

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN  
CITIZENS



CHARTER APPLICATION

2012



## LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

Dear Applicant:

We thank you for your interest in the League of United Latin American Citizens! Our members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico are joined together in seeking a brighter future for all Hispanic Americans living in the United States.

Attached are the instructions and forms necessary to apply for a charter within the League of United Latin American Citizens. Once the application is received by the National Office, it is presented to the National LULAC Board for approval within a ten working day period. If there are no objections by the Board, the application is approved and the new council is issued a charter and unique council number. The council number is assigned by the director of membership services. Should you want to be issued a dormant council number, or renew a previously existing number, please submit the request, in writing with the attach application.

The application process takes approximately twenty days (20) to complete including approval and processing time. **Failure to complete any part of the application package will cause delays.** Once completed, a letter of acknowledgment will be mailed to the "council president" from the membership department. The charter and membership materials will be mailed out to the council contact or in some cases to the organizing officer.

Be sure to inform the district director before submitting the application to the National Office. Please note that each state and district also have membership fee requirements. If you have any questions concerning LULAC or the application process, please contact the Membership Office, or visit our web site at [www.LULAC.org](http://www.LULAC.org).

All charters are required to electronically submit Form 990-N also known as the e-Postcard with IRS. If a charter fails to file they will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The e-Postcard is due every year by May 15<sup>th</sup>. To file electronically you can go to the IRS website or type <http://epostcard.form990.org>.

If you need assistance with membership, obtaining materials, or any other need, please call me. I am more than happy to help you achieve LULAC's mission in your communities.

Thank you for your interest. I hope you will become part of the LULAC family in the near future.

Best wishes,

Lupe Morales  
Director of Membership Services



## 2012 NEW CHARTER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Application for Charter/Contact Information Form:** Complete the required information with the name of the person who will be the point of contact. This person is usually the acting council president. The "organizing officer" is usually the local LULAC district director, state director or any current member (in good standing) who assisted and facilitated in the formation of the council.

**Contact Information Release Form:** This form is a contact information release waiver authorizing the LULAC National Office to post contact information on the LULAC website.

**New Member Application:** Each new member is required to complete a 2012 new member application. Two members of a neighboring council, in good standing, may sign to attest to the application. If a local council is not available, two members of the organizing council may sign to vouch for the person applying for membership.

**Annual Council Charter Agreement:** This agreement is part of the by-laws of the organization that explain the responsibilities and duties of the council, members and the national organization. Sign and date the document. Keep a copy for your records and return the original to the Membership Office.

**Worksheet and Council Membership Roster:** Clearly print or type the name, address city/state and zip code, telephone number with area code. Please note that 10 members are required to form and maintain a new council. Include fax numbers and email address. Please list members in alphabetical order if possible. **Also, indicate the elected office of each member: Pres, VP, Sec, Treas, Parl, Chap, Sgt. At Arms. Also indicated whether Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., Rev. or any other relevant title.**

Once the forms are completed and the dues calculated, make your **cashier check or money order** payable to **LULAC National** for the total remittance due. Contact your district and state director for their schedule of dues.

**Remember to always keep a copy of all paperwork and checks for your records.** Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the National Membership Director.

**Mail Cashier Check or Money Order (No personal checks will be accepted) with completed forms to:**

**LULAC NATIONAL OFFICE / MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT  
201 East Main Drive, Suite 605  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 577-0726 BUS / (915) 577-0914 FAX  
GMORALES@LULAC.ORG**



**APPLICATION FOR 2012 CHARTER**

**CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Council (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a Young Adult Council?**  Yes  No (For a definition, see LULAC Constitution, pg. 22).

**To the National Executive Board of the League of United American Citizens:**

We, the persons whose names are attached hereto, do hereby most respectfully make application for a charter council in the League of United Latin American Citizens and state that we have read, and had fully explained by one of your officers, the Aims and Purposes, the Code, the Constitution, and the policies and work of the League. We wholeheartedly subscribe to these and pledge our unfaltering loyalty to them. We have complied with all of the instructions contained in your Constitution, By-Laws and Protocol, with regard to being chartered as a council of the League, and hereby request that a charter be granted to our group.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Council President (print and sign name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Council Secretary (if available)

Attested to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Organizing Officer (print and sign name)

**Complete the following information for the President of the Council.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fax\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Use Only:**

Application received and reviewed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

Application: ( ) Approved ( ) Rejected

CHARTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUED ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.



## Contact Information Release Form

In LULAC's ongoing effort to make our website a primary source for information pertaining to the Hispanic community we are designing a searchable online directory of LULAC councils. Through this directory visitors to the website, including but not limited to potential sponsors and partners, media, and constituents, will be able to locate local councils via the web thereby better facilitating operations of the league.

This form is a contact information release waiver authorizing the LULAC National Office to post contact information on the LULAC website: [www.LULAC.org](http://www.LULAC.org). Contact information should be provided for the council president or designated representative.

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I hereby grant permission for my contact information detailed below to be listed on the website of the League of United Latin American Citizens at [www.LULAC.org](http://www.LULAC.org).

This permission shall be terminated when I leave the specified office, or when I retract this permission, whichever shall occur first. It is the duty of the council president or designated representative to keep contact information up-to-date for current officers.

Fill out only the information you wish to be published on the web:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Issue Areas (check all that apply):

- |                                       |                                     |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Empowerment |  |

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Submitted by (required):

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you do not have an email account and require assistance setting one up, please contact Jorge Trasmonte at the LULAC National Office, 202-833-6130.



**2012 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) hereby most respectfully apply for membership in LULAC, and state that I have read, understand and subscribe to the mission of LULAC, the LULAC code and LULAC Constitution this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Original Signature of Applicant

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We, the undersigned members in good standing of the League of United Latin American Citizens, certify that we personally are acquainted with the above applicant and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this person is of good moral character and worthy of membership in this body.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member

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**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_, **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate if a dedicate fax line \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_



# LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

## ANNUAL COUNCIL CHARTER AGREEMENT

2012

### PREFACE

This Agreement becomes effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, between **LULAC COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_** (herein referred to as “**COUNCIL**”) and the **LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, INC.** (herein referred to as “**LULAC**”), a national entity incorporated as a 501(c)(4) organization and registered in the State of Texas under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement creates and is intended to create a network of **LULAC** Local Councils acting within their own community as chartered and authorized by the League of United Latin American Citizens, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation acting through its President and National Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as **LULAC NATIONAL** to be hereinafter known as **LULAC NATIONAL NETWORK (LNN)**; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this network is to provide a vehicle within which to act and work toward the improvement of the quality of life within the United States and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, equality of opportunity and citizenship may best be achieved through the various programs and services that are offered through duly chartered and authorized **LULAC** Local Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, **LULAC NATIONAL** owns all rights to the use of the name League of United Latin American Citizens known as **LULAC** together with all of its logos used and developed since the years 1929 when **LULAC** came into being; and

**WHEREAS**, all duly chartered and authorized **LULAC** Local Councils admit and recognize the legal right of **LULAC NATIONAL** to require chartering and adherence to **LULAC NATIONAL**; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Council hereby requests charter membership in **LULAC** and by doing agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council when chartered and authorized herein, agrees to maintain a corporate ethic of excellence and fully understand that the interests of the corporation are paramount, requiring adherence to conditions and requirements of this agreement and the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration; the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1: PURPOSES AND PHILOSOPHY

The purposes and philosophy of **LULAC** are set forth in detail in its Constitution and By-Laws. The Council applying for a Charter pursuant to this Agreement agrees to accept and wholly abide by said rules and principles of purpose and philosophy.

### ARTICLE 2: CHARTER AGREEMENT

A Council is the basic unit of active membership in **LULAC**, a national organization. Each Council must and will be identified by a numerical figure issued when the Council is duly chartered by the **LULAC** National Board of Directors pursuant to the terms and conditions of this charter agreement and the requirements and procedures set forth in the **LULAC** Constitution and By-Laws. Once duly chartered, the Council shall have all the rights and powers and will be bound by the limitations and responsibilities as set forth in the **LULAC** Constitution and By-Laws, and this Agreement.

This Agreement becomes a binding contract upon its execution by the contracting parties effective on the date stated above and is renewable annually.

## ARTICLE 3: GENERAL AGREEMENT

**SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP:** There will be two kinds of membership; Sustaining membership and applying membership.

1) **SUSTAINING COUNCIL:** At inception of this Agreement, all currently existing and duly chartered **LULAC** Councils will be approved as “Sustaining Councils”.

A duly chartered Sustaining Council may apply for a **LULAC** Licensing Agreement. A **LULAC** Licensing Agreement grants the chartered Council the right to non-exclusive use of the **LULAC** Service Marks and Trademarks in connection with the Council’s programs and activities. The **LULAC** Licensing Agreement is a separate and distinct contractual relationship between Council and the National Organization.

2) **APPLYING COUNCIL:** A duly chartered Council which has come into existence for the first time or a Council which has been dormant for a period in excess of 12 months and is applying for re-chartering, will be classified and recognized as an “Applying Council”. Applying Councils are automatically placed on a 12-month probationary membership status and will be elevated to the status of Sustaining Council upon successful completion of corporate accounting and financial reporting requirements. The primary purpose of the probationary period is to ensure that the Applying Council evidences the willingness and ability to adhere to **LULAC**’s corporate and financial reporting requirements.

An Applying Council will be ineligible for a **LULAC** Licensing Agreement during its probationary period. However, upon proper consideration and approval, licensing limitations may be waived in accordance with the provisions contained in the **LULAC** Licensing Agreement.

**SECTION B:** **LULAC** will provide administrative guidance and technical support to all duly chartered councils, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the **LULAC** Constitution and By-Laws and its economic and practical abilities and limitations.

## ARTICLE 4: COVENANTS OF CHARTERED COUNCIL

**SECTION A:** The Council shall reflect “**LULAC**” and its assigned number in its name. Council shall be known and shall do business as it is registered with **LULAC**. The Council shall conspicuously identify itself as a duly chartered Council of **LULAC** in all dealings with its clients, contractors, public officials, and others, and shall prominently place appropriate notice of its charter membership on all forms, business cards, stationary, advertising, signs and other materials where **LULAC** membership is disclosed.

**SECTION B: Revenues and Expenses:** The Council shall be solely responsible for its revenues and expenses in providing, managing, or otherwise conducting the business affairs of the Council.

**SECTION C: Principles of Operation:** The Council shall operate its programs, services, and business activities in keeping with the purposes, philosophy, and standards described in the **LULAC** Constitution and its By-Laws and this Agreement.

**SECTION D: Record Keeping, Accounting, and Reporting Standards:** The Council shall open and maintain bank accounts to be used in general operational activities of the Council as well as an account for designated specific purposes, which cannot be used for the general operational activities.

These bank accounts shall be subjected to inspection by **LULAC** and their status must be reported to **LULAC**.

The Council shall keep correct, current, and complete books and records of accounts, and shall keep minutes of proceedings of its members, officers, board of directors, and committees having any authority of the Council and shall keep at its principle office, a record of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of its member entitled to vote.

All book and records of a Council may be inspected by the **LULAC** National Treasurer for any purpose at any reasonable time.

**SECTION E: Financial Records and Annual Reports:** A Council shall maintain current, true and accurate financial records with full and correct entries made with respect to all financial transactions of the Council, including all income and expenditures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on these records, the officers of the council or trustees shall prepare an annual report of the financial activity of the council. The financial report is due no later than sixty (60) days after the close of their accounting period. The report must include a statement of support, revenue, expenses, changes in fund balance, and a balance sheet for all funds. These reports are due in the National office as directed by the National President or National Treasurer.



All records, books, and annual reports shall be kept at the council's principal office and shall be maintained for at least three years after closing of the accounting period.

A council that fails to maintain financial records, prepare an annual report, or otherwise fail to follow any of the provisions herein in the manner prescribed by this section shall have its council charter forfeited and/or not renewed.

**SECTION F: Service Marks and Trademarks:** When applicable. Council agrees to cooperate with LULAC to protect the Service Marks of "LULAC" all Service Marks Trademarks, Logos, and any other service marks or trademarks registered from time to time to LULAC, and to protect it from unauthorized use by anyone or any entity who does not have authority from LULAC to display or otherwise make use of such service marks or trademarks.

Council shall not be required to bring any legal action or proceeding to protect the marks, but shall cooperate fully with LULAC or any of its members who bring an action or proceeding to protect the marks.

Council further agrees to maintain the high standards of LULAC in its use of such service marks and trademarks. Council's use, in any way, of the service mark "LULAC", all service marks, trademarks, logos, and any other service mark or trademark registered to LULAC or any of the members shall be governed by the form of this Agreement.

**SECTION G: Personal and Real Property:** Each Council shall have the right to acquire property, both real and personal, to facilitate the furtherance of their programs. Council shall maintain a running inventory of any such property acquired by Council from any and all sources.

The Council shall provide that any property acquired is the property of LULAC and that it shall be turned over to the National Office or its designated Chartered Council in the event that said Council's Charter become forfeited and/or not renewed by LULAC National.

**SECTION H: Hold Harmless:** Council agrees to hold LULAC National "harmless" from any and all claims made against the Council or entity arising out of acts or failures to act by said Council/entity, and to provide funds to LULAC National for attorney's fees and costs resulting from any such claim.

**ARTICLE 5: COVENANTS OF LULAC**

**SECTION A: Support:** LULAC will provide administrative and technical guidance and assistance to its duly Chartered Councils.

**SECTION B: Advocacy:** LULAC will serve as an advocate at the national level to inform the public, corporate leaders and elected officials of LULAC's achievements as well as the needs and issues concerning the Hispanic community.

**SECTION C: Annual Financial Statement:** LULAC agrees to make available to Council, upon request, an Annual Financial Statement.

**ARTICLE 6: MEMBERS**

**SECTION 5: Restrictions:** Unless authorized by the National Board of directors, the LULAC members, life members, and distinguished members are not allowed to use Local, State, or National LULAC assets, any variation of the LULAC name of symbol, LULAC scholarship money or other LULAC property, either directly or implied, for personal monetary or material gain. Neither shall such members contribute or assist toward a non-members gain of LULAC assets that are appropriated in an unauthorized manner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

LULAC SEAL



LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN  
AMERICAN CITIZENS

**Membership Office**

**MEMORANDUM**

201 East Main Drive, Suite 605  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 577-0726 • (915) 577-0914

**To:** All New Members  
**From:** Lupe Morales, LULAC Membership Director  
**Subject:** Membership Fees Dues

The following worksheet will assist you in calculating new membership and chartering fees. There is a one-time initiation fee for all new LULAC members. Charter and membership fees are paid annually. Please note that dues are also required at the district and state level and are counted toward your good standing in LULAC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 1-866-577-0726.

### Worksheet

Annual Charter Fee	\$75.00
Initiation Fee	\$6.00 X Number of New Members =
Membership Dues	\$1.25 per month X Number of Members =
Total dues & charter-sent to National Office	_____

#### **Example #1 – If creating a council beginning in January 2012 with 10 members.**

Charter Fee		= \$ 75.00
Initiation Fee	\$6.00 X 10 members	= \$ 60.00
Member Dues	\$15.00 X 10 members	= <u>\$150.00</u>
Total Due		= \$285.00

#### **Example #2 – If creating a council starting in March of 2012 with 12 members.**

Charter Fee		= \$ 75.00
Initiation Fee	\$6.00 X 12 members	= \$ 72.00
Member Dues	\$12.50 X 12 members	= <u>\$150.00</u> <b>Prorated for 10 months (March-Dec. 2012)</b>
Total Due		= \$297.00

**\*\*Please send in dues for National only. Do not combine District or State dues.**