



League of United Latin American Citizens

LULAC SUPPORTS TRANSGENDER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED SERVICES

The League of United Latin American Citizens has a long history of supporting our Armed Services. We have served as a trusted partner, inviting the branches of our military to recruit and present at our district, state and national conventions. We have honored service members and veterans at LULAC ceremonies and meetings. Our organization was founded by members of the Armed Services. Patriotism and public service are part of our organization's core ideals. Since 1973, our nation transitioned to an all-volunteer force. Today, more than 1.29 million citizens serve proudly- and each and every one of them should be respected for the sacrifice they have made to protect our nation and defend democracy around the world.

WHEREAS, 150,000 Transgender people have served in the U.S. military in the past and today more than 13,000 are in active or reserved duty;

WHEREAS 21 percent of Transgender adults have made the commitment to service in the military compared to only 10 percent of the general population;

WHEREAS Transgender military service members are sent to every combat zone that the United States is in, some while transitioning without any impact on service;

WHEREAS Transgender military service members have been serving openly and honorably since June 30, 2016 without incident, implementing a ban once again would create a burden for our military, waste tax dollars spent on training military and losing future potential of skilled individuals, and discriminate against Americans whose lives would be uprooted on a policy that has been proven to be outdated and discriminatory;

WHEREAS as a Transgender military ban is based on stereotypes and false information, including the erroneous claim that medical costs are a burden, when in actuality the Pentagon spends more money on Viagra than administering transgender care;

WHEREAS 20 nations allow Transgender people to serve in their military, including our allies Australia, Germany, Israel, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Spain, Finland, Norway and Thailand;

WHEREAS the military is the largest employer of the Transgender community and denying members of the community good-paying careers would further punish a population that already suffers from discrimination, above average poverty, and three times the unemployment rate of the general population;

WHEREAS LULAC, in its constitution, pledges to exert its unified efforts to uphold the rights guaranteed to every individual by our state and national laws and to assure justice and equal treatment under these laws;

WHEREAS LULAC, in its constitution, promises to combat with every means at our command all un-American tendencies and actions that deprive American citizens of their rights in educational institutions, in economic pursuits and in social, civic and political activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC Council 11125 calls on LULAC and its membership to support Transgender Members of the U.S. Armed Services by opposing any ban on military service by this population.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Domingo Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President