

This is the final draft proposal for the "Zero Waste Caucus," presented by the Green Stage Alliance at the 2nd Annual National Latino Congress. The Caucus will convene on day three of the convention - Sunday October 7th, 2007.

ZERO WASTE CAUCUS

National Latino Congress - Sheraton Hotel, Downtown L.A.

"Saving the Globe for Our Children and Grandchildren: Strategies on Climate Change, Energy Alternatives, Urban Greening, and Public Health"

Schedule:

8-10AM: Green Stage Alliance presents Zero Waste Caucus Breakfast.

This breakfast will take place amidst the setting of an environmental exposition, in which various biodegradable products will be displayed as well as multimedia installations. Educational programs will also be provided surrounding the benefits, feasibility and sustainability of urban farming.

Keynote Speaker (confirmed): Al Nodal, President of the City of LA Cultural Affairs Commission and General Manager of "Not a Cornfield" and "The Farm Lab."

10AM-12PM: "Environmentally-Friendly Liter; Truth or Fiction?"

This workshop will seek, through debate and analysis, various ways to promote and develop biodegradable sanitation.

12-1 pm: Brown Bag Lunch:

"Green Jobs and opportunities for the Latino youth of our community."

Keynote Speaker (confirmed): Honorable Hilda Solis, Congresswoman - United States House of Representatives.

1-3 pm: Additional workshops on ecology and urban greening

3-5:30 pm: National Latino Congress - Plenary Session.

Delegates from across the nation gather for a discussion of the Zero Waste Resolution.

Environmental Gala Dinner and Hospitality Suites will take place throughout the evening.

Mission:

The purpose of the Zero Waste Caucus is for members and supporters of the Green Stage Alliance to coordinate a singular strategy for the promotion of cultural education and public works in relation to the conservation of our environment. Jorge Luis Rodriguez is the coordinator and facilitator of the Green Stage working group.

The National Latino Congress charges \$25 fee for participants (this is an 85% discount from the original admission fee). This “Observer Pass” entitles one to access the various workshops, plenaries, caucuses and receptions taking place at the National Latino Congress (see attached Word file for Green Stage Registration, Partners and Sponsors.

Workshop 7 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM:

“Environmentally-Friendly Litter- Truth or Fiction?”

Ms. Sarah Abramson, Staff Scientist, Heal the Bay (Los Angeles, CA), Ms. Christine Flowers-Ewing, Executive Director, Keep California Beautiful (Sacramento, CA), Ms. Lorraine Kerwood, Associate, Next Step Recycling (Eugene, OR), Dr. Suja Lowenthal, City Councilwoman, City of Long Beach (Long Beach, CA), Ms. Lupe Vela, Senior Manager, Office of Councilman Ed Reyes (Los Angeles, CA), Mr. Enrique Zaldivar, Assistant Director, Executive Officer, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (Los Angeles, CA)

Abstract

The ZERO WASTE CAUCUS is committed to finding ways to process solid waste, divert it from landfills and, if possible, convert into an energy source. We also support the use of organically biodegradable products as an alternative technology to recycling. It also seeks to support agro-businesses and to promote zero waste cultural education primarily for the 44.3 million Hispanics residing in the United States.

Consideration is given to the legacy of transnational communities of Latin American farmers in relation to nearly 6 billion gallons of corn ethanol produced this year by American refiners. The Senate has mandated the rate of bio-fuel (ethanol) production to reach 36 billion gallons of ethanol by 2022.

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation diverts 62% of its municipal solid waste into the recycling process. That is 12% above the State of California average and 25% higher than the U.S. average. We are changing from a culture of waste disposal into a culture of recycling discarded materials. The Hispanic community is in desperate need of environmental educational that will serve to promote a greener existence for all.

The Green Stage Alliance is also submitting the ZERO WASTE Resolution for Congress’s consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Jorge Luis Rodriguez, Speaker

Kathleen Roman, Delegate

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HOW TO GET INVOLVE TODAY?

You may register your organization, business or sign as individual to join in the Zero Waste Caucus of the 2nd National Latino Congress by just paying a \$25 (regular \$100) and attend the entire event from day 1 (October 5th to 9th, 2007).

Your organization may became a Green Stage Partner by contributing \$500 and hosting one table of 10 at the Caucus breakfast and signing in for a Partner Assignment.

Partners's Assignments may be:

- Taking care of printing 200 Green Stage Alliance informational packets for the Zero Waste Caucus.
- Taking care of recording and editing a digital video of the Zero Waste Caucus.
- Providing coffee and bakery goods, service to the actual Caucus breakfast.
- Providing environmental Green Stage Alliance for lobbying at a specific City, Congress or governmental body at local, national or international level.
- Curating an eco-art exhibition.
- Any other assignments you may propose.

You may became a Presenting Sponsor of the Zero Waste Caucus by contributing \$5,000 and get all promotional credits as underwriter. Call Kat Roman at 562.331.4220

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