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Veterans, women issues and internal politics to dominate Texas convention

The Texas League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) annual convention and expo is expected to be dominated by Veteran's and Women's issues beginning Thursday, May 31st at the Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel - San Antonio, according to Lupe Torres, Texas LULAC State Director.

City of San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg has been invited to speak. Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff will participate in kicking off the convention that will feature a health and career/job fair, according to Torres.

A senior's breakfast, hosted by Rodolfo "Rudy" Martinez, Texas Deputy Director for the Elderly, will be held Friday June 1, 2018. George B. Hernandez, Jr., JD, President and CEO of the Bexar County University Health System, will be the keynote speaker. Rita Vidaurri, a well-known pioneer singer from San Antonio, will perform.

A veterans' workshop on Friday, open to area veterans, will be hosted by Román Palomares, Chairman of the LULAC National Veterans Affairs Committee, and Gibby Rodriguez, Texas State Co-Chair for Veterans Affairs. A luncheon will honor veterans from the military branches and all previous wars. Palomares is Chief of Staff to LULAC National President Roger C. Rocha, Jr. of Laredo and has previously served as a Texas LULAC state director.

A women's luncheon will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018. The Texas Deputy Director for Women is Marta E. Diaz of Houston. The keynote speaker Sandy Storm, author and writer on human trafficking, is a child sex trafficking survivor. The Honorable Ina Minjares, Texas House of Representative member, has been invited to be a guest speaker.

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The Young Adults LULAC councils will sponsor a townhall meeting focusing on issues impacting minority communities such as education, immigration, economic opportunities on Saturday at 3:30 pm. Manuel Rendon, Texas Deputy for Young Adults, stresses that the townhall meeting is opened to the general public.

The Texas State LULAC Director's reception and awards banquet will be held Saturday evening. Fernando Reyes, a former Rey Feo King will have a message for the Youth of LULAC. Keynote speaker for Saturday evening will be Texas Senator José Menéndez of San Antonio.

In addition to the official events, convention officials have received confirmation that two National LULAC presidential candidates will be in attendance to promote their candidacy for President of the National LULAC organization. The two will host individual "meet the candidate" events.

Domingo Garcia, a prominent practicing civil rights attorney lives in Dallas and is a well-known Democrat, and Darryl Morin, a long-time LULAC leader in the Midwest and national level, are the two announced candidates.

Garcia is a former member of the Texas Legislature and former member of the Dallas City Council. Garcia says that he "will work to increase the LULAC membership to one million and will work to address issues affecting Hispanics in the United States".

Morin's campaign states that Morin is committed "to recovering and reforming LULAC; to rebuilding its national office and returning LULAC to fiscal stability; to developing needed programs; enhancing its advocacy efforts and ensuring that every member has their views heard."

Elections for new Texas LULAC statewide officers will be conducted Sunday, June 3, 2018. The National President election bid will take place at the LULAC National Convention July 17-21, 2018 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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About LULAC --The League of United Latin American Citizens – the largest and oldest Hispanic civil rights membership-based organization in the United States. Its mission is to help advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of all Hispanic Americans. As LULAC members, individuals make a difference in their local community and at the national level because they have the support of thousands of LULAC members throughout the country. Together, LULAC works on projects that contributes to Latinos' achievement process through a positive approach. For information, log onto www.lulac.org