



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS INSTITUTIONAL RACISM WITHIN THE CURRENT UNITED STATES TAX CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the Latino Community in the US plays an extremely important role in the economy of this country.

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 it has been estimated that the GDP produced exclusively by Latinos was \$2.13 trillion (\$2,130 billion).

**WHEREAS**, if this GDP were an independent country, it would rank 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. It would be larger than the GDP of India, Italy, Brazil, Canada, and Mexico.

**WHEREAS**, the US Latino GDP is growing 70% faster than the country's non-Latino GDP.

**WHEREAS**, as young Latinos enter the work force and the older non-Latinos leave it, it is estimated that the GDP produced exclusively by Latinos will account for 24.4% of total US GDP in 2020, basically one quarter of the US economy.

**WHEREAS**, the importance of Latinos in the US economy cannot be understated. Therefore, is the US making appropriate investments in the Latino population that will maximize their ability to carry the country into the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

**WHEREAS**, under the 2018 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act American taxpayers paid \$93 billion more in taxes when compared to 2017.

**WHEREAS**, it is not known what the disproportionate and unintended impacts of this tax law, and other tax laws, are on the US racial and ethnic populations.

**WHEREAS**, many current IRS rules and regulations have negatively impacted the Latino population as a whole.

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the negative impacts of the 2018 tax law, other tax laws, and some current IRS rules and regulations be addressed, mitigated, and/or reversed.

**WHEREAS**, there are over 1 million tax preparers in the US and 300 thousand of them are Latinos, and given the current political environment, it is reasonable to conclude that the IRS is currently using the tax laws, rules and regulations in a punitive and racist manner against Latino taxpayers and preparers.

**WHEREAS**, LULAC is the only viable national civil rights organization that has all the resources necessary to advocate for all Latinos and affect change, it is important that LULAC take the lead in all issues of economic justice.

***THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED*** by the members of this LULAC National Assembly to start working immediately...

1. To request that the Legislative branch of the federal government, House Ways and Means Committee member Lloyd Doggett being the obvious congressperson to lead this endeavor, to require racial and ethnic impact statements to provide statistical analysis of the effects of any current tax laws, rules, or regulations as well as statistical analysis of the effects of any future tax laws, rules and regulations to determine its impact on Latinos and other minority populations.
2. To request Congress repeal portions of the new 2018 tax law to reinstate the exemption deduction, to once again allow individuals to deduct unreimbursed employee expenses, and to double the cap on sales and property tax deductions.
3. To demand Congress make inquiries to determine if any of the tax laws, rules, and regulations are being applied in a biased manner against the Latino population and other minority populations as well.
4. LULAC must implement a strategy and action plan to address the political needs of Latinos to implement policies that effect all the immediate issues of Latinos, emphasizing the current and future economic power of Latinos.
5. LULAC needs to take an aggressive public approach to economic issues and policies, incorporating advertisements, social media, national media, and other Medias to publicize the economic injustices that are currently taking place and advocate for legislation that will address these issues.
6. LULAC needs to contact all the representatives of all the major media corporations (ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN) including Facebook, Google, and Amazon to discuss solutions to eliminate discrimination in the media, specifically the lack of Latino representation in the media, and discrimination in the workplace.

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