



# NM LULAC NEWS

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## NM LULAC Held its 82nd Annual State Convention in Taos, NM

**Taos, NM**– The New Mexico LULAC Organization held its 82nd Annual State Convention at the Best Western Kachina Lodge Meeting Center in Taos, NM, April 29 through May 1, 2011. LULAC State Awards were given as follows: Council of the Year: Las Cruces Council 120; Man of the Year: Mr. Fred Baca, Silver City Council 8003; Woman of the Year: Ms. Diana Archuleta, Las Cruces Council 8056; Educator of the Year: Ms. Cecilia Torres, Hurley Council 400; and District Director of the Year: Mr. Thomas Vasquez, District III. These awards were presented on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Hispanic Awards Banquet.

The elections of officer were held on Sunday, May 1, 2011. All of the following officers were elected by acclamation. The elections results are as follows: State Director, Ralph D. Arellanes, Sr., from Albuquerque Council 8065; Deputy State

Director, Mr. Phillip M. Archuleta from Las Cruces Council 120; Deputy State Director for Elderly, Ms. Josie Marrujo from Albuquerque Council 8035; Deputy State Director for Women, Ms. Shirley Reyes from Taos Council 8053; Deputy State Director for Youth, Ms. Cecilia Romero from Las Cruces Council 8071; Deputy State Director for Young Adults, Mr. Joe'l Trujillo from Albuquerque UNM Council 8057; and the State Treasurer, Ms. Diana Archuleta, Las Cruces Council 8056. The bids to host the convention site for 2012 were made by Roswell Council 8051 and Albuquerque Council 80 was closely contested between Roswell and UNM Albuquerque. Roswell will be the host site for 2012 State Convention.

UNM Council 8057, in conjunction with Albuquerque 8065 will host the 2013 State

Convention.

Taos Council 8053 hosted the 2011 State Convention. The State Board and NM LULAC membership thanks them for doing an excellent job in hosting this event.



Delegates at State Convention

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## State Auditor Hector Balderas is Keynote Speaker for the Hispanic Awards Banquet at State Convention

**Taos, NM**– On Saturday, April 30, 2011, NM LULAC held a Hispanic Awards Banquet. Ms. Hector Balderas, NM State Auditor gave the keynote address to the attendees. He also announced his candidacy for the United States Senate. Balderas is running as a democrat. He is a native of Wagon Mound, NM. He graduated from University of New Mexico Law School. He has served as a prosecutor and on the New Mexico State Legislature as a House of

Representative of District 56, which represents Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora and San Miguel counties. He was re-elected as the State Auditor. He has been known to run on a campaign of transparency, clean and responsible government. He has thus far been the only Hispanic candidate to announce for the U.S. Senate position that will be vacated by Senator Jeff Bingaman (D). Bingaman has been the senior ranking senator from New Mexico for over three decades.



UNM Council 8057 with Hector Balderas

### Special points of interest:

- 2011 Elections of NM LULAC State Board
- 2011 NM LULAC Awards
- Roswell, NM 2012 State Convention site
- UNM Albuquerque 2013 State Convention site
- State of Civil Rights in New Mexico
- 2011 NM LULAC Resolutions



## LULAC hold historic workshop and panel discussion on the state of civil rights in New Mexico

**Taos, NM**– On Friday, April 29, 2011, NM LULAC held a panel discussion and workshop on the state of civil rights in New Mexico. During the State Convention. NM Attorney General, Gary King attended this workshop. This panel consisted of the FBI, NAACP, ACLU, Anti-Defamation League, Hispanic Roundtable of NM and Somos un Pueblo Unido. This was historic and a Statement of Cooperation was signed by all of those whom participated in this event. This panel was moderated by Mr. Dennis Montoya, District I Director.

Each of the panelists gave a status of activities and caused from their respective organizations.

The Attorney General of NM discussed the programs that his office has put in place, such as consumer protection, immigrant services and bi-lingual services from staff and website. He also discussed the White Peak Land Exchange Lawsuit that went before the NM Supreme Court in January 2011. He discussed LULAC's role in the Amicus Brief filed. He also commented on future partnership with

LULAC in promoting positive race relations and working with all of the organizations present to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans and enforcing civil rights laws where needed.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) assistant agent in charge of the NM District attended. Mr. Rodney Miller discussed the FBI's role in enforcing federal civil rights laws, public corruption and accountability. He discussed the FBI desired to provide more outreach to civil rights organizations like LULAC and

***“We are the majority, we vote and we DEMAND change now”!!***

## The creation of the CHILE-PAC, a NM Hispano political action committee

**Taos, NM**– At the NM LULAC State Conference, several members of NM LULAC witnessed to creation of the a new political action committee emerge. Concerned Hispanics Involved in Legislative Empowerment-Political Action Committee (CHILE-PAC). The inception of this political action committee was discussed in Roswell, NM, at the NM LULAC State Board meeting on March 26, 2011. LULAC is a 501 ( C ) 3

organization. Our tax exempt status prohibits the League from becoming involved in partisan political activities. Several of the members from all political ideologies have joined in the cause to promote Hispanic candidate and desire to preserve New Mexico Hispanic values and empower our community in the political process.

At the State Convention, during

the press conference, the signing of formal articles of incorporation to create the CHILE-PAC was signed by incorporators and officers of the new PAC. NM Attorney, Santiago Juarez will serve as President and Registered Agent of the PAC. This is a 33 county strategy that will be also a watch dog organization providing report cards and alert to those that are either friend or foe to the Hispanic community of New



**CHILE-PAC Signing Lt. to Rt. Santiago Juarez, Dennis Montoya, Ralph Arellanes and Paul Martinez**

## NM LULAC District I, held elections at the NM LULAC State Convention in Taos

**Taos, NM**– Immediately following the NM LULAC State elections, District I held their elections. The election results are as follows:

District Director, Mr. Dennis Montoya from Albuquerque Council 8025; Deputy District Director, Mr. Tomas Arellanes from Council 8065; Deputy for Elderly, Ms. Irma Archuleta from Taos Council 8053; Deputy for Women, Shirley Reyes from

Taos Council 8053; Deputy for Youth, Mr. Marcus Trujillo from UNM Council 8057; Deputy for Young Adults, Erica Baca, UNM Council 8057; and District Treasurer, Ms. Jean Montoya from Albuquerque Council 8025.

The host convention site will in April at UNM-Albuquerque, NM. District I, will focus on organizing and building more

council throughout the district. The UNM Council 8057 will also work on holding a candidates forum at the next District Convention, since it will be an election year.



**UNM YA Council 8057 after State Convention with State Director, Ralph Arellanes and new Deputy State for YA, Joel**



## NM LULAC passes important resolutions at the State Convention

. Taos, NM– The NM LULAC Organization approved the following resolutions on Sunday, May 1, 2011.:

- Hispanic Participation, inclusion and monitoring of the redistricting efforts at all levels
- Support and strict enforcement of the PIT Rule.
- Opposition and Concern over the Increase of
- tuitions and cuts of programs in the Colleges and Universities.
- Support for the Creation of the CHILE-PAC.
- In recognition of Lifetime Achievements and Membership for various New Mexico LULAC Members.
- Concern over the new public school grading legislation.

These resolutions can be viewed on the New Mexico LULAC website: [www.newmexicolulac.org](http://www.newmexicolulac.org) Go to State Convention.



**UNM Council 8057 working on Resolution to Oppose Tuition Increases with veteran LULAC member Manuel Martinez of Hurley Council**

## NM Education Department Secretary Hanna Skandera was Keynote Speaker, followed by comments from State Senator Linda Lopez at Women’s Luncheon

**Taos, NM–** During the NM State Convention on Saturday, April 30, 2011, NM Education Secretary, Hanna Skandera gave keynote address during the Woman’s Luncheon. She discussed the programs she and Governor Susana Martinez planned to implement. She defended the new School Grading legislation recently passed during the past legislative session. She also informed the League that she will have and

open door policy and meet with the NM LULAC Education Commission on a regular basis. She also informed members that she will consider recommendations for appointments on the Hispanic Education Act Committee.

State Senator Linda Lopez (D) of Bernalillo County spoke on redistricting and the importance of Hispanic participation and

input. She also discussed Latina empowerment and the important of education and the participation of Latinas in the political process.

During the Luncheon, several outstanding Latina Image Awards were given to women from the local area and across the state.

**“Si no somos hijos de dios, somos hijos de la madre”**

*Dicho from (Walking Tall) Roberto “Bobby” Rodriguez*

## Redistricting issues and Hispanic involvement in the process

**Taos, NM–** On Saturday, April 30, 2011, State Senator Linda Lopez discussed the importance of the Hispanic Communities input and participation in the redistricting process. Senator Lopez (D) from Bernalillo County, represents the south valley in Albuquerque, NM. She was appointed by the State Senate to head the redistricting efforts. Her counterpart in the House will be named shortly.

Senator Lopez also presented recent demographic:

1st Congressional District:  
48.4 % Hispanic, 42% White, 2.3% Black, 2% Asian

2nd Congressional District:  
51.8% Hispanic, 39.8% White, 4.8% Native American, 1.6 %

Black.

3rd Congressional District:  
39% Hispanic, 39% White, 17.3% Native American



**Sen. Linda Lopez discussing Redistricting**



## NM LULAC District III Convention held in Deming, NM

Deming, NM- The District III, LULAC Convention was hosted by Deming LULAC Council 205, at the Grand Motor Inn in Deming, NM, on Saturday, April 2, 2011. Deming Mayor, Andres Z. Silva addressed and welcomed delegates and guests that attended the District Convention.

Mr. Ruben Acosta, Deming resident and original charter member of Deming Council 205 was presented by Deming Council 205 a Lifetime Membership and Achievement Award. See photographs in photo album above. These

photos are courtesy of Mr. Albert Montez, member of Silver City Council 8003.

2011-2012 District Election of District Officers:  
District Director, Mr. Thomas Vasquez, Las Cruces Council 120  
Deputy District Director, Mrs. Margie Martinez., Hurley Council 400

Deputy for Elderly, Mr. Ruben Acosta, Deming Council 205  
Deputy for Women, Ms. Teresa McLane, Deming Council 205  
Deputy for Youth, Mrs. Emilia Vasquez, Las Cruces Council 120  
Deputy for Young Adults, Vacant

2011 Awards:  
Council of the Year, Las Cruces Council 120  
Man of the Year, Mr. Fred Baca, Silver City Council 8003  
Women of the Year, Ms. Diana Archuleta, Las Cruces Council 8056  
Educator of the Year, Ms. Cecilia Torres, Hurley Council 400

2012 Host Site for District III Convention:  
Las Cruces Council 8071



**Opening of District III Convention, Deming, NM. Thomas Vasquez, District Director and Deming Mayor, Andres Z. Silva, April 2, 2011**

## Good and Welfare Announcements:

Congratulations to UNM Young Adult Graduates: Paul A. Martinez, Jr. He will receive his BA in History and BS in Political Science from UNM. Also, Martin Gutierrez will be receiving his Masters in Public Administration from UNM.

## UNM LULAC held initiation of new members and Installation of new officers

**Albuquerque, NM-** On April 28, 2011, UNM Council 8057 held its second annual initiation of new members and installation of new officers ceremony at the Santa Ana ball room at the UNM Main Campus.

NM State Director, Ralph Arellanes, Immediate Past State Director, Pablo Martinez, District I Director, Dennis Montoya and Past UNM Council

8057 President, Joel Trujillo conducted the Installation ceremony.

Immediate Past State Director, Pablo Martinez swore in the new council officers.. Jessica Inez Martinez, charter member, co-founder of Council 8057 and Immediate Past National Youth President participated and gave the dinner keynote address along with the LULAC Prayer. The

Immediate Past State Director, Pablo Martinez; NM State Director, Ralph Arellanes and District I Director, Dennis Montoya addressed the membership. This event was well attended and organized.



**UNM Council 8057 Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members Ceremony**

## NM Secretary of Economic Development addresses NM LULAC Delegates

**Taos, NM-** Economic Development Secretary, Jon Barela attended conference. He addressed the delegates and discussed job creation and what his office was doing to save from government waste. He also discussed the Southern Pacific Project in Santa Teresa, NM. This project will bring economic opportunities to people on the border region. He discussed the importance of job creation and

keeping our children in New Mexico.

Sec. Barela discussed LULAC/ Economic development and Education Symposium that will take place this fall.



**Delegates listening to Secretary Jon Barela**

**“Los vivos viven de los pendejos”**

*Dicho de Bobby Rodriguez*



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 Josie Marrujo, Deputy for Elderly  
 Shirley Reyes, Deputy for Women  
 Cecilia Romero, Deputy for Youth  
 Joel Trujillo, Deputy for Young Adults  
 Diana Archuleta, Treasurer

**District Director:**

Dennis W. Montoya, District I  
 Virginia Garcia, District II  
 Thomas Vasquez, District III

The League of United Latin American Citizens, (LULAC) is this nation's oldest and largest Latino civic membership organization.

LULAC was organized in February of 1929, in Corpus Christi, TX. LULAC is a 501(c)(4) organization. Our primary focus is education, civil rights, housing, economic development, domestic equality and the upward mobility of Hispanics within our American society.

New Mexico was the second state to organize LULAC. Filemon T. Martinez was the main New Mexico organizer. In some accounts, he attended the first convention in Corpus Christi. He organized several councils and recruited prominent New Mexicans such as, Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez, several members of the New Mexico Legislature. Including the late U.S. Senators, Dennis Chavez and Joseph Montoya.



**Ralph D. Arellanes  
 NM State Director**



**Acknowledgments:**

I would like to thank all of the membership for entrusting your support and electing me for a second term. We now have a new NM LULAC News Letter which is available on line and will be mailed to those that may not have access to the internet.

For announcement and articles contact the Editor!

**Membership Sign-up Form**

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