



National Latino Congreso
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**LATINO ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE ELECTION EVE
FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION**

Conveners of Latino Congreso Hold Press Conference on Troublesome Legislation



LOS ANGELES – The conveners of the National Latino Congreso will hold a press conference on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 to express their strong opposition to Congress' last minute attempt to pass enforcement-only immigration legislation. The press conference will take place at 1:00 PM at the headquarters of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) at 634 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA.



The National Latino Congreso, called by eight convening organizations and endorsed by hundreds of other organizations and elected officials, met earlier this month to develop a national policy agenda for Latino advocacy organizations. One of the resolutions adopted by the Congreso asserted opposition to local law enforcement of federal immigration law, and specifically “that Congress should reject any and all proposals including H.R. 4447 and S. 2611 in their current form unless and until amended consistent with the principles and purposes in this resolution [4.2]. We particularly object to measures that criminalize immigrants and militarize border communities, undermining civil and human rights.” The Congreso also supported comprehensive immigration reform bills related to students and agricultural employees that the U.S. House of Representatives ignored and are not part of the bills being debated this week.



The press conference marks the first time these organizations meet after the historic 5-day National Latino Congreso, in support of one of the many resolutions approved by delegates of hundreds of organizations. These resolutions express many concerns and issues of the Latino population in the United States.



WHAT: Press Conference on Federal Immigration Legislation
Latino Congreso Conveners

WHO: **Antonio Gonzalez**, President,
Southwest Voter Registration Education Project
John Trasviña, Interim President and General Counsel,
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
Assemblymember Hector de la Torre



WHEN: Wednesday, September 27, 2006
1:00 PM

WHERE: MALDEF Headquarters
634 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90014



The conveners will also be holding a press conference on the immigration legislation in Washington, DC. For more information please contact Tania Llavaneras at 323.972.6620.

