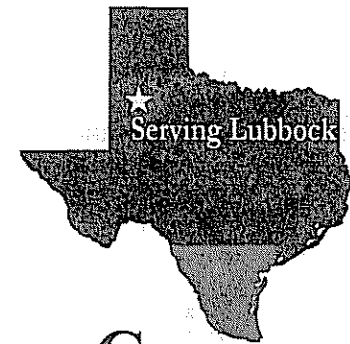


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LULAC clarifies position on Sifuentes/Ramirez Case

Lubbock, TX – The Texas LULAC District One Board of Directors met on Saturday, August 13 to discuss clarification of the involvement of LULAC in the case of Sifuentes and Ramirez in Littlefield, Texas and also the public remarks made by District One Director, Diana Martinez which were incorrect and were not released in accordance to the policy and procedures of the organization which requires that all public comments regarding LULAC be approved by the Board of Directors or the Local Councils.

The Board of Directors oversees and approves actions to be taken to make sure that they follow the policies of the organization. It has been an established policy of the organization that there will be no involvement in individual court cases once the parties involved have retained attorneys. This policy and procedure has been established to prevent the liability situation that the organization has been put in before. In this particular case, LULAC National President, Hector Flores was asked to make contact with Texas Attorney General Abbott to ask that a hearing be granted so that the parties involved could present their cases. This was sent to the local membership so they might also make contact with the Attorney General. The attorneys for Sifuentes and Ramirez filed a writ of habeas corpus asking for a hearing. A hearing has been granted and scheduled. This accomplished what LULAC was asking and that was the end of involvement of LULAC according to President Hector Flores.

Roger Rocha, Texas LULAC State Director has stated that Texas LULAC was never involved in any manner. Lubbock LULAC council 263 also stated that the Council was not involved aside from attempting to make contact with the Attorney General to ask that a hearing be granted. The District One Board of Directors also voted that Texas LULAC District One will not have any other involvement in this case either. LULAC has asked that there be a fair hearing so that all sides may present their case and it expects the legal system to carry out its duties in a fair and just manner.

LULAC does advocate fair justice for all but also realizes that is the job of the court system and the attorneys of the different parties involved. The organization cannot sit in judgment of which side is right or wrong and also to be doing investigative work in any cases. Rules, policies and procedures have long been established to protect the organization from any litigation or liabilities, thus there are limits and procedures in what the organization does and how it proceeds in all of its actions. All actions of the organization must be approved by the membership or the duly elected Board of Directors at the different levels of the organization. No individual has the authority to involve LULAC in any action not duly approved.

LULAC apologizes for any misconceptions or miscommunications that may have occurred by the unauthorized actions or events on this case.

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