



League of United Latin American Citizens
District 17
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County of Ventura
Board of Supervisors
800 So. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93012
Kelly Long (Chair)
Linda Parks (Vice-Chair)
Steve Bennett
Robert Huber
John Zaragoza

**Re: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA
DECLARING RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND PLEDGING TO PROMOTE
EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND DIVERSITY IN HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH CARE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA**

Chair and Members of the Board,

This comes to you from the League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC, District 17 in support of the proposed Resolution. The League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC, is the largest and oldest Latino Civil Rights organization in the country. Our mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of the Latinx population of the United States.

The proposed resolution is in line with our mission statement and we applaud your efforts in leading the way in becoming a county that denounces racism and has started the journey to dismantling it within the County of Ventura system. This resolution and the ongoing collaboration with community members is a first step in demonstrating the commitment and promise in addressing much needed change. Your actions thus far demonstrates that it is not simply a statement of rhetoric but an intentional step towards transforming the County of Ventura.

A safe and healthy community is an essential human right for everyone. There is a lot of work to be done and LULAC District 17 looks forward to this journey with Ventura County with the goal of bringing institutional change in how to care and support our BICOP communities.

It is these trying times that test how we as a people will thrive. "Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking." Mahatma Gandhi's words resonate strongly as we move forward as a county and country. It is through working together and having the difficult conversations that we will overcome the most onerous of challenges. Doing better and being better means working together.

Yours truly,

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