



## Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

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**CPLC Celebrates 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
*Governor Jan Brewer, Mayor Phil Gordon Scheduled  
to Attend and Address Guests*

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Phoenix – Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) is gearing up for its 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner tomorrow night. The organization will be paying tribute to two individuals and one company for their invaluable contributions to the community. This year, CPLC is honoring State Farm with the CPLC Economic Development Award while Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz de Valdez is receiving the Advancement in Healthcare Award and the CPLC Lorraine Lee Advocacy Award goes to Lydia Guzman.

Two prominent elected officials are also scheduled to attend the event as special guests, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon and Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. CPLC will be seizing this opportunity to urge Governor Brewer to veto Senate Bill 1070. If signed into law, this bill would make it a misdemeanor to lack proper immigration paperwork in Arizona. It would also allow police to check a person's immigration status based on only a "reasonable suspicion" that they are undocumented.

Earlier this week, CPLC expressed its opposition to this bill in a letter to Governor Brewer. The letter states that SB 1070 would "open the door for racial profiling, create a hostile environment for Latinos regardless of their immigration status and force entire communities to live in perpetual fear of harassment. CPLC

believes that comprehensive immigration reform is the solution for our nation to move forward. Bills such as Senate Bill 1070 are only a detriment to our state and our nation.”

A ballroom full of about 1,000 guests, including many prominent community and business leaders, will be eagerly awaiting Governor Brewer’s remarks concerning Senate Bill 1070.

“We hope that the Governor will come bearing the good news that she has decided to act in the best interest of our state and veto this bill,” said CPLC President and CEO Edmundo Hidalgo.

The media is invited to cover this event.

**What:** CPLC 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner

**When:** Thursday April 22, 7:00 p.m. (Governor Brewer scheduled to speak at about 7:20)

**Where:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, 340 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

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***ABOUT CPLC:*** *Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) is a statewide community development corporation committed to building stronger, healthier communities as a lead advocate, coalition builder and direct service provider. The organization promotes positive change and self-sufficiency to enhance the quality of life for the benefit of those we serve.*