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Iowa LULAC councils protest Trump campaign visits to Iowa

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DES MOINES – Iowa's League of United Latin American Citizens councils from across the state have started to organize protests against Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

On Saturday, Iowa LULAC members protested Trump's appearance at the annual Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition's Family Banquet and Presidential Forum.

LULAC National Vice President for the Midwest Joe Enriquez Henry led Saturday's protest at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Iowa's LULAC councils will continue to protest Trump as he appears in the state, he said.

"We want to make it clear the Latino community does not stand with Trump," Enriquez Henry said. "He has continuously insulted and used us to make headlines and win points with his anti-immigrant base. His callous disregard for the immigrant community demonstrates his ignorance of what it takes to win a presidential race in this country and the foundation upon which this country was built."

More than 60 Iowa State University students and LULAC members protested Trump at the Iowa State-University of Iowa football game Sept. 12 in Ames. Maria Alcivar, an ISU student and LULAC member organized the protest, which drew national attention when Trump's supporters harassed peaceful student protestors, and one supporter ripped down a protestor's sign.

Other LULAC councils throughout the country also have protested Trump. More than 5,000 people gathered last week in Dallas to protest.

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the oldest U.S. Latino civil rights organization. There are more than 1,000 local LULAC councils, which hold voter registration drives, provide awareness to residents about language and immigration issues, sponsor programs and advocate for Latinos.

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Members of the Iowa League of United Latin American Citizens, Council 307, protest Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s appearance at the annual Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition’s Family Banquet and Presidential Forum on Saturday at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. LULAC National Vice President for the Midwest Joe Enriquez Henry, right, led the protest. Also pictured are LULAC members Mitch Henry, left, and Hector Salamanca. Iowa’s LULAC councils will continue to protest Trump as he appears in the state, Enriquez Henry said.

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