



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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It's my honor and privilege to start the year serving as Chair of the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis and helping our Hispanic Community to become united and stronger, respected and heard by the political and economic leaders as well as the general population.

I humbly embrace the leadership, commitment and responsibility inspired by our previous leaders. We continue the legacy of the Hispanic Leaders Group founder, Tony Ramirez, to whom we certainly keep within us the image of nobility, wisdom, and determination. To whom our love and admiration look, and in whose memory we find our connection. It is in Tony Ramirez name that the Hispanic Leaders Group of Greater St. Louis launched and dedicated the Latino Legacy Project.

The Latino Legacy Project, which is done in collaboration with the Missouri History Museum and other organizations, will document the history and contributions of Hispanics to the Midwest. You and your family are part of the threads of this project. By sharing your story and of those who came before, you become part of this integrated and multi-format collection, which will tell to an audience of diverse local, national and international readers and researchers the rich history of our Hispanic Community. Together we will celebrate our heritage and the achievements of so many that paved the way for us to stand here today.

We start the year in a combined effort with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis and the Hispanic Capitol Day, Inc. to request your participation at the Hispanic Day at Jefferson City on February 9, 2010. Coming together to meet legislators gives Hispanics the power of the group and shows that we represent our community as a whole. Together we can claim our rights to education, health, safety, and economic development. The Hispanic Day at Jefferson City will allow us to meet, to discuss with, to educate, and to influence the makers of the laws, and the administrators of the laws, and more importantly to let them know that the Hispanic community is here to be heard.

The Hispanic Leaders Group asked former Governor Bob Holden to give us a presentation covering the following topics: Establishing Important Contacts within Government; Networking & Utilizing Non-Government Actors; and Experiencing Challenges and How to Overcome Them. Please join us. The program is free and open to all.

In another initiative to benefit our Hispanic Community, the Hispanic Leaders Group has partnered with the US CENSUS 2010 to help every Hispanic in our region to be properly counted. The participation of each of us will secure that Hispanics will be considered and the region will have more resources dedicated to cover our needs.

The Hispanic Leaders Group is proud to its leadership role of representing, educating and helping the Hispanics of the greater St. Louis to progress. Our Agenda aims to uplift and advance the Hispanic community and the region as a whole and to make the case for policies and programs that better the lives of Hispanics. You can find our calendar of events and activities online at www.hlgstl.org. Your membership and participation are very valuable. Find out how to become a member in our website or call Mrs. Dinorah Bommarito at 636-225-7431.

I foresee many opportunities ahead of us and believe that as we all come together we will be better at facing any challenge that we may encounter, and able to fulfill our dreams and aspirations for a better life.

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The mission of HLG is to be a representative, strong, and supportive voice of the Hispanic community in the regional St. Louis area, by keeping informed and abreast of local and national issues that impact the Hispanic community, to promote views on issues to help in the development of a harmonious and diverse St. Louis community.