

# LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

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National President

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Mr. Jere Ratcliffe  
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Dear Mr. Ratcliffe:

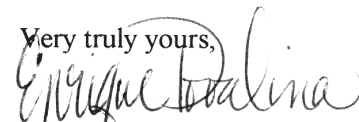
The League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as LULAC, is the largest and oldest Hispanic Civil Rights organization in the United States, from its inception on February 17, 1929, LULAC has fostered programs which provide the education and leadership training that will empower our young men and women for success.

A number of our LULAC Councils have been involved in scouting form many years as we recognize your program help the youth develop character, citizenship and personal fitness. Therefore, we are very pleased that the Boys Scouts of America has developed and implemented a well structured Hispanic Emphasis Program to outreach to Hispanic youth.

The Hispanic community is the youngest and the fastest growing community in the United States, with 40 percent of the population under 21 years of age and 10 percent under five years of age. The comprehensive leadership development program and strong focus on citizenship and ethics definitely enhances a young person the opportunity to succeed in his chosen field of endeavors.

We applaud your efforts in reaching out to Hispanic youth of our Country through your special emphasis program and wish you success. I hope to work with your organization whenever possible to improve our youth's opportunities to expand and grow through the scouting program.

Very truly yours,



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