



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FREE HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in 1929, 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, in the 19th and early 20th centuries the Labor Movement led the fight for universal access to primary and secondary education as a basic social right; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950's and 1960's the Civil Rights movement established the right of all Americans to equal access to public education; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st century a college education is a prerequisite for effective labor force participation and economic security for workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lack of access by growing numbers of Americans to post-secondary education severely limits democratic participation in the economic and political processes of the United States and results in a tragic loss of diverse human potential; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Lumina Foundation for Education has found that low and middle income students are unable to afford the full cost of public college in nearly every state in the union; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the GI Bill was one of the most successful programs in our nation's history and that every \$1.00 invested in this program on those who would not have otherwise attended college produced a \$6.90 return in increased national output and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Debs-Jones-Douglass Institute, the educational and cultural arm of the Labor Party, has embarked upon a national campaign to achieve free tuition and fees for anyone meeting the admissions criteria at any public, post-secondary educational institution; and

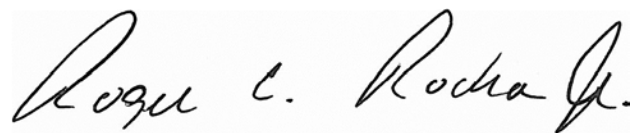
WHEREAS, this campaign is endorsed by a broad and diverse cross section of academics, labor unions, civil rights organizations, community groups and professional associations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens supports the right of all Americans to access to a free public higher education; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens will mobilize broad public support for this right through petitions, letters, conferences, rallies and any other necessary support and assistance; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens calls for the establishment of Free Higher Education and Free Tuition at all Public Colleges and University in the United States of America.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Rocha Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.
LULAC National President