



League of United Latin American Citizens

CUBAN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Cuban Government has continued to repress all attempts by the Cuban people to bring a democratic change to Cuba and denies universally recognized liberties and human rights, including freedom of speech, association, movement and the press, and

WHEREAS, thousands of political prisoners are currently imprisoned by the Cuban Government's totalitarian regime,

WHEREAS, the Cuban Government still carried out a massive island-wide crackdown on members of Cuba's prodemocracy movement, during which pro-democracy activists were arbitrarily arrested, summarily tried, and sentenced to up to 28 years for their non-violent pro-democracy activities,

WHEREAS, again the Castro regime has used Sunday as the preferred day to brutally repress democratic activists, seeking to exercise their right to free speech, and

WHEREAS, members of the Damas de Blanco, who have been jailed and silenced as political opponents, shows that the Castro regime has no interest in changing.

Be it resolved that LULAC National,

- (1) Requests that the U.S. stop "constantly giving unilateral concessions in exchange for nothing"
- (2) Supports the principles of respect for human rights, freedom of thought, and expression, freedom of religion, the right of people to freely elect their government, the right to private property, free enterprise and economic prosperity with social justice
- (3) Requests that the Cuban Government stop all acts of repression against the Damas de Blanco, and all other non-violent opposition and civil society groups
- (4) Supports that all Cubans be given unrestricted access to internet and social media
- (5) Supports that there be substantial, unreversed, progress in the human, economic, civil, and political condition of all the Cuban people.
- (6) Believes that any negotiation with the Cuban regime will only have value towards prospects of a democratic Cuba if - the voice of the Cuban people, as well the exile community, have a seat at the negotiation table.

THEREFORE, we urge the Obama Administration to confirm its support for the rights of the Cuban people and support the empowerment of Cuba's independent civil society without whom there will be no meaningful change in Cuba in the very near future.

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