



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **MASSACHUSETTS RESOLUTION #2 TO SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the League of United Latin American Citizens recognizes and promotes the need for healthy and safe communities and for environmental justice; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Roxbury Safety Net and residents throughout the City of Boston have expressed opposition to locating a BioSafety Level4 (BSL4) bioterrorism research laboratory in the South End/Roxbury near Boston Medical Center that would perform research with agents used in biological warfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bioterrorism research laboratory would be the first BSL4 laboratory in a densely populated urban neighborhood in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety risks from the laboratory are serious because there can be no guarantee that agents that cause incurable diseases may not accidentally or intentionally be released from the laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, the laboratory might be a target for terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no guarantee that the lab will operate in an open and transparent manner and that there will be sufficient public oversight and review of laboratory research with biowarfare agents; and

**WHEREAS**, the laboratory is incompatible with the nearby residential neighborhood, medical campus, and hospital that is the primary provider of free care in Boston.

**THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that LULAC endorses the position statement of Safety Net in opposition to Boston University's Bioterrorism Lab and urges the Boston City Council and Mayor Menino to pass an ordinance prohibiting research in BSL4 laboratories within the City of Boston.

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