



TEXAS LULAC VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT 2008 MOVIMIENTO

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in partnership with the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project (SVREP) will conduct mass voter registration drives across the country to prepare for the 2008 elections. Collectively with other Latino organizations, the goal is to register a quarter million (250,000) new voters before October 6, 2008. On May 2-4, 2008, the SVREP conducted the Latino Voter Registration Academy for Trainers targeting ten key LULAC states based on the growing Latino voting influence. Each targeted state will have a Voter Coordinator who is equipped with a successfully proven strategic blueprint to conduct nonpartisan civic engagement efforts. LULAC State Coordinators will return to their respective states to conduct training for LULAC leaders, councils and members. All Texas LULAC districts and councils will be challenged to conduct voter registration drives within their communities through October 6, 2008, for the November 4, 2008, election.

Texas LULAC will give all members an opportunity to attend the *Latino Voter Registration Academy* on June 6th or June 7th at our state convention in Odessa, Texas. Our 2008 convention theme is *"2008...Latinos Influencing the Balance of Power"* with a program packed with power sessions in civic engagement, civil rights issues, leadership and mediation certification, legislative and legal updates and voter education training at the *Latino Voter Registration Academy*.

The *Texas Campaign* will kick-off with Phase One beginning with a 30-day voter registration drive. All councils will be asked to register voters for thirty days up to the state convention. Councils will then bring to the convention a copy of each voter registration card to start our voter data base. On July, 20-23, 2008, over twenty Texas LULAC local coordinators will receive advance training at an expense paid trip immediately following the Third Annual 2008 Latino Congreso in Los Angeles, California. The success of this campaign to build up our Latino power by registering the Latino electorate depends on our members to actively participate and become engaged at the grassroots level. If every Texas LULAC member registers at least ten new voters, we can succeed and unite Latinos to influence the balance of power!

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TEXAS LULAC VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT **2008 PROJECTED VOTER REGISTRATION GOALS PER CITY**

Unidos Podemos!

AUSTIN	2,500 NEW VOTERS
CORPUS	1,000 NEW VOTERS
DALLAS	3,000 NEW VOTERS
EL PASO	2,000 NEW VOTERS
FORT WORTH	2,500 NEW VOTERS
HOUSTON	3,000 NEW VOTERS
KILLEEN/WACO	500 NEW VOTERS
LUBBOCK	500 NEW VOTERS
SAN ANTONIO	3,000 NEW VOTERS
VALLEY	2,000 NEW VOTERS

Texas LULAC's Goal is 20,000 NEW VOTERS*
(5-5-08)

*All Texas LULAC cites are invited to participate in this project and are welcomed to be added to this list!
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TEXAS TIMELINE

May 2-4	SVREP's <i>Latino Voter Registration Academy</i> , LULAC National Executive Committee and State Coordinators
May 5 to June 6	Phase I: 30-day Voter Registration Kick-Off Designated cities begin steering committee work
June 6-8	Texas LULAC State Convention, Odessa, Texas <i>"2008 LATINOS INFLUENCING THE BALANCE OF POWER"</i> <i>Latino Voter Registration Academy</i>
June 9-July1	Phase II: "Deputize to Mobilize" Councils deputize members to register voters
July 7-12	79 th LULAC National Convention, Washington, DC <i>"AMERICA'S LATINO COMMUNITY CENTER STAGE"</i>
July 18-20 July 20-23	Phase III: Latino Congreso, Los Angeles Voter Coordinator Training, Los Angeles
August 1 to October 6	Phase IV: Texas LULAC Voter Registration Blitz 10-6-08 Last day to register voters
Oct TBD	Texas LULAC State Board Meeting District Director's Voter Registration Progress Reports
Oct TBD	Phase V: Early Voting-Su Voto Es Su Voz
Nov 4	E-DAY-MARCH TO THE POLLS 2008 Election Day

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TEXAS VOTER REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

TO VOTE

You Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
- Be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must be 18 to vote)
- Not be finally convicted of a felony. (Felons regain the right to register when pardoned, two years after receiving a certificate of discharge from the appropriate correction institution, or two years after completing a period of probation)
- Have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law

Registration Deadline: 30 days before an election

General Election Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2008

General Election/Presidential Election: Tuesday, November 4, 2008

State Election Website: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml

SOS Website: www.sos.state.tx.us/

WHO CAN REGISTER PEOPLE TO VOTE (People who are deputized)

To Get Deputized:

- To be eligible to become a volunteer Deputy Registrar, you must be at least 18 years old, and you must never have been convicted of failing to deliver a voter application to a voter registrar.
- If eligible, contact the local Voter Registrar's Office to receive an application.
- The Voter Registrar will issue you a certificate of appointment and give you a receipt book. Your term as Deputy Voter Registrar begins the day that the application is approved. You will be required to re-register as a Deputy Voter Registrar for another two-year term. It is important to know that *you can only register people from the county in which you were deputized.*
- You must turn in registered voter cards within five days.**

****ALL LULAC members conducting voter registration will need to submit a copy of the voter registration applications to their local coordinator for the LULAC voter data base in order to conduct our final phase of Get Out the Vote Campaign.**

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