

Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III
Board of Regents
The Smithsonian Institution
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Room 205
Washington, DC 20560

Dear Secretary Bunch and Board of Regents:

We the undersigned national and community leaders and advocates want to underscore our strong and unwavering support for the Smithsonian and its work to ensure that the new National Museum of the American Latino be located on the National Mall, alongside the 11 other highly visible and revered museums that tell the story of America to millions of visitors each year.

We commend you for narrowing your focus and prioritizing the South Monument site and Tidal Basin site as the potential future homes of the National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum. Today's announcement is a clear statement on the significance of these museums to our American history, and highlights the importance of placing them on our nation's grandest stage.

Many of the organizations and individuals on this letter have worked tirelessly for nearly 30 years to secure the establishment of this museum, dating back to the ground-breaking report, *Willful Neglect* and its core recommendation for a Smithsonian Museum dedicated to over 500 years of U.S. Latino contributions to American history. For almost three decades we have worked on fulfilling the report's recommendation that this museum be built on the National Mall. We know that without a Latino Museum, the story of America the Smithsonian is dedicated to showcasing will be at best, incomplete, and at worst, inaccurate.

As embodied by those of us in this letter, the goal of a National Museum of the American Latino on the National Mall has widespread and deep support in the Latino community that cuts across party lines and represents every sector from government to business to academia to the arts to nonprofit and advocacy organizations. The Museum has always had, and continues to have, strong bipartisan support in Congress and among elected officials across the country.

We are very appreciative of the considerable progress the Smithsonian has made in ensuring greater representation of Latinos and Latinas in the Institution, especially in its staffing that includes a significant increase in the number of Latinx curators in virtually all the museums under the Smithsonian's umbrella. To that end, the recent opening of the Molina Family Latino Gallery in the Museum of American History is a milestone moment both for the Smithsonian and for the Latino Museum. We believe the Molina Family Latino Gallery, along with the progress the Smithsonian has made in incorporating the Latino perspective, provide the foundation that the Latino Museum needs to guarantee that it is "ready to go" once we can finalize the site and begin construction of the building.

As such, to build on the significant funding that has already been pledged, we and many others in the Latino community are firmly committed to raising the funds necessary for the museum's completion. We also stand ready to work with Congress to determine the best legislative path forward to transfer authority of the South Monument site and Tidal Basin site to the Smithsonian.

Thank you for the amazing work and progress you have made to establish our museum. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

1. Acevedo Foundation
2. Alivio Medical Center
3. American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
4. American GI Forum of the U.S
5. American Jewish Committee (AJC)
6. Amplify Latinx
7. Artes Miami
8. Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS)
9. Association of Latino Professionals For America (ALPFA)
10. Avenida Guadalupe Association
11. Cabello Associates, Inc
12. CASA in Action
13. Canal Alliance
14. Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
15. Centro Cultural de Washington County (CENTRO)
16. Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc.
17. Centro Hispano de East Tennessee
18. Chicano Federation
19. Chicano Studies Program at The University of Texas at El Paso
20. Clínicas de Salud del Pueblo
21. Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
22. Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)
23. Comunidades Unidas
24. Committee for Hispanic Children & Families (CHCF)
25. Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI)
26. CPLC New Mexico, Inc.
27. Dialogue on Diversity
28. Dominico-American Society of Queens
29. East Bay Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation
30. East Boston Community Council (EBCC)
31. East Coast Migrant Head Start Project (ECMHSP)
32. East LA Community Corporation (ELACC)
33. Eastmont Community Center
34. Edu-Futuro
35. El Centro de la Raza
36. El Centro, Inc.
37. El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc
38. El Centro Hispano, Inc.
39. El Concilio California
40. El Concilio/Hispanic American Council Inc.
41. El Paso Community Action Program Project BRAVO, Inc.
42. Encuentro
43. Enlace Chicago

44. Erie Neighborhood House
45. Escala Foundation
46. Esperanza
47. Esperanza, Inc.
48. Esperanza Health Centers
49. Excelencia In Education
50. Farmworker Justice
51. Friendly House
52. Friends of the American Latino Museum
53. Fuerza Mundial, Proyecto SinCuenta: Women of the Americas, Arts & Archives
54. Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC)
55. Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
56. Harold Washington College-District Chapter of Local 1600
57. Haven Services Inc.
58. HELP New Mexico, Inc.
59. Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE)
60. Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
61. Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR)
62. Hispanic Federation
63. Hispanic Heritage Foundation
64. Hispanics in Philanthropy
65. Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (iHICA!)
66. Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana (HLCNI)
67. Hispanic National Bar Association
68. Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.
69. HOLA Ohio
70. Ibero-American Action League Inc.
71. Illinois Migrant Council
72. Indiana Latino Scholarship Fund
73. JJR Marketing
74. Justice for Migrant Women
75. The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
76. LA Collab
77. La Causa, Inc.
78. La Clínica de la Raza
79. Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.
80. Latin American Community Center of Delaware
81. The Latin American Economic Development Association, Inc. (LAEDA)
82. The Latino Coalition
83. The Latino Donor Collaborative
84. Latino Leaders Network
85. Latino Memphis
86. Latino Network
87. Latinos Count
88. Latinos in Higher Ed
89. Latino U College Access (LUCA)
90. The Latinx House
91. League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

92. MANA, A National Latina Organization
93. Mattie Rhodes Center
94. Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
95. Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA)
96. Mi Casa Resource Center
97. Mi Familia Vota
98. Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty
99. Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
100. Mexican American Unity Council, Inc.(MAUC)
101. Montebello Housing Development Corporation
102. Mujeres Latinas en Acción
103. National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)
104. National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives (NAHFE)
105. The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC)
106. The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)
107. National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP)
108. The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL)
109. National Hispanic Council on Aging
110. The National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts (NHFA)
111. The National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC)
112. National Latino Farmers & Ranchers
113. National Latinx Psychological Association
114. Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens CDC
115. Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development
116. Northwest Center
117. One Stop Career Center of PR Inc
118. Para Los Niños
119. Poder
120. Poderistas
121. PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network
122. Project Stepping Stone of Indiana (PSS)
123. Project Vida Health Center
124. Prospanica
125. Sea Mar Community Health Centers
126. SER Jobs for Progress National, Inc.
127. Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)
128. Southern Oregon Migrant Education Program
129. Southwest Economic Solutions
130. Spanish American Civic Association for Equality, Inc.
131. Strategic Alliance for Leadership and Social Action
132. SUMA Wealth
133. UnidosUS
134. United States Hispanic Leadership Institute
135. U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
136. Valle del Sol
137. The Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
138. Voces at UT Austin
139. Voto Latino

- 140. The Wall Las Memorias
- 141. We Are All Human