



FCDC Latino Caucus General Meeting
Thursday, **January 30, 2025 @ 7 PM – 8:00 PM**

Connect and test Zoom connection (6:30 – 7:00 PM)

- Videos by Latin American artists

Agenda

- **Call to Order**
 - Procedures Used
 - Approval of Agenda & Minutes (Marta Calderon, Secretary)
 - **Welcome and Introductions**
 - **Featured Speaker**
 - **Carla Bustillos**
 - **Comments by visiting officials, candidates and invited guests**
 - **Old Business**
 - **New Business**
 - **Announcements**
 - **Adjournment**
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- **Happy Half-Hour (8pm – 8:30pm)**
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Attendants in the order of ZOOM logon: Gil Davenport, Marta Calderon, Leonel Rojas, Bob Fasick, Sally Lau, Patricia Hanley, Todd Thurwachter.

Call to order: Marta Calderon called to order at 7:04pm. Marta explained that she will be leading the meeting at the request of the Chair, Maritza Zermeño, who could not attend the meeting. She also explained that since the meeting is online, we would follow the “unanimous consent” procedure, instead of a vote.

Agenda approval: Bob Fasick moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Leonel Rojas. Approved with no objection.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Marta proposed the approval of the Meeting Minutes from the 30th of May. Gil Davenport moved the motion, Leonel seconded. Approved without objections.

Dispensation of normal order: Marta proposed dispensation of the normal order to allow the Chair to modify the agenda upon the need to accommodate invited guests and visitors. Motion moved by Gil, seconded by Leonel. Approved without objections.

Welcome and introductions: Marta invited participants to introduce themselves. Participants stated their names and provided brief remarks about their activities and relation to the Latino Caucus in this order: Marta Calderon, Leonel Rojas, Bob Fasick, Patricia Hanley, Sally Lau, Todd Thurwachter, and Gil Davenport.

New participants: Sally Lau and Patricia Hanley.

Sally Lau is Vice Chair of the Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Caucus and was representing Reggie Meneses, the API Caucus Chair. Reggie was a special guest but could not attend today’s meeting. Sally conveyed Reggie’s gratitude to the Latino Caucus for their participation in the Four-Caucus Postcard Writing Party. Sally also related that she is very interested in Latino issues due to academic interests, and family and social connections. Marta and Gil thanked Sally for her attendance and nice words, and Reggie for organizing the postcard writing party.

Patricia Hanley is from Brazil and works here as a professor of gerontology. She provided insights into the political situation in Brazil, issues in academic careers, and on gender imbalances among students in American colleges. She attended the meeting at the personal invitation of Maritza. Marta welcomed Patricia and invited her to join our Caucus.

Visiting officials: There were no visiting officials and no keynote speakers.

Old business:

- a) At Marta’s motion, participants talked about the procedures used to register into the meeting and the need to have a cohesive group who adds value to their members.
- b) Participants recognized the benefits of inter-caucus communication and cooperation. Marta proposed inviting members of other caucuses to our next meeting.
- c) Todd reported that he was canvassing in Pennsylvania and saw the need to reach young voters and Latinos.
- d) Gil reported that a business-size card printed by the Latino Caucus displaying information about I WILL VOTE, one side in English and the other in Spanish, was well received by volunteers and voters.

- e) In connection to the above, members expressed the importance of educating the Latino community. Gil, Leonel and Todd presented examples and highlighted the need to have a year-long education program, an idea also supported by Bob.

New business:

- a) Todd invited participants to reach out to Latinos at the Dems booth during the Oktoberfest in Vienna on October 5th.
- b) Leonel posted links in the Chat for the WhatsApp channel and the bi-lingual phonebanks organized by Kamala con Harris-Walz, as well as links for our own social media outlets.
- c) Gil discussed the idea of hybrid meetings. The in-person part would be in a restaurant or similar place. Bob highlighted the need to book a place soon. The online portion would be via ZOOM.
- d) Gill also proposed an end-of-year Latino party. These ideas will be discussed further in a future meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

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

From the Chat:

Latinos Con Kamala Virtual Phone Bank organized by The Democratic National Committee

Time: Thursdays and Saturdays, 7pm EDT + 1 more time

Location: Virtual event. Join from anywhere

About this event:

Speak to voters in English and Spanish across the country. Virtual training sessions will be held on Zoom.

Available times:

Sat, Sep 28, 2:00pm–4:00pm EDT

Thu, Oct 3, 7:00pm–9:00pm EDT

To sign up: <https://events.democrats.org/event/647512/>

Latinos con Harris-Walz

To join Latinos con Harris-Walz, fill out the application form here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-to-join-latinos-for-harris?source=email&>

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Zoom Meetings are the last Thursday of the month. To join, please fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/4e6Rx7Y>

Links: Please visit the following sites and FOLLOW, LIKE, COMMENT, or SHARE as appropriate.

Webpage: <https://latinos.fairfaxdemocrats.org> (Menu item ESPAÑOL is a repository of documents and references in Spanish.)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/FCDC-Latino-Caucus/61559394674142/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fcdclatinos/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@fcdclatinocaucus>

Threads: <https://www.threads.net/@fcdclatinos>