

The month of July for GALEO confirmed that our community needs allies to be protected and leaders to be cultivated. As we commence the second half of the year, we need to pay close attention to various issues impacting the Latinx community in Georgia.



Every ten years after the decennial Census, our legislators receive Census data, and based on the results; they use this critical information to redraw district maps. Redistricting is how district maps for the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local governing bodies are redrawn. Latinxs in Georgia can fundamentally influence how Georgia's elected officials redraw the political boundaries of our state's legislative, congressional, and board of equalization districts. The purpose of the redistricting process is to account for population change and ensure that the governing body's communities have approximately equivalent populations in compliance with the one person, one vote requirements of the U.S. Constitution.

Due to this crucial step in our democracy, The Georgia Latino Redistricting Caucus (GLRC) LCF Georgia, GALEO, and the GLCCC would like to invite you to join by <u>filling out the form.</u> This will be an opportunity for you to learn about redistricting and how we can work together to hold our legislators accountable when redrawing electoral maps during the upcoming Special Session in the Fall. For any further questions, please email <u>Elton Garcia-Castillo</u>



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### Saludos amigos,

The state of Georgia and its redistricting methods have been affected by persistent gerrymandering that favors political parties and figures without the consent of the affected communities like the Latinx community. Every decade, Georgia's law allows performing redistricting with the information gathered by the Census. However, the law provides that the entire process can be kept in the shadows from citizens until the complete maps are available to be examined in the special legislative session. Elected officials can manipulate the district lines to gain power. Those actions can allow for many marginalized communities to be ignored when seeking representation in the government. During the most recent round of "legislative hearings" around the state, zero accommodations were made for language access to ensure inclusion of non-English dominant communities across our state despite the significant growth of our immigrant communities. We cannot allow our communities to be ignored. As we continue to raise our voice, we implore you to seek out and support GALEO and other civil rights groups asking for more transparency and greater language access for GA's Redistricting process.

Un abrazo, Jerry



This year GALEO is hosting the 4th Annual Latino Leadership Summit on September 25 at the University of North Georgia (Gainesville Campus). This event allows our community for a full day of networking, workshops, and community resources to enhance their fundamental leadership, policy, or professional development skills. Latinx Leaders will lead these tracks from different organizations across the state.

**Purchase Tickets** 

Facebook Event



As more COVID-19 vaccines become available, Latinxs need to get vaccinated to keep our communities safe! GALEO has been working tirelessly to ensure that our community is safe and vaccinated. Notably, the Hispanic-Latinx population is one of the least vaccinated in the nation, despite making up a substantial proportion of total COVID-19 cases and deaths. Nationwide, 17% of all Hispanics-Latinx are vaccinated. This is significantly lower than their white counterparts, who make up 61%. Because of this, our staff members have contacted 206,228 Latinxs in Georgia through phone and text to encourage them to protect themselves and get vaccinated in the past three months.

We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...

Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.

~Cesar Chavez



Sponsorships and Individual Tickets are now available for the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Luncheon on October 14th, 2021.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in this exclusive event.

**ACT NOW** 



#### Alba Villareal | LinkedIn

Months after the FDA approved the first COVID-19 vaccine, there have been great efforts to vaccinate the majority of the U.S. population. While there are currently three COVID-19 vaccines now available, several Americans have yet to be vaccinated. The CDC has emphasized the importance of vaccine equity, but disproportionate vaccination rates continue to be an issue for marginalized communities.

Read the full article here: <a href="https://galeo.org/vaccine-equity-in-the-hispanic-community-of-georgia/">https://galeo.org/vaccine-equity-in-the-hispanic-community-of-georgia/</a>

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Julie Chavez Rodriguez is a civil rights activist who advocates for the inclusion of all marginalized folks. Her track record includes serving during the Obama Administration as the Director of Youth Employment and then as the Deputy Press Secretary for the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. She was recently appointed as the Director of White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs by Joe Biden in 2021.

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# **Upcoming Activities**

# Phone Bank- Voter Registration

Monday through Friday- Ongoing

## **Text Bank- Voter Registration**

Fridays- Ongoing

Voter Registration-<u>Plaza Fiesta</u> August 1st, 2021; 10:30 am- 8 pm

## 2021 Latino Leadership Summit

September 25th, 2021

# 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon

October 14, 2021

## 17th Annual GALEO Power Breakfast

May 20, 2022





#### Media

11Alive

Report shows growth of Latino vote in Georgia

El Nuevo Georgia

INCREMENTO HISTORICO DE VOTANTES LATINOS

Conexión Fin De Semana | Univision Atlanta

Entrevista sobre el Voto Latino en Georgia en Conexión Fin De Semana

WABE A Closer Look with Rose Scott | NPR

New Report Outlines Latino Voter Engagement; Atlanta Moves Toward Revamping Parking Spaces To Outdoor Seating Areas | 90.1 FM WABE

# **Job Opportunities**

We are looking for canvassers! GALEO takes pride in all the work that our canvassers do around our community in Georgia. Join our team and help us spread the word to help our community! For more information, visit our website: <a href="https://galeo.org/galeo-canvasser-job-description/">https://galeo.org/galeo-canvasser-job-description/</a>.













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