

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

This organization shall be known as El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida. This document shall be officially known as "The Basic Documents of El Partido" and shall also be the Constitution of every affiliated subordinate body.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida is the Party for Chicanos Mexicanos inside of the Chicano Mexicano homeland: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas. El Partido struggles for the liberation, self-determination and decolonization of the Chicano Mexicano people and our homeland. The Partido will also defend the rights of those Chicanos Mexicanos and Latinos that reside outside of the Chicano Mexicano homeland. It is the purpose of the Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida to struggle for the betterment of the Chicano Mexicano people at the work place, barrios and communities, all levels of education, and as a whole society at large.

## ARTICLE III

### CONSTITUTION

This Constitution as adopted and presented by the Central Committee of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida, was developed out of a series of meetings and a retreat. It shall be the supreme law of The Partido and can be ammended only by majority vote of the delgates at succeeding regular conventions.

## ARTICLE IV

### EMBLEM

The symbols of the Partido continue to be those that first created the need for the Partido. But in order to advance and nurture our Movement and Revolutionary Party, we have created a new symbol. It is enclosed in a circle with the words, Partido Nacional La Raza Unida and Nacionalismo Revolucionario. Inside the circle a man and woman advance forward (to the left) carrying a flag in the shape of Aztlan that has the initials P.N.L.R.U. and the phrase, "Somos Uno por que America es Una." On the left, leading the Movement as a symbol of our Revolutionary Nationalism, is an upward view of the Chicano Mexicano eagle with the serpent in its beak. Official colors are red, black and white.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership shall consist of all who:
- a) Accept the principles and goals of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida.
  - b) Participate in the Study Class Circle.
    - 1) The Study Group Circle is a prerequisite for membership.
    - 2) There are four (4) phases in the Study Group Circle.
    - 3) Upon completing the first phase, the individual is evaluated and continues on to the next phase.
  - c) Are not members of any other organization, political group, or Party whose principles are in contradiction to the principles and ideology of El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida.

## ARTICLES VI

### GENERAL CONDUCT OF PARTY AFFAIRS

The national LRUP shall be governed by its membership in the following manner:

Section 1 The highest tribunal shall be the national Congress composed of members of the Party's Central Committee.

Section 2 The Party's Central Committee shall be the highest authority between Congresses. The Central Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such special meeting as required.

(a) The Party's Central Committee shall be made up of Party activists accepted by existing members of Party's Central Committee.

1. Criteria for Central Committee Members.

(a) Continuous member in good standing for at least a minimum of 24 months.

(a) Familiar with, able to articulate and subordinate oneself to constitution.

(c) Contribute 1% of monthly income to the Party.

(b) The function of the Central Committee will be to carry out, on an on-going basis, the development of ideology, policy, and strategy; and to see that the decisions made at the Party Congress are implemented. In order to accomplish these functions the Central Committee will define the specific tasks to be performed and designate the individuals within the Central Committee who will perform them. The Ministers designated within the Central Committee will be at least: Information Security, and any other Central Committee Minister deemed necessary by the Central Committee to carry out the task for the congress.

(c) A quarterly report will be published and distributed to all chapters via the internal party organ.

Section 3 The executive authority of the National Party shall be vested in the Central Committee Chair between meetings of the Party Central Committee. The Chair shall be responsible to the Party's Central Committee.

Section 4 The National Convention will be the next governing body when the tribunal is not in session and is composed of voting delegates who are Democratically elected by local chapter membership. The National Convention will make tactical decisions regarding the implementation of policy, strategy and ideology at the Chapter level.

Section 5 The National Semi-annual Conferences will review and evaluate the work and decisions made at the National Convention. These conferences shall be held in January and July (and such special meetings as required).

Section 6 The National Executive Board--Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer--shall be the highest administrative authority between conferences. The Board shall hold quarterly meetings and such special meetings as required.

Section 7 The National Chair will have the Administrative authority between meetings of the National Executive Board.

Section 8 Unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution or by mutual consent, relaxed Robert's Rules of Order, which is hereby adopted by reference, shall be the parliamentary reference governing all conventions and meetings of La Raza Unida Party of California from the Chapter level to the Congress.

Section 9 The operation of the Congress, Central Committee, Convention, National Conferences, County Committees of Chapters shall be in accordance with these articles. Each committee or chapter shall have the authority to adopt supplementary rules, as long as such rules do not conflict herewith and provided that such rules filed here with or hereafter are hereby adopted by reference.

Section 10 The use of proxies or proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Conferences, Central Committee and Chapter meetings:

- (a) Proxy vote is by any other means outside the physical presence of the delegate.

## ARTICLE VII

### CONGRESS

Section 1 Party Congress will be held every 2 years, (April).

Section 2 Expansion of ideology, 5-year plans, nomination and election of Central Committee Chair and Ministers will be main order of business.

Section 3 Each credentialed member of the Party Central Committee shall have one vote. (no alternates.)

Section 4 Not less than 30 days prior to the convening of a Congress, the Central Committee Chair along with the Security Minister shall issue the call to the Congress and furnish each certified member with credentials to attend.

Section 5 Members, in order to be entitled to vote at the Congress shall have been accepted into the Party Central Committee at least 90 days prior to the Congress.

Section 6 Only members of the Party Central Committee shall be able to be in attendance and have a vote.

Section 7 Exceptions for attendance will be made in special instances and with prior approval of Central Committee Chair, Organizational Minister, and Security Minister.

Section 8 Copies of recommendations and proposals to be considered by the Congress shall be delivered to the Minister of Information no later than 90 days prior to the date set for the Congress. They will then be physically distributed 30 days prior to Congress to all Party Central Committee Members.

Section 9 Criticism and challenges of Central Committee members must be physically received by Minister of Information not less than 30 days prior to the convening of the Congress. These issues shall be referred to the Ministers of the Party's Central Committee.

Section 10 The Ministers of the Central Committee will report to the Congress the seating of all Congress participants, criticisms and challenges.

Section 11 The expense of the site, transportation and accommodation will be paid by the Congress and collectively by Central Committee members.

Section 12 There will be strict security and absolutely only those approved by Central Committee Ministers will be present at Party Congress.

## ARTICLE VIII

### CONVENTIONS

Section 1 National Conventions will be held annually.

Section 2 Workshops, resolutions, nominations and election of officers will be the main order of business.

Section 3 Each certified chapter shall have two votes. Chapters may elect alternate delegates if they so desire.

(a) At the annual Convention all Chapters' certification will be subject to review for deficiencies in financial support to the National Office and their active participation in the national structure, be addressed and remedied before being recertified.

Section 4 Chapters, in order to be entitled to voting delegates at the Convention, only duely elected delegates shall vote on all final decisions.

Section 5 Copies of all resolutions and constitutional amendments to be considered by the Convention should be sent to the State Secretary not later than 30 days prior to the date set for the Convention. These will then be distributed to all National Convention participants.

Section 6 Challenges of delegate elections must be received by National Secretary by not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the Convention. These protests shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.

Section 7 The National Central Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee which shall assemble the day before the Convention. The committee shall examine all credentials received by the National Secretary and investigate the standings of the delegates and the chapters they represent; receive the original credentials of the delegates elected to attend the convention, and be in position to report at the opening of the Convention.

Section 8 After the Credentials Committee report is given and delegates are seated, the Convention will then approve the Credentials Committee report.

Section 9 Each Chapter shall pay a \$35 registration fee in order to be seated at the National Convention.

(a) Fee is payable before the convening of the Convention. (Refer to Article VII, Section 4.)

Section 10 All persons present at any Convention must identify themselves and their organizational affiliations, of any when requested to do so by the Convention Chair, his/her assistants, or any other officer of the Convention.

## ARTICLE IX

### OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

Section 1 The elected officers of the Party which shall be elected by the Conventional are: 1 Chair, 1 Vice-Chair, 1 Secretary, 1 Treasurer.

Section 2 Representatives from each state to be appointed by and from the Central Committee.

Section 3 The term of office of all elective officers shall be for the period up to and including the next Convention. The term of office shall begin immediately upon installation.

Section 4 Representatives will hold this position perpetually until removed by the Central Committee.

Section 5

- a) Eligibility for any elected or appointed office is restricted to those members who meet the criteria for active members of their respective chapters.
- b) In the event of death, removal or resignation of any elected or appointed officer, the Conference shall elect a replacement to serve until the next regular Convention.
  - 1) The exceptions to this are the Representatives who would be replaced by the Party Central Committee.

Section 6 Conduct of Officers: All officers are expected to put the best interest of the Party, the Community and the local Chapter members ahead of any considerations of personal status origin, and will avoid making decisions or taking actions which irresponsibly put LRUP members or State officers or participants in a LRUP activity or program in danger. State officers are the servants of the Partido and the community, and they will be held accountable by the State and the Chapter members who elected them as representatives to represent, in their actions and decisions, the principles of LRUP.

Section 7

- a) All officers must notify the local Chapter Chair whenever the State Office is in the local area on Party business and before the Officer in the area issues a public statement reflecting a Party position or participates in a public event.
- b) All Officers are to respect the integrity of local Chapters by not interfering with the local activities of the Chapters and subjecting themselves to the by-laws of the local Chapters. (Central Committee to be excluded from this prt.)

## ARTICLE X

### DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

#### Section 1 State Chair

- a) Call regular or special meetings.
- b) Preside over meetings.
- c) Preside over all Conventions and Conferences called by the Partido.
- d) Maintain contact the national body, all county committees and, where applicable, international communications.
- e) Serve as chief organizer.
- f) Represent Party in public discussions.
- g) Stimulate knowledge about growth of LRUP.
- h) Always work for unity within the Partido.
- i) Take appropriate disciplinary action against officers when it is deemed necessary by a majority vote of the officers present at a duelly called Executive board greivance meeting held in Exeutive Session. The Executive Board may at it's discretion reconsider it's action at any time. The accused may only appeal the disciplinary action to then next regular Party Central Committee upon filing such intention with the Secretary.
- j) In the event of death, removal or resignation of any elected or appointed officer, the Chair shall appoint a replacement, with the advice and consent of a tleast 50% of the Executive Board, to serve until next regular Party Central Committee.
- k) Appoint members to committees required by or to the Ad Hoc committees deemed necessary by the Executive Board for the efficient functioning of the Party.
- l) Undertake the necessay members to insure the health and safety of it's members.

#### Section 2 Vice-Chair

- a) Preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- b) Assist Chair in carrying out delegated duties
- c) Along with the Secretary, shall keep a complete record of membership of the Partido, both active and registered.
- d) In conjunction with representatives, be responsible for developing and establishing the means or way by which organizers can be trained, effective immediatly. Work with local chapters to conduct recruitment workshops and organizing sessions, at least quarterly, for the purpose of increasing the membership.



- e) With the consent of the Executive Board, appoint such assistants as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the office.
- f) Be responsible for a central information exchange throughout the state.
- g) As information exchange officer, keep a current master calendar of the political campaigns and elections where LRUP will be involved, culminating with the 1982 elections. Also, disseminate a call to all Chapters that 25% of funds from fundraisers by each Chapter be turned over to LRUP National Treasury. The Chapter assigned to legislative lobbying be excluded from the 25% fee.
- h) Implement the logistics of publishing and distributing of statewide newspaper and news letter.
- i) Assume position of Chair if it should become for whatever reason, until the next regular Party Central Committee.
- j) Upon assuming office of Chair when office of Chair becomes vacant for whatever reason, the former Vice-Chair with the advice and consent of at the least 50% of the Executive Board to serve until the next regular Party Central Committee Meeting.

### Section 3 Secretary

- a) Record and file minutes of all meetings.
- b) Disseminate all Partido correspondence.
- c) Keep records available for membership use.
- d) Notify membership of all meetings.
- e) Along with vice chair shall keep a record of the Partido both active and registered.

### Section 4 Treasurer

- a) Maintain a record of all National funds.
- b) Disburse available funds according to Central Committee approved expenditures.
- c) Give reports to all Central Committee meetings of LRUP financial conditions.
- d) Pay out standing bills and maintain record of payment.
- e) Chief overseer and promoter of statewide fund raising efforts.
- f) When local Chapter has failed to report and pay dues as provided herein, the treasurer shall notify the Chapter Chair with copies to the Executive Board.
- g) Establish a finance committee at the Party Central Committee level to raise funds for LRUP and that 10% of the funds raised be allocated to the treasury for political Statewide recruitment.

Section 5 Representatives

- a) Shall attend all Conferences with 1 vote each.
- b) Bring reports from and take reports to county organizations.
- c) Assist officers in carrying out their duties
- d) Will be part of a recruitment and/or organizing committee.
- e) Will serve as representative to National meetings, Party and interorganizational meetings.
- f) Work with local Chapters to conduct recruitment workshops and organizing sessions at least quarterly for the purpose of increasing the membership.

ARTICLE XI

STRUCTURE

Section 1 Party Congress

- a) Central Committee Members

Section 2 Central Committee

- a) Members

Section 3 Convention

- a) Chapter delegates

Section 4 Conference

- a) Chapter delegates

Section 5 Executive Board

- a) State Officers
- b) State Committee Coordinators

Section 6 County Committee

- a) Chapter members

Section 7 Chapters

- a) Chapter members

Section 8 That each Officer, Executive and State Representatives not present at the Central Committee be fined \$5.00 for each unexcused absence at the Central Committee meeting.

## ARTICLE XII

### NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 1 Nominations for public office on local level shall be made by and from active LRUP member of that local chapter.

Section 2 Nominations for public office on the county level shall be made by the County Committee.

Section 3 Nominations for public office at the state level shall be made by the National Conference, preferably by the Convention where applicable.

Section 4 Criteria for LRUP Candidates

- a) Registered LRUP and active in the party
- b) Must have past experience in La Raza movement
- c) Must not be a member of any other political party
- d) Must be in opposition to imperialist aggression and the imposition by any means of one country's will upon the people of another country.
- e) Must be in support of LRUP ideology as expressed in the Party platform Principals of Unity, National Constitutions and Resolutions of the Party. (see article 5c)
- f) That a candidate be a member of a chapter and completed all phases of the study group, and have 2 letters of recommendation from his/her local chapter to the National Central Committee.

## ARTICLE XIII

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Section 1 The National Conference shall consist of two representatives from every chapter of the area. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, three Representatives, and Chair of Coordinator of any standing committee.

- a) The standing committee shall consist of Legislative analyst.

Section 2 The two (2) Representative from every chapter, along with all Officers, including Representatives shall have voting rights at all Conferences.

- a) Officials shall not serve as chapter Representatives at Conferences.

Section 3 The National Conference shall convene every January and July.

Section 4 Location of the Conference will be rotated.

Section 5 A special meeting of the National Conference can be called by any chapter with the approval of the National Executive Board.

Section 6 At the National Conference fifty-one percent (51%) of the certified chapters will constitute a quorum.

Section 7 Chapters will be fined \$25.00 for not sending Representatives to the Conference.

Section 8 Chapters can be subjected to decertification for two (2) or more consecutive unexcused absences.

a) Recertification can be done at the discretion of the National Conference.

## ARTICLE XIV

### CHAPTERS

Section 1 Five (5) active and/or organizers of LRUP, inclusive of one (1) member of the Party Central Committee shall constitute a chapter.

Section 2 Organizers shall have quotas to meet. The number is to be decided independently by each chapter and reported to the National Conference.

Section 3 Political education shall be led by Central Committee members and consist of biweekly study group meetings in order to build a main political base.

Section 4 Work for community advocate projects where relevant (free income tax service, free breakfast programs, legal assistance to combat police harrasment, free political movies, etc.) with the purpose of politicizing the community.

Section 5 Each chapter shall have a permanent address, phone number, and contact person.

Section 6 Each chapter shall maintain a file of all members of LRUP in their area.

Section 7 Each chapter shall pay to the National Conference per month to remain in good standing.

Section 8 Each chapter shall submit the names of chapter officers elected by said chapter to the Secretary.

Section 9 A member in good standing of any chapter shall have the right to attend and speak at any meeting of another chapter in accordance with parilimentary procedures. The chapter may decline to grant the floor to such visiting member in all matters of special inner chapter concern and especially in matters against a member under charges, if the chapter in it's judgement deems it is to be in the Party's best interest to do so. The visiting member shall not be allowed to vote.

Section 10 A member desiring to transfer to another chapter must get from the Treasurer of his/her chapter a letter which will initiate the transfer, provided such a member is or places him/herself in good standing. This letter shall be presented to the receiving chapter.

Section 11 Every chapter numerically able to shall elect a standing grievance committee of three chapter members who shall investigate all charges referred to it, and report its findings to the chapter.

Section 12 All charges must be made in writing, signed by the individual member or members preferring same, and must be submitted to the chapter having jurisdiction over the member in question.

Section 13 All charges must state briefly the nature of the offense alleged, but they shall consist of no arguments or statements which may be construed as discussion of the charges. They shall be accompanied with specifications, which may be read before the chapter meeting at the time that the charges are filed, provided that they do not do any more than specify charges until the Grievance Committee had thoroughly investigated them and reported to the chapter.

Section 14 The Grievance Committee shall deliver a copy of the charges and specifications to the accused and shall proceed to investigate the case without unreasonable delay. The committee shall arrange a hearing at which the accused shall be cited to appear and at which witnesses of both sides may be heard.

Section 15 Members who are not a party to the proceedings shall not be allowed to be present at Grievance Committee hearings except upon invitation or with specific approval of the Grievance Committee.

Section 16 A detailed report of the investigation and the findings with the recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the chapter meeting.

Section 17 After the Grievance Committee had rendered its report with its findings and recommendations, the accused shall be permitted to make a statement in his/her defense not to exceed 30 minutes. The accused shall then be required to leave the room, where upon the chapter shall decide the matter in closed session. Its decision will be entered into the minutes. The chapter Chair shall inform the accused in writing of the body's decision. The relevant parts of that body's minutes and all documents concerning the investigation shall be delivered to the Chair who shall then forward them to the Central Committee where they shall be kept in special file.

Section 18 A majority of the members voting upon this question at any business meeting (at which a quorum is present) shall be sufficient to expel any member or to suspend him/her for a defined period. Expulsion and suspension shall be reported at once to the Central Committee, giving course of action.

Section 19 All decisions of the chapter in connection with charges may be appealed within one month to the Central Committee.

Section 20 Any decisions of the Central Committee in connection with charges may be appealed to the next National Convention, with notification to the Chair 30 days prior to the Convention. The National Convention decision shall be final.

Section 21 No chapter shall enter into any compromise with any other party. No candidate of El Partido for any public office shall accept any nomination or endorsement from any other party. Endorsements shall be dealt with on their relative merits and approved by the CC. No candidate of LRUP shall endorse any candidate from any party unless approved by the CC.

Section 22 It shall be the duty of each chapter to acquire as soon as possible Party literature dealing with the fundamental principles of the Party and to stimulate their careful study by the members either individually or jointly.

Section 23 Study Classes

- a) Chapters shall organize study classes on Party materials, positions and other materials relevant to the Party.
- b) The chapter study classes shall be conducted by a Partido Activist assigned by the Central Committee. Such instructor will have full authority to conduct the class.
- c) The Study Class instructor shall at all times be subject to the authority of the Party Central Committee and may at any time be recalled by the Committee.
- d) Any criticism of the conduct of the class or instructor shall be brought to and voiced only at Central Committee meetings.
- e) Study classes shall be kept under strict control of the chapter, and the facilitator and/or instructor of the class must not permit such study classes to be used as forums for agents or adherents of other political parties or other organizations for furthering propaganda for such political parties or organizations.
  - 1) If, and when, any member of such study class furnishes reasonable grounds for believing that he/she is using or intends to use the study class for such purpose, he/she shall forthwith be eliminated from the class.

Section 24 It shall be the duty of each chapter to form and maintain the following committees as part of their ongoing activities:

- a) Youth Committee
- b) August 29th Committee
- c) Obreros Unidos
- d) Padres Unidos
- e) Fiestas Patrioticas Committee

Section 25 It shall be the duty of each chapter to actively assist in the organization of estudiantil affiliates at all colleges and universities in their vicinity.

Section 26 It shall be the duty of the local chapter to encourage the estudiantil members to become involved as active members of the chapter with all the rights and responsibilities as such.

## ARTICLE XV

### ACTIVISTS

#### Section 1 LRUP Organizers

- a) All members in good standing who are willing to contribute regularly to LRUP through time, effort, funds and resources.
- b) Members that can be relied upon to work on the programs and in all activities and attend all chapter meetings.
- c) Upon approval by the chapter, any person may become an active member of LRUP provided he/she acknowledges and defends the platform, declaration of principles, constitution, and LRUP documents as studied in the Study Class; and belongs to no other political party or political organization; and whose principles are not in contradiction with LRUP principles.
- d) It shall be the duty of every party activist to support the Party publications by donations and securing of subscriptions to the best of his/her ability.
- e) An activist in good standing is one who has not missed more than three (3) consecutive general membership meeting within a six month period, except where notification of absence is given in advance and the absence is excused for an acceptable reason by the general membership body. An excused absence will not be counted as one of the previously set limit of three (3).
- f) An activist who fails to pay dues for a period of three (3) consecutive months will no longer be considered an activist in good standing, unless a just reason can be given for not doing so. Such reason must be accepted by the Chair and conveyed to the Treasurer.

- g) An activist in good standing must conduct themselves in accordance with the provision of the national bylaws.
- h) Any violation of the provisions of the national bylaws by an activist in good standing will be sufficient cause of the immediate disqualification as an activist in good standing the loss of the rights and privileges attached thereto.
- i) Members willfully misrepresenting the local chapter or the Party at unauthorized functions will automatically cease to be activists.

Section 2 LRUP Supporter

- a) All people willing to support LRUP through financial means.
- b) People that can be relied on to work in various efforts.

Section 3 LRUP Sympathizer

- a) People who will support the Partido in various efforts whether or not they are LRUP members.

ARTICLE XVI

NATIONAL CONGRESO

Section 1 The State Executive Board and the State Representatives (3) will attend the National Congreso

- a) The Central Committee shall appoint the remaining contingent.

ARTICLE XVII

STATE NEWSPAPER

Section 1 A mass Party newspaper shall be printed two times a year under the name "EL Sembrador."

- a) The publication schedule of the newsletter, "La Semilla," shall be as follows: January, March, May, July, September and November.
  - 1) There will be a list of individuals from each chapter responsible for submitting articles for newspaper and newsletter, which will be submitted to the State Coordinator.

Section 2 Each chapter shall relentlessly insist that each member regularly read the Party organ.

Section 3 The expense of the Party newspaper shall be met through its sale of advertisements in the paper and through its sale to chapters and by Party members.

Section 4 Failure by any chapter to help with expense of paper could lead to grounds for expulsion from the Congress.

Section 5 The Central Committee will appoint paper editors.



El Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida takes a position against imperialism for the following reasons:

1. Imperialism necessitates military and political intervention in other nations in order to gain and maintain control and to safeguard investments
2. Imperialist nations advocate and carry out genocide on indigenous populations.
3. Imperialists export raw materials and encourages cash crop development, limiting indigenous peoples' capacity for self-sufficiency.
4. Imperialist nations manipulate the world economy, world banking system and world markets to maintain control over developing nations.
5. Imperialism promotes the exploitation of low-paid laborers.
6. Through run-away shops, Imperialism creates unemployment, and perpetuates competition between laborers of different countries, deterring international worker solidarity.
7. Imperialism creates and supports dictatorships and oligarchies which repress dissent, social change and self-determination.
8. The imperialist nation must maintain a standing army within and outside its border rather than promote social programs to help its own people.

E1 Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida takes a position against capitalism for the following reasons:

1. Capitalism is based on labor exploitation in which workers and their families do not share equally in the wealth created by their labor. Instead, profits are used to maintain a high standard of living for an elite few.
2. Private ownership of land under capitalism keeps the wealth in the hands of a few. Because workers are completely dependent on owners for livelihood, labor struggles are inhibited.
3. Production under capitalism is geared to making profits, and not to producing high-quality goods that reflect human need, or to providing adequate employment.
4. Under capitalism, access to basic necessities such as adequate food, health care, clothing, housing, and education are restricted by peoples' ability to pay.
5. By controlling public services and institutions that promote property rights above human rights, capitalism dehumanizes and de-personalizes family and other human relationships.
6. Capitalism perpetuates racism and sexism in order to justify unequal pay scales and keep wages low.
7. Capitalism mandates methods of land utilization and production which are unsafe, deplete natural resources and destroy the environment.
8. Through commercial stereotyping, capitalism degrades national cultures and histories.
9. Commercial control of media and the arts under capitalism promotes consumerism, and impairs artistic development and the free interchange of ideas.
10. While perpetuating the myth of democracy, capitalism assures that the electoral political process is controlled by the wealthy.

E1 Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida takes the position against colonialism for the following reasons:

1. Colonialism imposes the value system of the colonizer through control of social institutions and the disruption of existing social organizations.
2. Colonialism destroys the unity, will, self image, and ability for self-governance of the colonized people.
3. The colonizer discourages and forbids the practice of indigenous religion, culture and language, and teaches indigenous people that their own culture, history and ethnic characteristics are inferior.
4. Through practices of displacement and relocation, the colonizer dispossesses indigenous peoples of their birth right by breaking their traditional ties to native lands.
5. Colonialism creates repressive upper classes among the indigenous population.
6. Colonists introduce and encourage the use of drugs and intoxicants among the indigenous population.
7. Colonialists prevent the self-sufficiency of the colonized by exploiting their raw materials and disrupting their indigenous economic systems.
8. Colonialism destroys traditional family relationships and undermines the role and dignity of women.
9. Colonialism promotes genocidal policy through sterilization and population control.
10. Colonizing nations use colonized people for medical, chemical and scientific experimentation and testing.
11. The colonizing countries promote the use of unsafe goods among the colonized in order to dispose of products which have been banned or can't be sold in their own countries.
12. Colonizing countries force the colonized population to participate as soldiers in their wars.

# LA FAMILIA DE LA RAZA UNIDA

## Introduction

### BEGINNINGS:

Early in 1971 community meetings were held in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ontario which led up to an area-wide meeting in April. The April meeting at Chaffey College brought together some 300 people and developed basic objectives and strategies for La Raza Unida in this area.

### BASIC OBJECTIVES:

The three basic and interrelated objectives are:

1. To create a sense of community, as familia, developing pride, respect, and cooperation with all Raza.
2. To commit ourselves to the self-determination/realization of La Raza as community, utilizing Barrio leadership, through economic, social, and political action.
3. To develop parallel institutions to off-set the overall failure of existing institutions that serve their interests rather than working for the fullest development of La Raza.

### PRESENT STRATEGY:

The present situation calls for an emphasis on economic development, social, and political action. This strategy is being developed through the entities called CEDA (Corporacion Economico para el Desarrollo de Aztlan), PAS (Proyecto Accion Social), and PRU (Partido Raza Unida).

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## PAS (Social Action)

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PAS is a non-profit organization that forms the second part of the present strategy for La Raza Unida. Twenty-five people in February of 1972 initiated incorporation procedures. The present membership of the Board of Directors are from the Cucamonga, Ontario, Upland area, as well as other Barrio persons from San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The Executive Board is composed of nine persons.

Present plans call for a time when CESDA will be able to contribute property to PAS in order that community centers may be established in our Barrios. In its program, PAS will seek to "engender a cultural renaissance", focusing on the culture, language, and life style of La Raza. Cultural programs, use of Raza literature, the Arts, music, media technology, etc., will be encouraged and developed. As a continued strategy of self-contained community, direct services will be provided by Raza for Raza. Cooperatives of various kinds will be started, clinics and medical programs, credit unions, etc., are some of the ideas now being formed and discussed by PAS.

In the meantime, PAS continues to be involved in social issues that affect our people. Public education, at all levels, continues to demand time and planning. Concerns for our ansianos will require additional plans. Poverty, welfare, job development, leisure time, re-discovering our cultural values and applying these values to a technological world, etc., are but a few of the creative and demanding issues PAS will be facing.

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