



League of United Latin American Citizens

2016 LULAC Resolution to Stop Voter Suppression in America

Whereas, 87 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 successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States, and;

Whereas, voting is an essential right as an American citizen;

Whereas, past attempts to restrict voting have included poll taxes and literacy tests;

Whereas, the 2016 national elections are the most racially diverse in American history, closing a longstanding gap between white voters and voters of color;

Whereas, voter ID laws, restrictions on voter registration, purging of voter rolls, and cuts to early voting are the latest tactics to suppress voting by historically disenfranchised groups, including people of color, the elderly, students, and people with disabilities;

Whereas, up to 11 % of Americans lack government-issued IDs, and up to 7% lack official documents proving their citizenship;

Whereas, proponents of voter suppression laws have failed to show that voter fraud is a problem anywhere in the country, and that voter fraud is exceedingly rare; and

Whereas, voter suppression laws have been passed by 15 states, and are pending in 5 more states (and passed but revoked in Maine);

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the League of United Latin American Citizens:

1. Opposes voter ID laws, restrictions on voter registration, cuts to early voting, and any other laws resulting in the restriction of lawful access to voting; and
2. Encourages libraries, librarians, and library support staff to provide information to citizens to mitigate these restrictions should they remain in effect on Election Day.

Be it Further Resolved, that LULAC National calls for the establishment of a Resolution To Stop Voter Suppression in the United States of America.

Voted and approved at the 2016 National LULAC Convention - July 16, 2016.

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