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Iowa LULAC Director to discuss voter's rights at Wartburg College event

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WAVERLY, IA – Iowa LULAC Director Joseph Enriquez Henry will discuss the advocacy group's work to fight voter suppression as part of Wartburg College's Constitution Day events.

"Voter Suppression or Voter Fraud" is the topic of a program from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 in the McCaskey Lyceum on the Wartburg campus, 100 Wartburg Blvd. in Waverly, Ia.. The discussion will focus on the lawsuit brought last month by the Iowa chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the League of United Latin American Citizens against Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz.

Schultz, in July, approved two emergency voter fraud rules to challenge the registration of voters if their names were similar to those on state and federal lists of foreign nationals. He recently assigned a special agent from the Iowa Division Criminal Investigation to investigate more than 2,000 alleged cases of voter fraud.

LULAC, the ACLU and others are opposed to these rules, and say they could have a chilling effect on the Latino voter turnout because voters could be scared away from the polls, and that they present challenges to Latinos who would have to present identification documents, which could take weeks to receive, in order to prove their legal residency in the state and their right to vote.

Enriquez Henry will answer questions and address the issue. Schultz declined to participate citing pending litigation.

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