FCDC Latino Caucus General Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ 7 PM – 8:00 PM
By Zoom

Agenda

- **Call to Order**
  - Procedures Used
  - Approval of Agenda & Minutes (Ariana Espinosa, Secretary)
  - Chair Report (Maritza Zermeno)
- **Welcome** and **Introductions**
- **Featured Speaker – Tim Huson**
  - Organizing Latinos
- Comments by visiting officials and candidates
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Announcements**
- **Adjournment**

Happy Half-Hour (8pm – 8:30pm)

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General Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2026
7:00 PM – 8:00PM

Meeting Attendants: Gil Davenport, Maritza Zermeno, Ariana Espinoza, Bob Fasick, Antonia Fasick, Marta Calderon, Leonel Rojas, Despina Belle-Isle, Evelyn Spain, Russel Brooks, Monica Sarmiento, Kaarina Budow, Chris Falcon, Omar Zabala-Ferrera, Todd Thurwachter, Patricia Hanley, Maria Villareal, Alden Matamoros

Call to Order: Chair Maritza Zermeño called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. She also explained that since we were meeting online, that a unanimous consent procedure would be used.

Agenda Approval: Ariana Espinoza moved to approve the agenda. Leonel Rojas seconded. The agenda was approved with no objections.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Ariana Espinoza moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting that took place on June 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Leonel Rojas and approved with no objections.

Dispensation of normal order: Maritza proposed dispensation of the normal order to allow the Chair to modify the agenda upon the need to accommodate invited guests and visitors. The motion was second by Ariana and approved with no objections.

Welcome and Introductions: Maritza invited participants to introduce themselves. Participants stated their names and provided brief remarks about their activities and connection to the Latino Caucus.

Featured Speaker: Monica Sarmiento, Executive Director at Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights (VACIR)

- Monica Sarmiento was introduced by Maritza. Following this introduction, she gave information on what is happening statewide and locally. She also gave information on what was happening with bills during the 2026 General Assembly session and what VACIR will be working on during the 2027 legislative session. She also

mentioned that police departments have not been complying with the new state laws. With this, she mentioned sharing the newly updated ACLU VA KYR information.

- ACLU VA recently updated their KYR information into 12 different languages: https://www.acluva.org/know-your-rights/interacting-with-ice-dmv/

Visiting Officials: There was a guest from FCDC and elected officials who spoke.

- Chris Falcon, Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court: gave remarks about immigration and the importance of the work that Monica does with VACIR.
- Despina Belle-Isle, FCDC Voter protection: gave remarks about voter protection in regard to the democratic primary that was held on August 4th.
  - This is the one-stop shop for signing up to be a poll observer or poll greeter: https://www.fairfaxdemocrats.org/one-map/
  - Contact: Voterprotection@fairfaxdemocrats.org

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business:

- No new business

Announcements: We will not be having a meeting in August

- Franconia Dems spanish canvassing in hybla valley 8/1
- Chris Falcon — Dog Days of Summer 8/15

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Happy Half-hour: Informal meeting continued for a few minutes.