



## League of United Latin American Citizens

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Honorable Jesse Gonzalez  
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1  
1100 Houston St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Dear Commissioner Gonzalez:

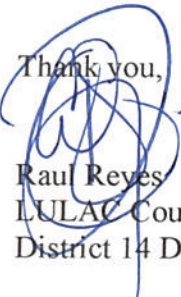
The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), founded in 1929, is the oldest and most widely respected Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States of America. LULAC was created at a time in our country's history when Hispanics were denied basic civil and human rights, despite contributions to American society. The founders of LULAC created an organization that empowers its members to create and develop opportunities where they are needed most.

Locally, LULAC Council #12 has fought for full access to the political process and equal educational opportunity for all Hispanics within our community and continues to play an effective role to this day. Like LULAC councils across the United States we hold voter registration drives, citizenship awareness sessions, sponsor health fairs and tutorial programs, and raise scholarship money for the LULAC National Scholarship Fund. This fund, in conjunction with LNEC (LULAC National Educational Service Centers), has assisted almost 10 percent of the 1.1 million Hispanic students who have gone to college.

We continue to hold dear the principles in which the League of United Latin American Citizens were founded and are vigilant and prompt responders to any alarming increase in xenophobia and anti-Hispanic sentiment within our community especially on language and immigration issues.

Every year, Webb County assists our mission by allowing us to submit a Third Party Funding application and award our council \$3,000.00. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to meet the submission deadline as our council was preparing and attending the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas LULAC Convention that was held at Corpus Christi this past week. It is for this reason that we solicit your support to afford us the opportunity to submit the Third Party Application for FY 2017-2018. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at 956-251-0802 or via email at [rareyco@gmail.com](mailto:rareyco@gmail.com).

Thank you,

  
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