



*League of United Latin American Citizens*  
New Mexico LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

**Resolution in Support of the *Martinez* and *Yazzie* Lawsuits**

**WHEREAS**, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the nation's oldest and largest Latino membership organization and since its inception has fostered higher education and the advancement of all Hispanics at all levels and facets of our American Society; and

**WHEREAS** the welfare of every New Mexican of public-school age is connected to the broader well-being, health, and safety of all New Mexicans, of which Latino students are clearly the majority; and

**WHEREAS**, despite our vast and rich heritage, language, and cultural wealth, New Mexico continues to rank 50th in the nation in public education; and

**WHEREAS** our New Mexico state constitution promises a sufficient education for all New Mexico students; and

**WHEREAS** public education was deemed a fundamental right for all New Mexico students in the hearing that declared the *Martinez* lawsuit was found to have standing on October 23, 2014; and

**WHEREAS** the *Martinez* lawsuit has student and family plaintiffs who are English Language Learners, Native American, are living in poverty, and/or have disabilities, and who the court determined were not provided a sufficient education; and

**WHEREAS** the Chicana and Chicano movements, United Farm Workers movements, and Indigenous movements have taught us “*!Si, Se Puede!*” and involve our own gente,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the League of United Latin American Citizens the organization expresses its support for education as a fundamental right; structural and systemic change to public education; educating our youth about their history, climate change, social justice and equity with a curriculum for all students, including students with disabilities, that is sufficient, engaging, accurate to their needs, their history and their geography, and that is responsible to our mother earth and nature, with knowledge of our acequias and land grants, as well as future technological advances; avenues and opportunities for their voices to be heard; over 174 allegations of the *Martinez* lawsuit, including the rights of teachers and schools to have professional input on the curriculum they teach; fair,

non-punitive evaluations; and for the Court Decision and Ruling of the *Martinez* and *Yazzie* lawsuits, which remain two separate lawsuits with a trial that was consolidated.

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