nuevo día en Kansas. Es hora de un nuevo tono, que refleje lo mejor de nuestro estado", dijo Jeff Colyer después de asumir el cargo como nuevo gobernador de Kansas, el 1 de febrero de 2018.

Colyer reemplaza al ex gobernador republicano Sam Brownback, después de que renunció a la oficina para convertirse en Embajador General de EU para la Libertad Religiosa Internacional (International Religious Freedom).

"Me alegra ver que nuestro gobernador (Brownback) se va. Creo que habría sido justo para nuestro estado si hubiera dimitido

EL GOVERNADOR COLYER ... / PÁGINA 2

Get a flu shot, now. There is still time, says AMAC

Obtenga ya una vacuna contra la gripe. Todavía hay tiempo, dice AMAC



There is still time to get a flu shot... better late than never. It could save lives. Seniors, especially those 65 years of age or older, are at greater risk of complications from influenza because their immune systems grow weaker with age.

Todavía hay tiempo para vacunarse contra la gripe ... más vale tarde que nunca. Podría salvar vidas. Las personas mayores, especialmente aquellas de 65 años o más, corren un mayor riesgo de sufrir complicaciones debido a que su sistema inmune se debilita con la edad.

WASHINGTON, DC - Senior citizen advocate Dan Weber has issued a call for the elderly, in particular, to get a flu shot if they haven't done so already. He says it is not too late. The flu season began earlier than usual this year and is expected to last for months.

"There's still time and, as the saying goes, better late than never. It could save lives. Seniors, especially those 65 years of age or older, are at greater risk of complications from influenza because their immune systems grow weaker with age," according to Weber, who is president of the Association

WASHINGTON, DC - El defensor de las personas de la tercera edad, Dan Weber, hizo un llamado para que los ancianos, en particular, se vacunen contra la gripe si aún no lo han hecho. Él dice que no es demasiado tarde.

La temporada de gripe comenzó antes de lo habitual este año y se espera que dure por meses.

"Todavía hay tiempo y, como dice el refrán, más vale tarde que nunca. Podría salvar vidas. Las personas mayores, especialmente aquellas de 65 años o más, corren un mayor riesgo de complicaciones debido a

of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

A worldwide flu pandemic occurred in 1918-1919, leaving between 50 and 100 million people dead-three percent of the world's population at the time, historian Dan Jones noted in a recent article. There was no vaccine at that time.

No one can predict how long the flu season will last this time around. But, we have vaccines to help significantly reduce the number of people who can become infected with the influenza virus. In fact, even if you get the flu after being vaccinated, the

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que su sistema inmunológico se debilita con la edad", según Weber, quien es presidente de la Asociación de Ciudadanos Americanos Maduros [AMAC].

Una pandemia de gripe en todo el mundo se produjo en 1918-1919, dejando entre 50 y 100 millones de personas muertas, el 3% de la población mundial en ese momento, señaló el historiador Dan Jones en un artículo reciente. No hubo vacuna en ese momento. Nadie puede predecir cuánto durará la temporada de gripe esta vez. Pero

LA VACUNA ... / PÁGINA 8

Governor Colyer will run for re election this fall

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Senator Pat Pettey, 6th District.

Kansas House Representative Louis Ruiz, 32nd District agrees with Senator Pettey about former Governor Brownback.

"It's sad that Brownback didn't leave last year," he said.

Legislators are waiting to see if Governor Colyer will continue to carry on Brownback's legacy or if he will step into the limelight with an agenda that will move Kansas forward.

Many in the House and Senate are skeptical if he will deviate from Brownback's policies.

The question on Kansans minds is will Governor Colyer speak out on the issues facing the state with his own agenda or will he continue former Governor Brownback agenda.

After his first day in office, Governor Colyer said he plans to make a major announcement on how he will organize the

governor's office and he will be meeting with legislators to discuss the issues before them.

Colyer inaugural speech avoided policy issues; instead he spoke about service to others, the Rwandan Genocide, transparency and accountability in the government, but gave no details on how he intends to achieve an environment of openness, honesty and respect.

Senator Pat Pettey is watching Governor Colyer to see where he will stand on the issues of education and mental health in Kansas.

"As Lt. Governor he has stood steadfast with the governor (Brownback). Time will tell. The Supreme Court deadline is approaching. Brownback said in his state of the state address he wanted to see \$600 million put in education over five years. That sounds good but that is too long a period of time. If that is Colyer's approach on the issue, that is too long," said Pettey.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled last October that funding for public schools remains constitutionally inadequate. Former Governor Brownback proposed phasing in a \$513 million increase over five years and relying on growth in state revenues to pay for it.

During Governor Colyer's swearing in speech, he did not

address how he will approach the issues that face the state, but he did say, "I will not be responsible for shutting down the Kansas government or our schools. This is not Washington."

Kansas Representative Louis Ruiz is watching the change over of Governors closely.

"The Supreme Court is coming in and saying this is how you need to delegate the funds for education. I think he will wait and see before he moves on education," he said.

During his first day in office, Governor Colyer told KMBC 9 reporter Michael Mahoney, that he met with Republican and Democratic leaders in Topeka, Kansas to talk about the schools.

"The first thing I did was to say what do you want to do, what can you pass, where do we work together. We will be outlining some principals next week on how can we move forward," said Governor Colyer.

Ruiz told Hispanic News that people will be watching Colyer as it is an election year.

"He (Colyer) should have been observing all along on the issues, he needs to hit the floor running... education is suffering, childhood health is suffering, he is a doctor, we will see how he stands on health care and how he as a doctor...what are his views on helping the poor people with health care and helping

children," he said.

The Kansas Health Institute published online their concerns about funding cuts to Kansas mental health centers.

"The message that people need to hear is that budget and policy decisions have consequences," said Mike Garrett, CEO of Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Tim DeWeese, executive director of the Johnson County Mental Health Center, said "inadequate funding for the past six years and the state's rejection of cancer expansion have significantly reduced the capacity of a mental health system that once was among the nation's best."

Senator Pat Pettey would like to see Governor Colyer support mental health funding and provide funding for the schools to set up a support staff in elementary schools that could address mental health at an earlier age.

Over the years as the budget for education has been reduced, schools have had to make cuts and one area that the cuts have been made in administration.

"Administration is not just principals and superintendents, it is your counselors, your nurses, support staff that we need to help students," she said.

Senator Pettey and other legislators would also like to see support for mental health counselors on staff at

elementary schools in Kansas to help students earlier in life deal with pressures of home, peer pressures and school.

"We don't know what drives any person to make that fatal decision where they felt their life wasn't important. It probably did not start on that day; it is something that has been growing. High school is too late to deal with mental health issues, it is important to have counselors at elementary schools and have those opportunities early. There are a lot of things going on with kids as they get older and become teenagers, they need to have the opportunity within their families and their schools to feel valued," she said.

At this time, Pettey said she will wait and see how he does on the major issues facing the state. In his inaugural speech, Colyer has promised to not shy away from the big issues.

"When others blame and complain, I'll be working for you, trying to find solutions," he said.

In media interviews, conservative members of the Legislature said they hoped Colyer wouldn't stray too far from Brownback's ideology.

Representative John Whitmer, R-Wichita, hopes to see conservative leadership in Colyer administration.

"I think in the past

he certainly has been a conservative. He's got a clean slate, so this will be a good chance for him to prove himself," said Whitmer.

Governor Colyer announced last August that he would run for election in the fall of 2018. He will be facing a large field of Republican and Democratic candidates in the Primary.

On the day that Colyer was sworn into office, the Kansas Democratic Party released a website criticizing Jeff Colyer. The website Jeff Colyer: Brownback Clone claims that families in Kansas will face the same Brownback disaster.

The site states—"Brownback and Colyer worked side by side over the last seven years to dismantle Kansas' economy, schools and roads."

As constituents consider who should have the governors' title, Rep. Ruiz said, "voters should look at the issues and see where the candidates stand. Decide what issues are important to you and learn the governor's telephone number, his email, learn who his staff is and make the governor and his staff hear you and held accountable."

Senator Pettey added that "if people don't go to the polls and vote then they are giving up their rights as a citizen to make and be part of the solution."

El gobernador Colyer se postulará para reelección este otoño

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antes de volver a la sesión", dijo la senadora estatal de Kansas por el 6to. Distrito, Pat Pettey.



El Representante de la Cámara de Kansas, Louis Ruiz, del Distrito 32do. está de acuerdo con la senadora Pettey respecto al ex gobernador Brownback".

"Es triste que Brownback no se haya ido el año pasado", dijo.

Los legisladores están esperando ver si el Gobernador Colyer continuará con el legado de Brownback o si entrará en el centro de atención con una agenda que hará avanzar a Kansas.

Muchos en la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado se muestran escépticos si es que se desvía de las políticas de Brownback.

La pregunta en las mentes de los residentes de Kansas, es si el Gobernador Colyer, hablará sobre los problemas que enfrenta el estado con su propia agenda o continuará con la agenda del ex gobernador Brownback.

Después de su primer día en el cargo, el Gobernador Colyer dijo que planea hacer un gran anuncio sobre cómo organizará la oficina del gobernador y se reunirá con los legisladores para discutir los asuntos que

tienen ante sí.

El discurso inaugural de Colyer evitó los problemas de política; en cambio, habló sobre el servicio a los demás, el genocidio de Ruanda, la transparencia y la rendición de cuentas en el gobierno, pero no dio detalles sobre cómo pretende lograr un ambiente de apertura, honestidad y respeto.

La Senadora Pat Pettey, observa de cerca al Gobernador Colyer para ver cuál es su postura en los problemas de educación y salud mental en Kansas.

"Como Vicegobernador se ha mantenido firme con el gobernador (Brownback). El tiempo dirá. La fecha límite de la Corte Suprema se acerca. Brownback dijo en su informe de gobierno estatal que quería ver invertidos \$ 600 millones en educación durante cinco años. Eso suena bien, pero ese es un período de tiempo demasiado largo. Si ese es el enfoque de Colyer sobre el tema, eso es demasiado tiempo", dijo Pettey.

La Corte Suprema de Kansas dictaminó en octubre pasado, que el financiamiento para las escuelas públicas sigue siendo constitucionalmente inadecuado. El ex gobernador Brownback propuso introducir gradualmente un aumento de \$ 513 millones en cinco años y apoyarse en el crecimiento de los ingresos estatales para pagarlo.

Durante las palabras de juramentación del Gobernador Colyer, no habló de cómo abordará los problemas que enfrenta el estado, pero él sí dijo: "No seré

responsable de cerrar el gobierno de Kansas o nuestras escuelas. Esto no es Washington".

El Representante de Kansas, Louis Ruiz, está observando de cerca el cambio de gobernadores.

"La Corte Suprema viene y dice que así es como se deben delegar los fondos para la educación. Creo que él esperará y verá antes de avanzar en el tema de educación", dijo.

Durante su primer día en el cargo, el Gobernador Colyer le dijo al reportero de KMBC 9, Michael Mahoney, que se reunió con líderes republicanos y demócratas en Topeka, Kansas para hablar sobre las escuelas.

"Lo primero que hice fue decir qué es lo que quiero hacer, qué leyes se pueden pasar, dónde trabajamos juntos. Vamos a delinear algunos principios la próxima semana sobre cómo podemos avanzar", dijo el Gobernador Colyer. Ruiz le dijo a Hispanic News que la gente estará mirando a Colyer ya que es un año de elecciones.

Él (Colyer) debió haber estado observando todo el tiempo los problemas, él necesita comenzar a avanzar ... la educación está sufriendo, la salud de la niñez está sufriendo, él es un médico, veremos su postura en la atención médica y cómo es como médico ... ¿cuáles son sus puntos de vista sobre ayudar a los pobres en el cuidado a la salud y cómo ayudar a los niños" dijo.

El Instituto de Salud de Kansas publicó en línea sus preocupaciones sobre los recortes de fondos

en los centros de salud mental de Kansas.

"El mensaje que la gente necesita escuchar es que las decisiones del presupuesto y las políticas tienen consecuencias", dijo Mike Garrett, director ejecutivo del Centro de Salud Horizontes Mentales, en Hutchinson, Kansas.

Tim DeWeese, director ejecutivo del Centro de Salud Mental del Condado de Johnson, dijo que "la financiación inadecuada en los últimos seis años y, el rechazo estatal de la expansión del cáncer, han reducido significativamente la capacidad de un sistema de salud que alguna vez estuvo entre los mejores de la nación".

La Senadora Pat Pettey desea que el Gobernador Colyer apoye el financiamiento a la salud mental y provea fondos para que las escuelas establezcan un personal de apoyo en escuelas primarias, para que puedan abordar la salud mental a una edad más temprana.

A lo largo de los años, a medida que se redujo el presupuesto para la educación, las escuelas tuvieron que hacer recortes y un área en la que se hicieron los recortes es la administración.

"La administración no se trata solo de directores y superintendentes, son sus consejeros, sus enfermeras, el personal de apoyo que necesitamos para ayudar a los estudiantes", dijo.

La Senadora Pettey, y otros legisladores también, quisieran ver apoyo para consejeros de salud mental en el personal de las escuelas primarias en Kansas,

para ayudar a los estudiantes a lidiar con las presiones del hogar, las presiones de los compañeros y la escuela.

"No sabemos qué impulsa a cualquier persona a tomar esa decisión fatal, cuando sienten que su vida no es importante. Probablemente no comenzó ese día; es algo que ha estado creciendo. La escuela preparatoria es demasiado tarde para tratar problemas de salud mental, es importante tener consejeros en las escuelas primarias y tener esas oportunidades temprano. Están pasando muchas cosas con los niños a medida que crecen y se vuelven adolescentes, necesitan tener la oportunidad dentro de sus familias y escuelas de sentirse valorados", dijo.

En este momento, Pettey dijo que esperará y verá cómo lo hace (Colyer) en los principales problemas que enfrenta el estado. En su discurso inaugural, Colyer prometió no rehuir los grandes problemas.

"Cuando otros culpan y se quejan, yo trabajaré para ustedes, tratando de encontrar soluciones", dijo.

En entrevistas a los medios, miembros conservadores de la Legislatura dijeron que esperaban que Colyer no se alejara demasiado de la ideología de Brownback.

El representante John Whitmer, R-Wichita, espera ver un liderazgo conservador en la administración de Colyer.

"Creo que en el pasado ciertamente él ha sido un conservador. Tiene que hacer un borrón y cuenta nueva, por lo que ésta será una

buena oportunidad para demostrar su valía", dijo Whitmer.

El Gobernador Colyer anunció en agosto pasado que se presentaría a las elecciones del otoño de 2018. Se enfrentará a una gran gama de candidatos republicanos y demócratas en las elecciones primarias.

El día en que Colyer juró para su cargo, el Partido Demócrata de Kansas lanzó un sitio electrónico criticando a Jeff Colyer. El sitio electrónico decía Jeff Colyer: el clon de Brownback afirma que las familias en Kansas enfrentarán el mismo desastre de Brownback.

El sitio declara: "Brownback y Colyer trabajaron codo a codo durante los últimos siete años para dismantlar la economía, las escuelas y las carreteras de Kansas". Mientras que los electores consideran quién debería tener el título de gobernador, dijo el representante Ruiz, "los votantes deberían ver los problemas y ver cuál es la postura de los candidatos. Decida qué asuntos son importantes para usted y apréndase el número de teléfono del gobernador, su correo electrónico, conozca a su personal y haga que el gobernador y su personal lo escuchen y le rindan cuentas".

La Senadora Pettey agregó que, "si la gente no va a las urnas y votan, entonces están renunciando a sus derechos como ciudadanos para hacer y ser parte de la solución".

“Rare Hispanic politician reaches higher”

BY RAOUL LOWERY CONTRERAS

Hispanics -- 58-million strong -- are represented at all levels of American society, business, professions, street and homeless populations, criminal gangs, law enforcement, the military and a few in politics. They are everywhere. They live in big cities, small towns and rural agricultural districts. Wherever they live, they provide manpower and energy that make economies hum, run and produce. They also own and man thousands of restaurants serving America’s favorite food, Mexican food. But few Hispanics are active in government and politics, especially high level politics. Around 6,100 Hispanics hold elected public office in the U.S. according to NALEO, the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. The 6,100 include water district and school board members up to and including governors and United States Senators. The Hispanic vote’s base is 28 million registered Hispanic voters. Other than in New Mexico, the most Hispanic state, however, there are no huge concentrations of Hispanic voters except for a congressional district here and there. Three Hispanics are U.S. Senators and 28 are in the House of Representatives. At the local level, 2,322 serve on

boards of education and 1,766n serve as elected municipal officials. Considering though that it wasn’t too long ago the Mexican American citizens were not permitted to vote, serve on juries or hold government jobs in Texas (Hernandez v. Texas), for example, and Puerto Ricans on the island can’t vote in federal elections (but can on the mainland) the governors of New Mexico (Susana Martinez) and Nevada (Brian Sandoval) are Mexican Americans today. A hundred years ago, New Mexico entered the United States and promptly elected a Mexican American Governor and U.S. Senator. Before that, California had elected Mexican American state legislators, a Mexican American state controller and Lt. Governor (who inherited the Governorship), the first Mexican American congressman who went on to be the first Mexican American – Hispanic – United States ambassador to several foreign countries. All told, there might be 250 Hispanic state legislators throughout the country; there are Hispanic congress people including three U.S. Senators, Marco Rubio (R-Florida), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) and Robert Menendez (D-New Jersey) and 28 congress people. Of course, there are some Hispanic Presidentially-appointed cabinet officers in the

succession line for President have and are serving with the highest ranking Hispanic government officer ever being President Bush’s Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, 5th in Presidential succession. Nonetheless, until recent years, few Hispanics have ever jumped off the newspaper front page as a politician of real consequence (Rubio and Governors Sandoval (R-NV) and Martinez (R-New Mexico, have, of course). A Puerto Rican born, Mormon raised and educated (Brigham Young University) small town immigration lawyer from Idaho (Idaho?) surprised the political world when he defeated a popular candidate for congress in 2010 as a Tea Party supported Republican. Raul L. Labrador, Esq., is his name. He surprised the political world again when he announced his candidacy for the Congress’ and Republican Party’s Majority Leader of the House, a job vacated by primary-defeated Eric Cantor. Kevin McCarthy won the job; California Congressman Kevin McCarthy, is perhaps the most popular congressman in the Republican House. Labrador lost because there is no conservative cabal large enough to beat the Establishment in its own house. For 228 years, Congress-- which respects length of service, seniority more than

any other institution in the Republic, Congress is spelled E-S-T-A-B-L-I-S-H-M-E-N-T. Certainly, back-bencher Steve King (R-Iowa) and 39 Southern and other ultra-right congressman (the kind that used to keep Blacks and Hispanics from voting) cabal of Neanderthal congress people will complain and continue to be congressional pests without one of their own in the House leadership, but it won’t matter much. McCarthy is critical for immigration reform; 30% of his Bakersfield, California district is Mexican American and they have helped elect him to the California state legislature and

to Congress. Labrador has made contributions by being an honest challenger to the Establishment; he did not burn his political bridges when he lost the Majority Leader race. As long as he stays cool and ignores Iowa’s King and his Loony Tunes friends, Hispanic Raul L. Labrador has a future outside Congress; his future is being elected Idaho’s next governor. He is one of the many Republicans in the House that are retiring or running for higher office in this 2018 midterm. The difference that sets Labrador aside, is he’s Hispanic, a Hispanic Republican with solid conservative credentials. Labrador

stands an excellent chance of being elected. With the departure of term-limited Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, the role of role model Hispanic male governor will be filled well by my namesake “Raul” Labrador of Idaho. Idaho? Contreras is the author of THE ARMENIAN LOBBY & U.S. FOREIGN POLICY (Berkeley Press 2017) and THE MEXICAN BORDER: IMMIGRATION, WAR AND A TRILLION DOLLARS IN TRADE (Florico Press 2016); he formerly wrote for the New American News Service of the New York Times



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LULAC board met last week to discuss Rocha’s action and future

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President Donald Trump’s demands for a border wall, visa restrictions and other immigration measures. The LULAC six Midwest state directors demanded the immediate resignation of LULAC national President Roger Rocha Jr. for telling Trump in an official letter that LULAC supports his immigration plan.

The LULAC Young Adults and Collegiate LULAC and LULAC California District 17 council also demanded his resignation. Rocha’s support for Trump’s immigration plan drew immediate backlash from volunteer members of LULAC councils around the country, according to a statement provided to NBC News by Midwest Region officers. “A motion was made and passed by the six LULAC Midwest State Directors, National Vice President for Elderly and National Midwest Vice President to demand that LULAC National President Roger Rocha Jr. do the following: 1. Retract the letter sent to U.S. President Trump; 2. Formally apologize to the national board for his action and 3. Resign immediately,” the Midwest group said in a statement. The young adults and collegiate LULAC members reminded Rocha many LULAC members would be direct beneficiaries of a DREAM Act. In a letter to him and shared with NBC News, they said they felt he had betrayed them and their work organizing communities.

“Your resignation will ensure that our credibility as advocates will not

suffer further damage as consequence of your recent or future actions,” the LULAC Young Adult delegation said in its letter. The board met last Thursday to discuss Rocha’s action and future. No decision was made but the board meets again later this month. Rocha told NBC News on Wednesday that he would be retracting the letter. Should Rocha refuse to resign, the LULAC Constitution stipulates a process for removing him by suspension, impeachment or removal of national officers. Some leaders said their members want to see the board move forward with that process in the event Rocha refuses to resign. The LULAC constitution requires that the complaints be made and then brought to a hearing.

“The thing I’m hearing from my community now is that they want LULAC, what they feel is it is a democratic organization where no bully can get away with abuse,” said Joe Enriquez Henry, National Vice President, Midwest Region. “What they see in Roger is what they have seen before in the work environment and elsewhere ... They seem him as a bully. They see him as Trumpster and they want us to take care of it right away. The community does not want another Trump.” In a Jan. 28 letter written on LULAC letterhead, Rocha backed Trump’s calls for more border security, including a border wall, drastically fewer visas for legal immigration and the

elimination of the visa lottery. In a statement, the LULAC board made clear those were not the official positions of the group. “The League of United Latin American Citizens has long supported the passage of a clean DREAM Act that would provide a pathway to citizenship for 1.8 million immigrants who were brought to this country as children by their parents and have graduated from high school,” the LULAC board said in its

US/Mexico border,” “efforts to force state and local governments to enforce federal immigration laws,” and “opposing the increased detention of undocumented immigrants.” In a letter from Roger C. Rocha, Jr. LULAC National President, wrote to the LULAC members, community and DREAMERS, Let me begin by expressing my sincerest regret and apology for any hurt my actions in writing a letter to the



statement. LULAC said its position has been clear, that the DREAM Act should not be coupled with border enforcement measures or elimination of family-based visas, which help citizens and legal residents sponsor family members to migrate to the U.S.

The board stated that its National Assembly also has adopted resolutions opposing “Trump’s offensive border wall along the

President of the United States may have caused you. I am beyond hurt when I say that what I meant to be the best of intentions has turned into the worst mistake of my life. My intent was to keep our ongoing dialogue moving forward with the White House for a solution to benefit our community and keep out proposals that would be harmful. I want to be very clear on this....I would never intentionally do

anything to harm our organization and our community.

I want to explain to you, the events that led up to my action of sending out the letter. For over a year, I have been demanding a seat at the table in the White House to allow LULAC to be at the table for discussions that affect our community. We secured that seat. I have reported to the National Board that we have had meetings with members of the Administration and key members of Congress discussing border security and immigration. These efforts proved fruitful. As we approach the eleventh hour of February the 8th, a deadline set by this administration, our recommendation of moving the needle from protecting 800,000 DACA recipients to 1.8 million was accepted. Our recommendation on border security went from President Trump’s physical wall to a wall of technology and more boots on the ground. Both Democrats and Republican members of Congress support this type of plan. With respect to family-based migration we are continuing to negotiate our position for a permanent solution that allows for family reunification which is a key component of our LULAC platform.

I wrote my letter believing that with all the collective knowledge acquired during all these meetings, it may well be our last chance to save and protect our dreamers and immigrant community. I wrote my letter with the

intent to continue our dialogue and hopefully be able to present such a strong argument that both members of Congress and the Administration would change their positions. I should have consulted with members of the Executive Committee for guidance on this. To my detriment I did not, and I alone created the chaos and misinformation we have today. Despite what you may have read or heard, I do not now, or have I ever supported a physical Wall on the Mexican / US Border. I support the reunification of families who have been split apart by deportation and all issues for which LULAC stands for.

I close with this. I am truly sorry to all members of LULAC and our organization for the pain I have caused each and every one of you. This was not done with malicious intent. I have never turned my back on the DREAMER and Immigrant Community and never will. God Bless. The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation’s largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 1,000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC’s programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. For more information, visit www.LULAC.org.

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La junta de LULAC se reunió la semana pasada para analizar las acciones y el futuro de Rocha

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repudiaron sus declaraciones respaldando las demandas del presidente Donald Trump de un muro fronterizo, restricciones de visa y otras medidas de inmigración. Los seis directores estatales de LULAC exigieron la renuncia inmediata del presidente nacional de LULAC, Roger Rocha Jr., por decirle a Trump en una carta oficial que LULAC apoya su plan de inmigración.

Adultos Jóvenes y Colegiados de LULAC, y el Distrito 17 de California LULAC también exigieron su renuncia. El apoyo de Rocha al plan de inmigración de Trump provocó reacciones negativas inmediatas por parte de miembros voluntarios de los consejos de LULAC en todo el país, según un comunicado proporcionado a Noticias NBC por oficiales de Midwest Region.

“Los seis Directores Estatales del Medio Oeste de LULAC, el Vicepresidente Nacional de Ancianos y el Vicepresidente Nacional del Medio Oeste hicieron una moción para que el presidente nacional de LULAC, Roger Rocha Jr., haga lo siguiente: 1. Se retracte de la carta enviada al presidente estadounidense Trump; 2. Se disculpe formalmente ante el consejo nacional por su acción y 3. Renuncie inmediatamente”, dijo el grupo Midwest en un comunicado. Los jóvenes adultos y los miembros colegiados de LULAC le recordaron a Rocha que muchos miembros de LULAC

serían beneficiarios directos del DREAM Act. En una carta para él y compartida con Noticias NBC, dijeron que sentían que los había traicionado a ellos y a su trabajo organizando comunidades.

“Su renuncia garantizará que nuestra credibilidad como defensores no sufra más daños como consecuencia de sus acciones recientes o futuras”, dijo en su carta la delegación de adultos jóvenes de LULAC.

La junta se reunió el jueves pasado para analizar las acciones y el futuro de Rocha. No se tomó ninguna decisión, pero la junta se reunirá nuevamente más adelante este mes. Rocha le dijo a Noticias NBC el miércoles que se retractará de la carta. En caso de que Rocha se rehusara a renunciar, la Constitución de LULAC estipula un proceso para removerlo por suspensión, juicio político o remoción de oficiales nacionales. Algunos líderes dijeron que sus miembros quieren que la junta avance con ese proceso en el caso de que Rocha se niegue a renunciar. La constitución de LULAC requiere que las quejas se presenten y luego se lleven a una audiencia.

“Lo que estoy escuchando de mi comunidad ahora, es que quieren que LULAC, a quien ven como una organización democrática y donde ningún agresor (bully) puede salirse con la suya”, dijo Joe Enriquez Henry, Vicepresidente Nacional de la Región Medio Oeste. “Lo que

ven en Roger es lo que han visto antes en el ambiente de trabajo y en otros lugares ... Lo ven como un agresor (bully). Lo ven como a Trumpster y quieren que nos encarguemos de inmediato. La comunidad no quiere otro Trump”. En una carta del 28 de enero escrita con membrete de LULAC, Rocha respaldó los pedidos de Trump de más seguridad fronteriza, incluyendo un muro fronterizo, drásticamente menos visas para inmigración legal y la eliminación de la lotería de visas. En una declaración, el directorio de LULAC dejó en claro que esos no eran las posturas oficiales del grupo. “La Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos ha apoyado durante mucho tiempo la aprobación de un DREAM Act limpio que proporcionaría un camino a la ciudadanía para 1.8 millones de inmigrantes fueron traídos a este país siendo niños por sus padres y se han graduado de la escuela preparatoria”, dijo el consejo de LULAC en su declaración. LULAC dijo que su postura ha sido clara, que el DREAM Act no debería combinarse con medidas de cumplimiento fronterizo o eliminación de visas basadas en familias, que ayudan a ciudadanos y residentes legales a patrocinar a miembros de la familia a emigrar a los Estados Unidos.

La junta declaró que su Asamblea Nacional también adoptó resoluciones que se oponen al “muro fronterizo ofensivo de Trump a lo largo

de la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México”, “los esfuerzos para obligar a los gobiernos estatales y locales a aplicar las leyes federales de inmigración” y “a oponerse al aumento de la detención de inmigrantes indocumentados”. “En una carta que Roger C. Rocha, Jr., Presidente Nacional de LULAC, escribió a los miembros de LULAC, a la comunidad y a los DREAMERS: “Permítanme comenzar expresando mi más sincero arrepentimiento y mis disculpas por cualquier daño que mis acciones al escribir una carta al Presidente de la Estados Unidos puede haberte causado. Estoy más que dolido al decirles que lo que querían ser las mejores intenciones se han convertido en el peor error de mi vida. Mi intención era mantener nuestro diálogo continuo, avanzando con la Casa Blanca en busca de una solución para beneficiar a nuestra comunidad y mantener fuera las propuestas que serían perjudiciales. Quiero ser muy claro en esto Nunca haría nada intencionalmente para dañar a nuestra organización y nuestra comunidad.

Quiero explicarles los eventos que me llevaron a enviar la carta. Durante más de un año, he estado exigiendo un lugar en la mesa de negociaciones de la Casa Blanca, para permitir que LULAC esté presente en las discusiones que afectan a nuestra comunidad. Aseguramos ese lugar. He informado a la Junta Nacional que hemos

tenido reuniones con miembros de la Administración y miembros clave del Congreso para discutir una mayor seguridad con los estudiantes e inmigración. Estos esfuerzos resultaron fructíferos. A medida que nos acercamos a la undécima hora del 8 de febrero, un plazo establecido por esta administración, nuestra recomendación de mover la aguja para proteger de 800 mil beneficiarios de DACA a 1.8 millones, fue aceptada. Nuestra recomendación sobre la seguridad de los estudiantes pasó de la pared física del presidente Trump a una pared de tecnología y más soldados en tierra enemiga. Tanto los demócratas como los miembros republicanos del Congreso apoyan este tipo de plan. Con respecto a la migración familiar, seguimos negociando nuestra postura para una solución permanente que permita la reunificación familiar, que es un componente clave de nuestra plataforma LULAC.

Escribí mi carta creyendo que con todo el conocimiento colectivo adquirido durante todas estas reuniones, podría ser nuestra última oportunidad de salvar y proteger a nuestros Soñadores y a la comunidad de inmigrantes. Escribí mi carta con la intención de continuar nuestro diálogo y, con un poco de suerte, presentar un argumento tan sólido que tanto los miembros del Congreso como la Administración cambiarían sus posturas. Debí haber consultado con los

miembros del Comité Ejecutivo para obtener orientación sobre esto. En mi perjuicio, no lo hice, y yo solo creé el caos y la desinformación que tenemos hoy. A pesar de lo que pudo haber leído o escuchado; no ahora, ni antes, he apoyado un muro físico en la frontera México/ Estados Unidos. Apoyo la reunificación de familias que se han separado por deportación y todos los asuntos que representa LULAC.

Cierro con esto. Realmente lo siento por todos los miembros de LULAC y nuestra organización, por el dolor que les causé a todos y cada uno de ustedes. Esto no fue hecho con intenciones maliciosas. Nunca le he dado la espalda a DREAMER ni a la comunidad inmigrante y nunca lo haré. Dios los bendiga. La Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC) es la organización de derechos civiles más grande y más antigua del país que apoya a los hispanoamericanos y construye comunidades latinas fuertes. Con sede en Washington, DC, con 1,000 consejos alrededor de los Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico, los programas, servicios y defensa de LULAC abordan los problemas más importantes para los latinos, satisfaciendo las necesidades críticas de hoy y del futuro. Para obtener más información, visite www.LULAC.org.

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Flu shot outweigh the risks of not getting vaccinated

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shot will significantly reduce its symptoms among those who had recently received influenza vaccine as compared to those who had not, says American Society for Microbiology. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Dr. Andrea Chisholm is an OB/GYN at the Cambridge Health Alliance and a Clinical Instructor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Harvard Medical School. She says that the risks associated with the flu far outweigh the risks of not getting vaccinated, even among pregnant women.

Dr. Chisholm says "getting vaccinated against the flu during pregnancy has benefits for your baby as well. Newborns,

like pregnant women, are more likely to get seriously ill or even die if they get the flu. Your baby can't get a flu shot until 6 months of age. However, if you get the flu vaccine during pregnancy you will pass antibodies to your baby that will protect him or her from the flu in the first few months of life."

The Centers for Disease Control issued a statement at a news briefing on January 12 in which Dr. Daniel Jernigan, director of CDC's Influenza Division, said that while "not everyone needs to get antiviral drugs, but there are certain people that should. CDC recommends that people who are very sick or people with flu symptoms who are high-risk for serious flu complications should be treated as soon as possible with flu antiviral drugs. Who are those

people? That means people that are 65 and older. It means young children. It means people with chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease or asthma. It means pregnant women and others more vulnerable to serious flu illness."

While Dr. Chisholm and the CDC advise pregnant women to get flu shots, Weber says expectant mothers should consult their OB/GYNs before being vaccinated.

Weber points out that several recent studies have shown that the flu vaccine reduces the risk of catching the flu by 40% to 60% among the general population. "So, it is advised that anyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated should do so as soon as possible."

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Health officials also say, it is important for children to get a flu shot, even if you get the flu after being vaccinated. The shot will significantly reduce its symptoms among those who had recently received influenza vaccine as compared to those who have not.

Los funcionarios de salud también dicen que es importante que los niños se vacunen contra la gripe, incluso si contrae la gripe después de vacunarse. La vacuna reducirá significativamente sus síntomas entre los que recibieron recientemente la vacuna contra la influenza en comparación con los que no la recibieron.

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La vacuna contra la gripe supera los riesgos de no vacunarse

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tenemos vacunas para ayudar a reducir significativamente la cantidad de personas que pueden infectarse con el virus de la influenza.

De hecho, incluso si contrae la gripe después de vacunarse, la vacuna reducirá significativamente sus síntomas de entre los que recibieron recientemente la vacuna contra la influenza, en comparación con los que no la recibieron, dice la Sociedad Estadounidense de Microbiología. Los síntomas incluyen fiebre, tos, dolor de garganta, secreción nasal o congestión nasal, dolores en el cuerpo, dolor de cabeza, escalofríos y fatiga.

La Dra. Andrea Chisholm es gineco-

obstetra de la Alianza de Salud de Cambridge (Cambridge Health Alliance) e instructora clínica de obstetricia y ginecología de la Escuela de Medicina de Harvard. Ella dice que los riesgos asociados con la gripe superan con creces los riesgos de no vacunarse, incluso entre las mujeres embarazadas.

La Dra. Chisholm dice que "vacunarse contra la gripe durante el embarazo también beneficia a su bebé. Los recién nacidos, como las mujeres embarazadas, tienen más probabilidades de enfermarse gravemente o incluso morir si se contagian de gripe. Su bebé no puede ser vacunado contra la gripe hasta los 6 meses de edad, sin embargo, si la mujer se vacuna contra la gripe durante el

embarazo, le pasará anticuerpos a su bebé que lo protegerán de la gripe en los primeros meses de vida".

Los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés) emitieron una declaración en una conferencia de prensa, el 12 de enero, en la que el Dr. Daniel Jernigan, director de la División de Influenza de CDC, dijo que "no todos necesitan medicamentos antivirales, pero hay ciertas personas que deberían hacerlo. CDC recomienda que las personas que están muy enfermas o las personas con síntomas de gripe que corren un alto riesgo de complicaciones graves de la gripe, deben ser tratadas lo antes posible con medicamentos

antivirales para la gripe. ¿Quiénes son esas personas? Eso significa personas mayores de 65 años. Personas con afecciones crónicas como diabetes, enfermedades cardíacas o asma. Las mujeres embarazadas y otras personas son más vulnerables a una enfermedad grave por la gripe".

Mientras que el Dr. Chisholm y el CDC aconsejan a las mujeres embarazadas que se vacunen contra la gripe, Weber dice que las mujeres embarazadas

deben consultar a sus obstetras/ ginecólogos antes de vacunarse. Weber señala que varios estudios recientes han demostrado que la vacuna contra la gripe reduce el riesgo de contraer la gripe en un 40% a 60% entre la población general. "Por lo tanto, se recomienda que cualquier persona que no haya sido vacunada lo haga tan pronto como sea posible".

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