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LULAC's Latino Vote Iowa campaign to host upcoming trainings across the state

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DES MOINES, IA – The League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa and its councils will host four upcoming caucus trainings throughout the state as part of its Latino Vote Iowa campaign to educate and mobilize Latinos to participate in the 2016 Iowa Caucuses.

The trainings are:

- 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Columbus Junction Public Library, 232 Second St.
- 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at American Friends Service Committee, 4211 Grand Ave. in Des Moines.
- 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Joe Rosenfield Center at Grinnell College, 1115 Eighth Ave., room 209C in Grinnell.
- 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St. in Davenport. This training is co-hosted by LULAC Council 10, Iowa's collegiate LULAC council at St. Ambrose and the American Association of University Women. St. Ambrose students, along with local high school juniors and seniors are invited to attend, as the event is directed toward young voters. Representatives from the Scott County Democratic and Republican parties will be available to answer questions.

All trainings are free to attend and open to the public. LULAC officials will distribute information about the caucuses and conduct a "mock caucus" for participants to get hands-on experience about how the caucuses work.

National LULAC Vice President of the Midwest Joe Enriquez Henry, who is overseeing the Latino Vote Iowa campaign, said it's important for the Latino community to participate in the caucuses in order to be fully engaged in the political process. Caucus-goers play a role in who will be the presidential candidate for both the Democratic and Republican parties.

"If we don't participate in the caucuses, then everyone else gets to decide for us what issues are important and which candidates will address those issues," he said. "We need to ensure candidates hear our voices and know what we value, and that we know where each candidates stands on those issues."

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LULAC wants to encourage 10,000 to 20,000 Latinos to participate in the caucuses. About 200,000 Iowans are expected to participate in the 2016 Iowa Caucuses, both the Democratic and Republican caucuses.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, D.C. with 1,000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. For more information, visit www.LULAC.org, www.LULAC.org/facebook and www.LULAC.org/twitter.

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