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February 2, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Latino Affairs Commission for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Latino Affairs Commission

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January 28, 2000

Mardi Wormhoudt, Chairperson
Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisor Wormhoudt:

Attached for your information is the Latino Affairs Commission Annual Report of 1999.

Sincerely,


DANIEL DODGE
Chairperson

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cc: Clerk of the Board



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ANNUAL REPORT

1999

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Latino Affairs Commission was established April 7, 1992 and created an important and historical opportunity to advocate the needs of the Latino community. Latinos continue to constitute the largest ethnic minority group in Santa Cruz County.

II. OVERVIEW

The Latino Affairs Commission (LAC) was established by ordinance no. 4186 and added to the Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.117 on May 11, 1992. The Commission consists of nine members, five of whom are appointed from each supervisorial district, and four who are nominated by the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville (two each).

The current commission is represented by a nurse, a student, a city planner, two educators, an attorney, a health care administrator, and two probation department employees. All are Latino.

III. ROLE OF COMMISSION

The commission exercises the following responsibilities in its efforts to ensure that the interests of the County's Latino population is protected and promoted:

- A. Respond to the interests of the Latino community, including public and private agencies, on concerns and issues affecting the needs of the Latino residents in the County of Santa Cruz.
- B. Collect critical data and information from both public and private agencies relating to the needs of the growing Latino community.
- C. Advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on relevant issues and matters concerning the Latino community.
- D. Monitor the various services made available to Latino residents by public and private agencies within the county and help ensure the efficient delivery of those services.
- E. Advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding socioeconomic needs of low income Latinos, including the county allocation of resources to county programs and community program funding.

IV. MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

The first meeting of the Latino Affairs Commission for 1999 was held on January 30, 1999. During reporting year 1999, regular meetings were held monthly on the first

Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and December. Meetings convened at 6:00 p.m. The location of each meeting alternated between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Meetings are not held during the months of July and December unless the Commission has a need to conduct official business.

V. COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The Latino Affairs Commission consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Five (5) members are appointed by Supervisorial District. Supervisorial appointments include: **First District: S. Ted Lopez; Second District: Mara Woodworth Elliott; Third District: Maria Heliana Ramirez; Fourth District: Theresa Ontiveros; Fifth District: Yolanda Perez-Logan.** An additional four (4) members are nominated by the cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Members appointed are: **City of Watsonville: Daniel Dodge and Mary Lou Alejo; City of Santa Cruz: Alex Reveles, and Maria Fatima Castro.** The commission has established three committees that focus on education, social welfare, and economics.

VI. COMMISSION STAFF

The commission was staffed by Cecilia Espinola, the Human Resources Agency Administrator, Dave Morales, Associate Personnel Analyst, and Teresita Hinojosa-Pereira, Associate Human Resources Agency Analyst. LAC continues to seek your support in obtaining a permanent part-time staff member.

VII. ATTENDANCE

Roster attached.

VIII. GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1999

- A. Conducted a retreat during calendar year 1999.
 1. LAC held its annual retreat during the first quarter of 1999. New Commissioners were welcomed and received an orientation to LAC policies and procedures. Additionally, annual goals were objectives are formulated through December 31, 1999.
- B. Reviewed and focused on implementation of the Latino Strategic Plan ("LSP").
 1. LAC Commissioners have continued to actively participate in the LSP implementation process, and have established sub-committees that focus on the LSP subject areas and recommendations. Additionally, some of the Commissioners are now sub-committee co-chairs in the LSP implementation process.
- C. Continued to collaborate and meet with other local, state, federal and private agencies.

1. LAC Commission members met with Santa Cruz County Superior Court Presiding Judge Heather Morse and Superior Court Clerk Christine Patton to discuss local court system administration.
 2. LAC invited several representatives of the community to its Commission meetings.
 3. LAC Commissioners attended and participated in various meetings throughout the community in Santa Cruz County which included: San Lorenzo Valley Equity Committee, Valley Unity Action Group, City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, Latino Strategic Plan Collaborative meetings, Watsonville City Council, the Third High School Committee, Policy Panel on Youth Access to Alcohol, Children and Families First Commission, Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force, Watsonville Community Health Trust, Women's Commission Annual Awards, YWCA "Week Without Violence", Neighborhood National Night Out, Action Pajaro Valley, Latino Chamber of Commerce, United Farm Workers, Mexican Heritage Cultural Center of San Jose, Human Care Alliance, Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees, and Latino Equity.
 4. LAC co-sponsored with the Latino Strategic Planning Collaborative a forum concerning the expansion of the Juvenile Hall.
 5. LAC members attended several Board of Supervisor meetings to keep abreast of County policies and actions. LAC Commissioners agreed at their annual retreat, that attendance at the Board of Supervisor meetings was important to the Commission and its work.
- D. Developed a broader community participation on the following LAC sub-committees:
1. LAC intends to change the sub-committee structure and the goals and objectives for 2000. The sub-committees will include:
 - a. Latino Equity-- refer to item E.
 - b. Latino Strategic Plan Implementation
- E. Recommended your Board increase Latino Equity funding appropriations to a minimum of \$120,000 for community non-profit agencies.
1. In conjunction with the Human Services Commission, LAC actively participated on the Latino Equity Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee. The Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee recommends Latino Equity funding to the Board of Supervisors.

- F. Continued to pursue acquisition of County resources for a part-time Commission coordinator/staff person.

LAC continues to support and advocate the creation of a part-time (20 hours per week) staff position for the LAC. LAC made this request to the Board during FY 99/00 budget hearings .

LAC continues to advocate that this staffing position be created in order to: ensure that issues are addressed on a priority basis; research and analysis be prepared; legislative and public policy issues affecting Latinos be reviewed; and act as a central contact point for community issues and efforts.

Additionally, LAC believes staffing would make LAC an equitable Commission as compared to other staffed County Commissions (Children's, Disabled, and Women's Commissions.)

IX. GOALS FOR 2000

The Latino Affairs Commission establishes the following goals for 2000:

- A. Accomplish the goals set forth during the year 2000 retreat.
- B. Review annual work plan of the Latino Strategic Plan (LSP), and continue the work of the LSPC.
- C. To continue to collaborate and meet with other local, state, federal and private agencies.
- D. Recommend your Board increase Latino Equity funding appropriations to a minimum of \$120,000 for community non-profit agencies.
- E. To acquire funding for a part-time (20 hour per week) Commission coordinator/staff person.
- F. To continue attendance on at least a monthly basis to the Board of Supervisor meetings.
- G. To attend other community meetings that give visibility to the Commission and its mission.
- H. To continue to support community organizations through the sponsorship of events, and other activities that inform and empower the Latino community.

LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE
1999

	1/99	2/99	3/99	4/99	5/99	6/99	7/99	8/99	9/99	10/99	11/99	12/99
Mary Lou Alejo				X	X	X	N O M E E T I N G	X	A	X	X	N O M E E T I N G
Maria Fatima Castro		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	A	
Daniel Dodge	x	x	A	X	X	X		A	X	X	X	
Mara Woodworth Elliott	X	X	X	X	X	A		X	X	X	X	
S. Ted Lopez	X	A	X	A	X	X		X	X	A	X	
Theresa Ontiveros	X	X	X	A	X	X		X	A	X	X	
Yolanda Perez-Logan	X	X	X	A	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Maria Heliana Ramirez					X	X		X	A	X	X	
Alex Reveles	X	X	X	X	X	X		A	X	A	X	



- Not a member of the Commission at this time

A - Excused Absence

U - Unexcused Absence

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