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**OREGON COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS**

**2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**SERVING THE  
HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN OREGON  
SINCE 1983**

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Created by legislative statute in 1983, the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (“OCHA”) is pleased to share the 2011 Annual Report of the commission’s activities and achievements, and a forecast for its work in 2012.

Our 2011 Annual Report emphasizes the commitment the Commission has in maintaining and celebrating the diversity of the Hispanic/Latino community in Oregon. It also emphasizes the need for strong legislation to protect the state’s fastest growing ethnic group. Finally, the Report reaffirms its pledge to increasing education opportunities to all students throughout the state, regardless of their native language or socioeconomic class.

This Report also highlights the Commission’s relationships with numerous civil and government leaders. As the official voice for the myriad issues of Oregon’s 450,000 Hispanics before the legislature, OCHA also collaborated with Hispanic/Latino community, civic, professional organizations, as well as those who serve our community throughout the state. Hence, our Commissioners were engaged in a wide and robust variety of advocacy throughout the state and the country.

As we approach 30 years of service to the people of the State of Oregon, we are delighted to present this report to you and urge you to join our efforts.

¡Adelante!

Sincerely,

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

## MISSION AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The mission of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (“the Commission”) is to work toward economic, social, political and legal equality for Oregon’s diverse Hispanic/Latino population.

The Commission and all the Commissioners serve as advocates for Hispanic/Latino youth, children, and adults, with the goal of success in school, the receipt of equal health and social services, and fair and equitable treatment through the judicial system.

The Commission is authorized by Oregon Revised Statute 185.310 - 185.330 to:

1. Monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon’s Hispanic population.
2. Identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs.
3. Maintain a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities.
4. Encourage Hispanic representation on state boards and commissions.
5. Hold meetings to conduct its business.

In addition, the Commission:

- Researches and collates data on issues pertinent to the Hispanic community.
- Focuses on a statewide context – from the rural, urban, suburban, and coastal regions—to identify current programs and determine what gaps exist in social services.
- Refers people to professionals—putting seekers of specific services together with the individual or organization most capable of meeting their needs.
- Monitors existing programs that affect the Latino community within state government and the private sector.
- Develops and monitors legislation that affects the Hispanic/Latino community in Oregon.
- Testifies before the Oregon Legislature on bills and measures deemed appropriate by the Commission and constituency.

- Encourages Oregon residents to resolve their own local issues in a positive, productive manner, with appropriate community stakeholders.
- Seeks and identifies emerging Hispanic leadership throughout the state.
- Promotes positive aspects of the Hispanic community.
- Works with its sister advocacy commissions, the Commissions on Black, and Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, and the Commission for Women, to foster greater community as well as the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for racial/ethnic communities in Oregon.

## COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The Commission is comprised of eleven members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate for three-year terms. The President of the Oregon Senate and the Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives each appoints one Legislative member for two-year terms. All Commission members abide by the Commission's by-laws and the Oregon Code of Ethics set forth in ORS 244.050.

The Commission's Standing Committees include an Executive Committee, a Program and Development Committee, and Legislative Committee. Other committees are called by the Chair as needed.

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE OREGON COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS**

The Commission holds regularly scheduled public meetings with stated agendas, with time included for public comment so that the general public take can part in the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for minorities in Oregon. The Commission also invites key organizational decision-makers, elected and public officials, and stake-holders to give brief presentations and updates that are of interest to the Hispanic/Latino community. In addition, Hispanic/Latinos are encouraged to speak on important and timely issues and offer queries the Commission can then bring before the Governor and state legislators. Meeting sites vary depending on agendas and community outreach efforts, or special invitations by local organizations.

### **2011 MEETINGS**

#### **February 16, 2011 Oregon State Capitol, Salem**

In its first meeting of the year, the Commission focused its attention to 2011 legislative session. The Legislative Committee announced that it would focus on focus on two bills sponsored by the Commission and its sister advocacy commissions: one concerning the reestablishment of public safety by revising the drivers license laws of the state; and SB 97, culturally competent care.

The Commission recognized and celebrated new faces in the Governor's Office committed to social justice and working as liaisons to the advocacy commissions.

The Commission hosted the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Brad Avakian, who spoke to the Commission and its guests about Oregon's employment opportunities and the protection of access to housing and public accommodations without discrimination.

**Members of the Public/Speakers:** Miguel Salinas, Pioneros de Oregon, who offered assistance to the Commission in its outreach to cities and schools; Emilio Hernandez, University of Oregon, who updated the Commission on the hiring processes of the University of Oregon.

#### **April 20, 2011 Oregon State Capitol, Salem**

The Commission's second public meeting continued the progress and direction of 2011's focus, that of the legislative session. The Commission discussed not only the alternative drivers license bill but also tuition equity.

Kendall Clawson from the Governor's Office of Executive Appointments reported to the Commission the work of her office.

The Commission hosted two dynamic invited guests at its hearing. First, Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo, Ph.D., spoke about Latinos in the Oregon Public Education System. The talk generated a frank and candid discussion about disparity and funding issues. The Superintendent also spoke about the failure of the Portland Public School's failure to achieve ELL goals for the past decade. Her words concerning proficiency in reading were welcomed by the Commissioners.

Second, the Honorable John Trasviña, Assistant Secretary for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, spoke about civil rights, bilingual education, public accommodation, the ADA, and workplace discrimination. He also spoke about the Fair Housing Act. He asked the Commission to partner with the Housing Authority concerning the Latino community.

**Members of the Public/Speakers:** Miguel Salinas encouraged the Commission to provide translated audio proceedings of the OCHA public meetings; Aeryca Steinbauer of CAUSA urged the Commission to support SB 742, the tuition equity bill.

#### **June 29, 2011 Oregon State Capitol, Salem**

The Commission discussed Key Performance Measures to ensure efficiency and best practices would be followed, including customer service. At this June meeting, the Commission also discussed the 2011-2013 state budget and ways to reduce the impact of OCHA upon the state.

OMHS/OCHA intent Rolando Cruz presented his work as an intern, the Migrant Health Study. He researched pesticides, diabetes, and other health disparities among migrant workers in Oregon. He concluded with the importance of availability for bilingual signage, Spanish media, and building relationships between workers, community leaders, and study leaders.

**Members of the Public/Speakers:** Alison Guzman and Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxic Alliance, presented evidence on the West Eugene Environmental Health and Justice Project and urged the Commission to request that Lane County test water, urine, air, and blood; facilitate a meeting between the environmental justice and the Governor; and ask for state regulations for environmental justice regarding the industry; Carol Cheney from the Office of Multicultural Health Studies talked about the State of Equity report, referencing the Rural and Migrant Health Care Equity Coordinator.

**August 29, 2011 Oregon Advocacy Commission Office, Portland**

The Commission announced that the Regional Arts and Cultural Council awarded a \$5,000 grant for artist Esteban Camacho to paint a mural of Cesar Chavez on Portland's Cesar Chavez Boulevard, contingent on fundraising an equal amount.

The Commission moved forward with its strong internship program, providing outreach to various universities throughout the state to develop new internship opportunities.

OCHA celebrated the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. OCHA co-sponsored the Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Breakfast, Salem Convention Center, with the Latino Business Alliance of Willamette Valley, and IZO Marketing. OCHA commissioners also were honored or were featured speakers at numerous events throughout the state.

**Members of the Public/Speakers:** Frank Garcia, Jr., Governor's Director of Diversity and Inclusion reaffirmed the Governor's commitment to ensuring Oregon has excellent and sustainable jobs, education, and healthcare.

**October 26, 2011 Oregon Advocacy Commission Office, Portland**

The Commission focused on the budget and discussed pipeline strategies for requests for help by the public. It also discussed fellow stakeholders across the state for formal partnerships, as well as strategic work of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions of which OCHA is a part.

**December 9, 2011 State Office Building, Portland**

The Commission's final meeting of 2011 saw its focus on legislation return to the forefront. It discussed the budget and the 40/40/20 education initiative by the Oregon Education Investment Board, and ways to engage the Hispanic community in the short legislative session.

**Members of the Public/Speakers:** Frank Garcia, Jr., Governor's Director of Diversity and Inclusion discussed the Secure Communities Program and the budget. Mr. Garcia reported that Hispanics made up 12% of the appointments made by the Office of Executive Appointments. Vladimir Avalos and Juan Muros, public volunteers, spoke to the Commission about their concerns of domestic violence, education, and gang prevention.

## COMMISSIONERS



### **Chair Andrea Cano, Portland**

A social justice advocate and communications specialist, Chair Andrea Cano has served the people in this state as the director of the Oregon Farm Worker Ministry, the director of the statewide Summit organized by the Oregon Latino Agenda for Action, and as a consultant to multicultural, ecumenical, and interfaith organizations. She is a former Robert F. Kennedy Fellow and founding director of the California Chicano News Media

Association. Her involvement with the National Women's Political Caucus is featured in a documentary "*Voces Primeras*." Her international work has taken her to 30 countries including many in Latin America and the Spanish –speaking Caribbean. Originally from California, she lived in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and Quito, Ecuador, before settling in Oregon in 1999. She is now serving as a hospital chaplain in Portland. Chair Cano was appointed in November 2009 by Gov. Kulongoski, and elected vice chair in 2010. She serves on the Executive Committee. Focus areas include labor, health, media, quality of life and death. In 2011, Chair Cano:

- Chaired OCHA
- Ensured the administrative, organizational, and operational aspects of the commission flow smoothly and efficiently
- Engaged in extensive budget meetings to comply with the Governor's mandate to reduce funding to agencies
- Met with staff of the Governor's Office, legislators, agency directors
- Attended meetings of the Oregon Advocacy Commission
- Informed the English and Spanish language press about OCHA and its commissioners
- Addressed numerous civic, community events with content, data of the U.S. census reports, implications of Hispanic population densities throughout the state of Oregon, promoting civic engagement, voter education, voter registration, cultural/ethnic diversity. Among them, the OHSU Cultural Competency Health panel, the U.S./Mexico Bi-National Labor Week, and
- Connected stakeholders in the Hispanic/Latino community in Oregon
- Reviewed education plans at the elementary, high school, and university levels
- Met with legislators on bills central to OCHA's mission
- Reported on the Northwest Latino Survey Project on politics, economics, and life in the Northwest
- Represented OCHA at the Governor's Oregon Driver License Task Force

- Met with the Consulate General, Mexican Consulate Portland, and the staff of the Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) regarding issues of the immigrant community



**Vice Chair John Haroldson, Corvallis**

The son of a Scandinavian father and a Mexican mother, Vice Chair John Haroldson was raised both in the Pacific Northwest and in Monterrey, Mexico, where he developed a rich bilingual and bicultural perspective. He holds the honor of serving as Oregon's first Mexican-American District Attorney in Benton County, Oregon. Vice Chair Haroldson has demonstrated a long-term commitment

towards ensuring equal opportunity access for underrepresented individuals. He serves on the Advisory Board for the César Chávez Cultural Center at Oregon State University and as a Presenter for the Oregon State University CAMP and 4H Programs, where he works with monolingual Spanish speaking students. Vice Chair Haroldson resides in Corvallis with his wife Maria. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Central Washington University and a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from the University of Oregon. He is a member of the Oregon and Washington State Bar Associations. In 2011, Vice-Chair Haroldson:

- Vice chaired the commission
- Attended meetings throughout the state
- Received the 2011 Oregon Hispanic Bar Association's Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award
- Attended the 2011 US Hispanic Leadership Institute in Chicago, Illinois
- Supplied the commission with knowledge of criminal justice law and statutes
- Continued to monitor the disproportionality among victims and underreporting a crime among Latinos, plus concerns about the victimization of Latinos and individuals who are victimized because they are identified as Mexican immigrants
- Analyzed the 2010 US Census data
- Continued to advocate for the abolition of human trafficking
- Met with US Department of Justice Civil Rights Leader Tom Perez to discuss outstanding issues facing Oregon's Hispanic/Latinos
- Met with Assistant Secretary for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development John Trasviña to discuss housing discrimination in the state
- Recognized by the Latino Heritage Night Dinner during Hispanic Heritage Month
- Nominated former Chair Jose Ibarra as the recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Month Award
- Attended the US Hispanic Leadership Institute in Portland

- Attended the Gateway Cities Event
- Attended an Americas Society event in New York City focusing on immigration policy
- Attended the unveiling of the new 40/40/20 education initiative by the Oregon Education Investment Board
- Sits on committee at request of Senator Wyden's office to review judicial candidates



**Professor Gilbert P. Carrasco, Salem**

Professor Carrasco is an expert in civil rights law, immigration law and constitutional law. He is the author of three national casebooks on these subjects and numerous law review articles. He has taught as a visiting professor at Lewis & Clark, Oregon, San Diego, Seton Hall and Willamette. He also studied for extended periods at Oxford, Stanford, Hastings and George

Washington. Professor Carrasco teaches Civil Rights, Constitutional Law and Employment Discrimination. In 2008, he joined the board of directors of the Oregon chapter of the American Constitution Society. In July 2009, he was appointed to the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, is a member of the OCHA Executive Committee. In 2011, Professor Carrasco:

- Monitored the Legislative Session and Agenda
- Led the Driver's License legislation within the State of Oregon.
- Met on a recurring basis with Attorney General of Oregon to discuss issues important to OCHA
- Continued to advise the commission on various legal facets of issues discussed
- Represented OCHA at the Governor's Oregon Driver License Task Force



**Lupita Maurer, Aloha**

Lupita Maurer was born in Mexico City. She became a U.S. citizen in 1995. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Computer Science degree from Cal State East Bay.

Commissioner Maurer has worked in the high tech field for 17 years. Commissioner Maurer served as the Chair of a political party in Washington County from 2004 to 2008, and now represents

Oregon at the national level. Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian appointed her member of the Oregon Council for Civil Rights from 2009-2011. She was recently appointed to the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs by Governor Kitzhaber. Commissioner Maurer enjoys talking to middle school girls to encourage them to study math and science. She has two children, one in college and one in middle school, and lives in Aloha, OR. This year Commissioner Maurer:

- Attended meetings
- Attended the Oregon Child Development Coalition dinner
- Stayed abreast of housing issues
- Drafted letters of complaint on behalf of Latino family being charged fees by housing agency



**Professor Marcela Mendoza, Eugene**

Dr. Mendoza is the Interim Executive Director of Centro Latinoamericano, a community-based organization in Eugene. She is also an adjunct professor and researcher at the University of Oregon. She brings to the Commission her strong commitment to collaborative research and community service partnerships, and the lessons learned during her previous

research and advocacy work with Latino immigrants in Memphis, Tennessee. Her most recent book co-authored with a former OCHA Commissioner, *Mexicanos in Oregon* was published and available through Oregon State University Press. Dr Mendoza's term started in July 2009 and is a member of the OCHA Executive Committee. In 2011, Dr. Mendoza:

- Attended meetings
- Continued conversations with Chief Cairns of the City of Eugene Police Department and Sergeant Doug Mozan, also in the company of Juan Carlos Valle, Centro Latinoamericano President of the Board of Directors, about implementation of the Secure Communities initiative in the City of Eugene, and safety/policing issues affecting the Latino population in the city
- Reported to the Commission about elections for the Consejo Consultivo del Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (CC-IME)
- Worked closely with OCHA intern Rolando Cruz and approved the final draft of his thesis paper
- Participated in the CAUSA event in November in Salem, Oregon
- Met with Eugene police commission to discuss ICE issues



**Judith A. Parker, Portland**

An attorney specializing in professional liability defense and labor and employment law, Ms. Parker is a past president and current Board of Director of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association. She also maintains active memberships in the Oregon State Bar, the Multnomah Bar Association, and the Hispanic National Bar Association. Commissioner Parker joined Hinshaw & Culbertson

LLP in January 2010 after working at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt. Prior to her legal career, Commissioner Parker worked for the United States Citizenship and Immigration

Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) as a district adjudication officer. Before that, she was an immigration caseworker and congressional speechwriter for former U.S. Representative Darlene Hooley (D-Oregon, Fifth District).

This year, Commissioner Parker:

- Attended meetings
- Worked closely with Senator Wyden's office to provide the office with qualified diverse judicial candidates
- Resourced the commission with knowledge of immigration law and statutes
- Provided critical legal analysis of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Oregon /state Police and Ice regarding the implementation of the Secure Communities policy throughout the state by 2013
- Worked on proposed driver's license legislation
- Advocated to various Oregon legislators on SB 97, culturally competent care, and SB 742, tuition equity
- Met with and continued to maintain close connections with offices of the Hon. Trasviña and Tom Perez
- Attended events and meetings at the Mexican Consulate
- Attended various town hall meetings hosted by state representatives and senators on behalf of the Commission
- Attended the Hispanic National Bar Association
- Continued to serve on the Board of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association
- Represented OCHA at other advocacy commission meetings
- Recognized at the tenth anniversary of the Convocation on Equality hosted by the Oregon State Bar
- Spoke to Latino/Hispanic law students throughout state
- Updated the Commission's Facebook page as appropriate



**Carlos Perez, Beaverton**

One of the newest Commissioners, Carlos Perez retired from the Hillsboro School District in 2009 after 10 years as Deputy Superintendent and 31 years overall in the district. Prior to Hillsboro Commission Perez taught in Idaho for several years. Currently, Commissioner Perez is an education consultant focusing on the areas of educational equity and school climate. Commissioner Perez also has a history of leadership in social justice issues and Latino Leadership. He is a founding member and current president of the Oregon Association of Latino Administrators (OALA,) a founding member and former chair of the Human Rights Council of Washington County and former chair of the Latino Leadership Network of Washington County. He is also a dialogue facilitator with the Uniting to Understand Racism Foundation of Portland. In 2011, Commissioner Perez:

- Attended meetings
- Sought information related to data collected by schools regarding students from indigenous backgrounds speaking languages other than Spanish
- Worked to increase role of education opportunities throughout the state
- Attended the unveiling of the new 40/40/20 education initiative by the Oregon Education Investment Board
- Spoke with Portland State University regarding an OCHA intern at the masters or doctorate level



**Santiago Ventura, Gervais**

Commissioner Ventura represents the indigenous community in Marion County. He endured being wrongly imprisoned in a landmark legal case. He was appointed to the Board in the autumn of 2011. In his short tenure to date, he:

- Attended meetings
- Sought information related to data collected by schools regarding students from indigenous backgrounds speaking languages other than Spanish.

## OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES



### **Senator Chip Shields - D-Portland, District 22**

Chip has served in the Oregon House and Senate since 2005 where he focuses on living-wage jobs, health care, schools and equality. In the 2009 session, as Co-Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee of Ways & Means, he protected services for domestic violence survivors, funding for drug and alcohol treatment, and negotiated and passed a bill that invests \$1.5 million in pre-apprenticeship training for women and people of color.



### **Representative Chris Harker - D-Portland, District 34**

Chris was appointed to the Oregon House of Representatives in June of 2008, filling the seat left by the now-Senator Suzanne Bonamici. He represents House District 34 and using his experience in health care and as a small business owner to find solutions to the tough challenges ahead.

## FORMER COMMISSIONERS WHO SERVED DURING 2011

### **Professor Steven Bender, Eugene**

Steven Bender was the James and Ilene Hershner Professor of Law and Director of Portland Programs at the University of Oregon School of Law. He is the author of several books encompassing legal, cultural, and historical issues involving Latino/as: *Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law, and the American Imagination* (NYU Press 2003); *One Night in America: Robert Kennedy, César Chávez, and the Dream of Dignity* (Paradigm Publishers, 2007) (recipient of the 2008 Oregon Book Award for general nonfiction); *Everyday Law for Latino/as* (lead author) (Paradigm Publishers, 2008); *Comprende?: The Significance of Spanish in English-Only Times* (Florissant Press, 2008); and *Tierra y Libertad: Land, Liberty, and Latino Housing* (NYU Press 2010). Professor Bender is a member of the American Law Institute, the co-president (2010-2012) of SALT (Society of American Law Teachers), a former co-chair of LatCrit (Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc.), and an appointed member of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs since September 2009. Professor Bender resigned his position when he moved to Seattle, Washington, where he continues to teach law.

### **Representative Ben Cannon- D-Portland, District 46**

A teacher and community activist, Representative Cannon was re-elected to a second term in the Oregon House in November, 2008. While in the House, he was chair of the Environment and Water Committee. As a volunteer and co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Bus Project, Representative Cannon traveled to districts around the state, educating voters about state government and supporting progressive candidates for the Legislature. In August 2011, he was appointed to be Governor John Kitzhaber's top education advisor. He continues to be a welcome advocate for OCHA.

### **Jose Ibarra, Woodburn**

Mr. Ibarra is an active community organizer and civic leader; he served on the Commission since 2002 and was re-elected Chair in 2010 until he was tenured out. In 2010, he was elected chair of the U.S. Council for Hispanic Affairs, and board member of the Hacienda Community Development Corporation. When his term expired, Mr. Ibarra was serving as the chair of OCHA. He continues his advocacy of the Hispanic/Latino community in Oregon.

### **Dagoberto Morales-Duran, Medford**

Mr. Morales is an active volunteer in the Hispanic/Latino community for the past 11 years, and has been honored by the Consulate of Mexico for his cultural contributions and leadership.

## COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

This year the Commission worked closely with the legislature to move the state forward on important issues to stakeholders.

The Commission worked hard to ensure that the priorities it had set forth in 2010 for the year were fulfilled. It worked hard to ensure its legislative priorities were articulated and presented to the Oregon Assembly. The Commission met with state representatives and senators and discussed bills central to its focus.

The Commission also expanded its relationships with Hispanic/Latino organizations throughout the state, and continued to educate the Hispanic/Latino community about OCHA and encourage civic engagement in local, state, and federal issues.

Commissioners maintained its monitoring of criminal, juvenile, and environmental justice issues, and reviewed the federal government's implementation of immigration enforcement practices.

In 2011, the OCHA collaborated with the Office of Multicultural Health Services (OMHS) to host a Masters level Public Policy Intern on Migrant Health. Rolando Cruz, MS, Warner Pacific University, developed a literature review on Migrant Health in Oregon and reported his findings to the Commission and to OMHS. His report is the foundation of further study on Migrant Health at OMHS and provides needed insight on health issues of farm workers for OCHA in its public policy work in Oregon. See it at [www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/Cruz\\_LitReview\\_MSFW\\_updated.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/Cruz_LitReview_MSFW_updated.pdf)

In 2011, the Commission met with state agency leaders to advocate for effective representation of the Hispanic/Latino community.

It also strengthened its relationship with the new Governor and his staff.

The Commission invites the public to view its website at [www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/index.shtml).

## **OCHA PRIORITIES for 2012**

### *A Culture of Presence, Participation, Perspective*

- Leadership - Identify, Develop, Involve
- Civic Engagement - Fed, State, Local
- Voter Registration & Education – We can make a difference
- Public Policy on ALL Issues – Our perspectives on a range of issues
- Diversity of Narratives – Who we are
- Relationships & Community Building – With cohorts and allies
- Strategic Legislative Activity & Advocacy – Before, during, after sessions

### **Relationships & Collaborations**

#### **STATEWIDE**

- Oregon Latino Agenda for Action
- Oregon Hispanic Bar Association
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Oregon Association of Latino Administrators
- Latino Health Coalition Network
- Oregon Latina Nurses Association
- Organización de Campesinos Indígenas de Oregon
- Oregon Child Development Coalition
- Oregon Human Development Corp.
- Rural Development Initiative
- Rural Organizing Project
- Latino Union Leadership Network

#### **REGIONAL & LOCAL**

- Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Portland
- Latino Alliance of Willamette Valley, Marion County
- Hispanic Entrepreneurs, Rogue Valley
- Latino Network, Portland
- Centro Latinoamericano, Eugene
- Centro Cultural, Cornelius
- Latino Community Association, Bend
- Adelante Mujeres, Forest Grove
- Una Voz Unida, Rogue Valley
- PCUN, Woodburn
- CAUSA, Portland
- UNETE, Medford

## **FORECAST FOR 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

- **JOB**S – Livable and family wages, jobs security, labor rights
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Small businesses, community enterprises
- **EDUCATION** – Access, affordability, achievement
- **HEALTH** – Access, equity, affordability
- **GENDER EQUITY** – Employment, boards etc.
- **STATE BUDGET** – Services, social safety net, OR Advocacy Commissions

## OACO JOINT COMMITTEE WORK

OCHA joins OAC in serving the people of Oregon, and in affirming the OAC's six Strategic Priority Areas: 1) Poverty/employment, income disparity, workers at/or more of poverty, unemployment, 2) Education/Careers, ready to learn initiatives, k-12 education, post-secondary, skills development , 3) Civic engagement/isolation, volunteering, voting and a feeling of community, 4) Health/health access, teen pregnancy, prenatal care, infant mortality, immunizations, HIV diagnosis, adult non-smokers, preventable death, perceived health status, affordable child care, available child care, 5) Justice/safety/policing, overall crime, juvenile arrests, students carrying weapons, adult and juvenile recidivism, and 6) Stable families ,poverty, health insurance, homelessness, child support, domestic violence, and hunger.

OACO includes OCHA, the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission for Women.

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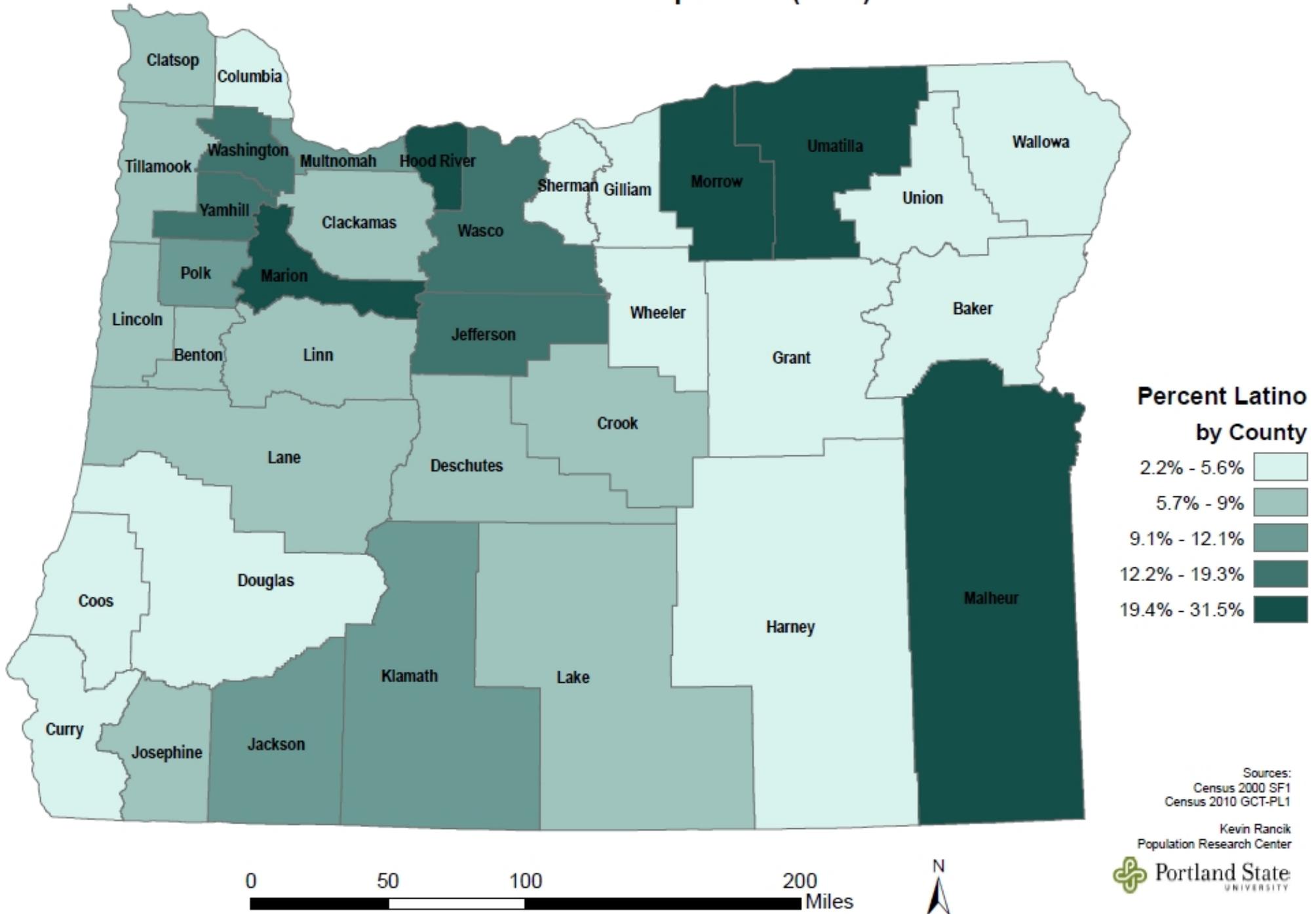
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## RESOURCES

- Pew Hispanic Research Center <http://www.pewhispanic.org/>
- 150 years of Latino Contributions in Oregon  
[http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/150\\_Years\\_of\\_Latino\\_Contributions\\_in\\_Oregon.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/150_Years_of_Latino_Contributions_in_Oregon.pdf)
- Immigration Policy Center – “New Americans in the Beaver State: the Political and Economic Power of Immigrants, Latinos, & Asians in Oregon”  
[http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/New\\_Americans\\_in\\_the\\_Beaver\\_State\\_2010.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/New_Americans_in_the_Beaver_State_2010.pdf)
- An Unsettling Profile – Communities of Color in Multnomah County  
[http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/An\\_Unsettling\\_Profile-Communities\\_of\\_Color\\_in\\_Multnomah\\_County\\_2010.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/An_Unsettling_Profile-Communities_of_Color_in_Multnomah_County_2010.pdf)
- Undocumented workers are Taxpayers too!  
<http://www.ocpp.org/2012/01/25/iss20120120undocumented-workers-are-taxpayers-too/>
- Portland State University, College of Public And Urban Affairs, Population Resource Center <http://www.pdx.edu/prc/census-2010-data-for-oregon>
- Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs  
[http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/about\\_us.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/about_us.shtml)

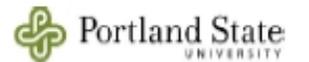
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# Percent Latino Population (2010)

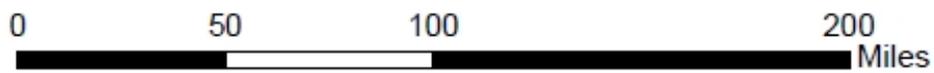
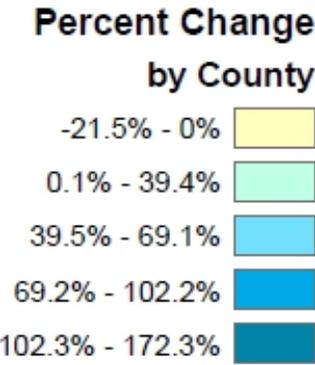
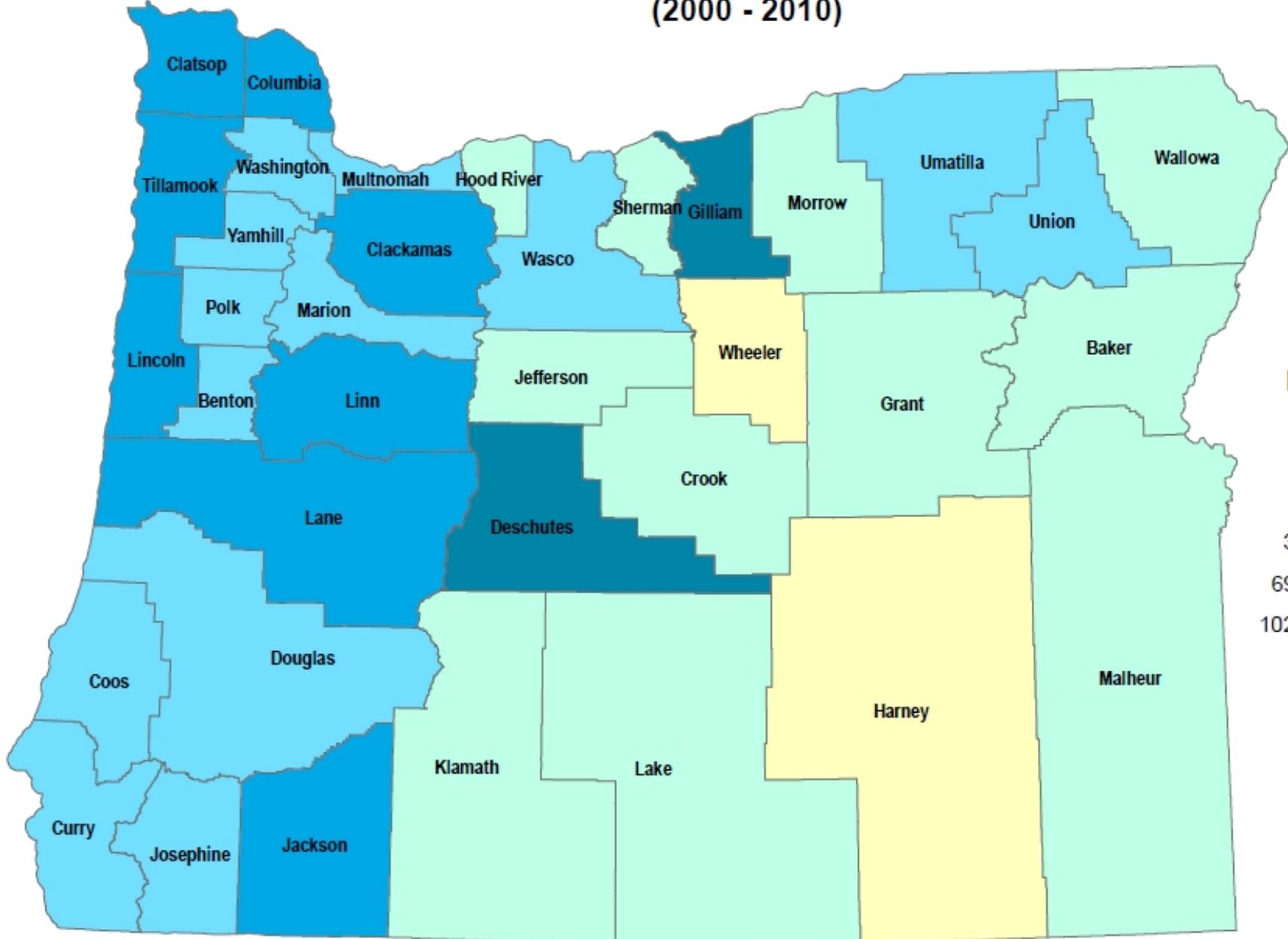


Sources:  
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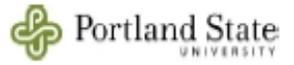


# Percent Latino Population Change (2000 - 2010)



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## *State of Oregon*

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP	2000		2010		2000 to 2010 Change	
Total population	3,421,399	100.0%	3,831,074	100.0%	409,675	12.0%
Under age 18	846,526	24.7%	866,453	22.6%	19,927	2.4%
Age 18 and over	2,574,873	75.3%	2,964,621	77.4%	389,748	15.1%

### **HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE<sup>1</sup>**

Total population	3,421,399	100.0%	3,831,074	100.0%	409,675	12.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	275,314	8.0%	450,062	11.7%	174,748	63.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,146,085	92.0%	3,381,012	88.3%	234,927	7.5%
White Alone	2,857,616	83.5%	3,005,848	78.5%	148,232	5.2%
Black or African American Alone	53,325	1.6%	64,984	1.7%	11,659	21.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	40,130	1.2%	42,706	1.1%	2,576	6.4%
Asian Alone	100,333	2.9%	139,436	3.6%	39,103	39.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	7,398	0.2%	12,697	0.3%	5,299	71.6%
Some Other Race Alone	4,550	0.1%	5,502	0.1%	952	20.9%
Two or More Races	82,733	2.4%	109,839	2.9%	27,106	32.8%

Source: Census 2000 and 2010