



League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

LULAC Mission Statement, Code, Philosophy, Aims & Purposes

LULAC Mission:

To advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, housing, and civil rights of the Hispanic population in the United States.

LULAC History:

The League of United Latin American Citizens, 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.

The LULAC Code:

Respect your citizenship and preserve it; honor your country, maintain its tradition in the spirit of its citizens and embody yourself into its culture and civilization.

Be proud of your origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of all the people.

Learn how to discharge your duties before you learn how to assert your rights; educate and make yourself worthy, and stand high in the light of your own deed; you must always be loyal and courageous.

Filled with optimism, make yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collected your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech.

Believe in God, love Humanity and rely upon the framework of human progress, slow and sound, unequivocal and firm.

Always be honorable and high-minded; learn how to be self-reliant upon your qualifications and resources.

In war serve your country, in peace your convictions; discern, investigate, meditate, think, study, and at all times be honest and generous.

Let your firmest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation shall be of youth more efficient and capable and in this let your own children be included.

LULAC Philosophy:

We believe in the democratic principle of individual, political and religious freedom, the right of equality of social and economic opportunity, and in the cooperative endeavor toward the development of an American Society wherein the cultural resources, integrity and dignity of every individual and group constitute basic assets of the American way of Life.

We believe that as American citizens we must assume our duties and responsibilities and assert our rights and privileges in pursuit of a fuller and richer civilization for our country.

We believe that education is the foundation for the cultural growth and development of this nation and that we are obligated to promote, protect and assure the right of our people to an education that is in accordance with the best American educational principles and standards; that we must deplore any infringement of this right wherever it may occur and regardless of whom it may affect.

We accept that it is not only the privilege but the obligation of every member of this organization to uphold and defend the rights and duties vested in every American citizen by the letter and spirit of the Law of the Land

The LULAC Prayer:

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindred and tongues.

Imbue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness; in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LULAC Meeting House Rules:

Effective LULAC meetings require members to work together as a team. All participants should create an atmosphere of mutual respect and work to achieve a common goal. Avoiding disrespectful behavior is a must for all LULAC Councils. Proper decorum during council meetings must be maintained.

LULAC Aims and Purposes:

Based on the spirit of philosophy of our League and having unequivocal faith in its righteousness, we propose:

1. To use all constitutional means at our disposal to implement with social action the principles set forth in our philosophy;
2. To foster the learning and fluent use of the English language so that we may thereby equip ourselves and our families for the fullest enjoyment of our rights and privileges and the efficient discharge of our duties and responsibilities to our country, at the same time, it is important to exert equal effort to foster the fluent mastery of the Spanish language, which is part of our heritage and a means of extending the cultural horizons of our nation.
3. To constitute the League into a service organization to actively promote and foster suitable measures for the attainment of the highest of our American society, and to establish cooperative relations with civic and governmental institutions and agencies in the field of public service.
4. To exert our united efforts to uphold the rights guaranteed to every individual by our state and national laws and to assure justice and equal treatment under these laws.
5. To combat with every means at our command all un-American tendencies and actions that deprive American citizens of their rights in educational institutions, in economic pursuits and in social, civic, and political activities;
6. To maintain the League free of all involvement in partisan politics as an organization; however, we shall oppose any infringement upon the constitutional political rights of an individual to vote and/or be voted upon at local, state, and national levels;
7. To oppose any violent demonstrations or other acts that defy constituted law and authority, desecrate the symbols of our nation, and threaten the physical and spiritual welfare of individuals or institutions;
8. To promote and encourage the education of youth and adults through scholarships, the constant vigilance of administrative and instructional practices in schools which deprive persons of educational opportunities, the sponsorship of classes in citizenship and other areas, and through the dissemination of information about available training opportunities;
9. To make use of every medium of communication at our disposal and to exert our combined efforts to promulgate and propagate the principles of the League, and augment its influence and numerical growth;
10. To support the efforts postulated in our Aims and Purposes with the overall objective of creating among our fellow citizens, through example and a mutual exchange of concepts, an understanding and recognition of and an appreciation for the dignity, worth and potential of the individual.