



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF US EPA CLEAN POWER PLAN

WHEREAS, 86 years ago, the founders of the League of Latin American Citizens, (LULAC) joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Surveys of the peer-reviewed scientific literature and the opinions of experts consistently show a 97-98% consensus that humans are causing climate change, and

WHEREAS, Carbon pollution fuels climate change, the effects of which we are already experiencing by way of worsened air quality and more intense natural disasters. The former leads to more asthma attacks, respiratory disease and even premature death. The latter contributes to more frequent, destructive, costly and deadly extreme weather events including storms, floods and droughts, and

WHEREAS, Latinos are over represented in certain types of occupations, such as agriculture, construction and landscaping, putting them at increased risk of exposure to dirty air and increased temperatures associated with uncontrolled carbon pollution, and

WHEREAS, According to NRDC's January 2014 survey, 9 out of 10 Latinos, the nation's largest minority group at 50 million strong, want the federal government to take action on carbon emissions and the threat of climate change, and

WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act is the fundamental federal law protecting those who live in the U.S. from interstate and intrastate air pollution. Strong federal standards are needed to provide these protections because air pollution, including the pollution that is the cause of climate change, does not respect political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of the carbon pollution in the United States, the single largest contributor to dangerous climate change, and

WHEREAS, The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a regulatory rulemaking under the Clean Air Act known as the Clean Power Plan that will reduce carbon pollution from existing power plants by an estimated 30% below 2005 emissions levels by 2030, and

WHEREAS, LULAC National issued a statement on June 2, 2014 in support of the Clean Power Plan stating: "The League of United Latin American Citizens, this nation's largest and oldest Hispanic civil rights organization, fully supports the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to cut carbon pollution from America's power plants. Given that half of the U.S. Latino population lives in areas where the air quality does not meet EPA's health standards and that Latinos are 30 percent more likely to have to visit the hospital for asthma related attacks, the Clean Power Plan will benefit Hispanic Americans more than most," and

WHEREAS, We have a moral obligation to protect our children and future generations from the impacts of climate change and we can do so by setting the first-ever federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, LULAC supports the U.S. EPA Clean Power Plan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, LULAC call on Congress to oppose legislative attacks against the Clean Power Plan

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the delegates of the 2015 LULAC National Convention affirm this resolution as National LULAC policy.

Voted and approved at the 2015 National LULAC Convention - July 11, 2015.

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