



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO STOP VOTER INTIMIDATION IN CALIFORNIA

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 unsafe passage to and from polling locations, voter intimidation, being confronted in polling locations, being followed into polling locations, questioning the voters inside the polling locations and questioning polling staff on the amount of time voters are in polling locations;

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

WHEREAS, Counties Registrar of Voters in California did not provide a safe environment for voters by not enforcing election code section 18370- which prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of polling places on the day of election and prohibiting solicitation of votes, intimidation and violations where not reported for a response from public safety officers when the volatility increased throughout the polling hours into the evening;

WHEREAS historically there have been incidences of polling areas in California running out of ballots, voters rights information being withheld, voters having been intimidated with their photos being taken, voters having been followed into locations, and other tactics being deployed to suppress voting by historically disenfranchised groups, including people of color, English second language speakers, the elderly, students, and people with disabilities;

WHEREAS, voter intimidation is not a relic of the past, but a pervasive strategy used with disturbing frequency in recent years. Sustaining the bright promise of the civil rights era, and maintaining the dream of equal voting rights for every citizen requires constant vigilance, courageous leadership, and an active, committed and well-informed citizenry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens:

1. Encourages elections officials to report incidences to their office and contact public safety officers to address violations and obtain a police incident report, in order to provide a safe voting environment; and mitigate these restrictions should they remain in effect on election day, and
2. Calls on California state elected officials to extend the current 100-foot electioneering exclusion requirements to 500 feet to ensure the provision for safe passage to and from polling locations; and

3. Calls for the development and implementation of an educational campaign for the public and polling staff, and the placement of multilingual voter information posters outside the entrance of every polling location that provides Voters Rights Act, distance restrictions, complaint form and other information essential to the voting public

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LULAC National calls for the establishment of a Resolution to stop voter intimidation and provide “Public Safety Passage for Voting” in California.

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