



PROTECTING THE LATINO COMMUNITY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE & TOXIC SMOG

- ❖ Historic droughts in California, record setting heat in Texas, increased flooding along the coasts, combined with poverty and health disparities among Latinos, makes our community especially vulnerable to displacement, and life-threatening living and working conditions due to extreme weather. Moreover, toxic ozone, or smog pollution disproportionately affects children, seniors, people with breathing ailments like asthma, outdoor workers, and low income families. LULAC supports actions under the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gases and toxic air pollution from some of the largest sources, including fossil fuel-fired power plants and the oil and natural gas industry. These important efforts include the Clean Power Plan, the life-saving ozone (smog) standard, and the Methane standard.

PROTECTING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY

- ❖ LULAC strongly supports the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which gives our communities a voice. NEPA guarantees public participation, transparency, and informed decision-making when the federal government carries out or funds projects like power plants, incinerators, forest management plans and immigration detention centers. Many of these projects cater to special interests at the expense of the health, safety and environment of our communities.
- ❖ LULAC opposes attacks on NEPA that seek to silence the voice of the Latino community by eliminating the only forum for local communities to have a say in decisions that affect them the most. While special interests have piles of money to throw at Congress to get their way, we have NEPA to command attention as we protect the health and safety of our communities. Our voice- NEPA-should be protected!

PROTECTING CLEAN WATER

- ❖ LULAC strongly supports efforts to protect our nation's streams and wetlands, ensuring that drinking water sources are protected from toxic pollution. Therefore LULAC opposes any legislation that would undermine the Stream Protection Rule or the Clean Water Rule, as well as efforts to undermine the Clean Water Act protections from pesticide contamination.
- ❖ Because our water infrastructure is decades old, millions of people across the country drink water delivered through lead pipes just like Flint's. To protect our communities from toxic metals in our drinking water, LULAC supports efforts to revise and strengthen the EPA's 26-year-old Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). The LCR requires water systems to take steps such as corrosion control treatment, educational outreach, and gradually replacing lead service lines in systems where lead levels are high, but this law must be updated to truly protect the public from the dangers of lead contamination.

PROTECTING WORKERS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES FROM NEUROTOXIC PESTICIDES

- ❖ LULAC supports the EPA's Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) which sets fundamental protections for children and adult farm workers from pesticide exposure and poisoning. LULAC opposes any efforts to delay, rollback or defund the implementation of these crucial and long overdue safeguards.
- ❖ LULAC has filed a legal petition with the EPA, urging the agency to ban chlorpyrifos, an acutely toxic pesticide that causes the largest number of worker poisonings every year. Organophosphate (OP) pesticides like chlorpyrifos threaten farmworkers, contaminate food and water, and expose children and bystanders to toxic drift. LULAC opposes any efforts to undermine the protection of farm workers and agricultural communities from toxic pesticides.

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES FROM PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOXIC CHEMICALS

- ❖ LULAC is part of a broad coalition of health, first responders, consumer, and science groups requesting that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) ban certain toxic flame retardant chemicals from consumer products. These chemicals are known as organohalogens, they are linked to serious health problems, are found in consumer products such as sofas, cribs, and other furniture, and they pose a particular risk for communities of color who often purchase products containing flame retardants. According to some studies, these chemicals have been linked to a host of biological and neurophysical ailments, including endocrine disruption, decreased fertility, lower birth rates, and developmental/cognitive problems.