



BON VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER  
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ONTARIO, CA.

CALIFORNIA COALITION TO "END BARRIO WARFARE"

April 26, 1979

Copaneras & Companeros,

Saludos de parte de la California Coalition to "End Barrio Warfare". The Coalition was formed on March 10, 1979 to work towards finding a solution to the present problem of "barrio youth violence". As you probably know, the violence among young Chicano-Latino youth has increased in the last two years.

The Coalition was formed with the intent to:

1. To come together, all of us concerned community workers who want to effectively deal with the "gang violence" affecting our communities.
2. To begin to discuss the causes of "gang violence" and ways to deal with the problem effectively.
3. To find ways of educating young people to the need to start taking the responsibility for themselves, their families, and their community.

The major project at this time is working towards the California "End Barrio Warfare" conference, scheduled for early fall of 1979.

At our last meeting of the Cal. Coalition to "End Barrio Warfare" held on April 14 in Baldwin Park, Cal. we concluded to have a "State Wide Community Workers and Organizers Retreat" to be held on June 23 & 24, 1979.

The purpose of the "Statewide Community Workers Retreat" includes:

1. To get to know each other, that is community workers and organizers in the various parts of the state that are doing work with youth.
2. To share our experiences on how we can build towards the Statewide Conference. This will take place through workshops, discussions, films, teatro, music, and any other form necessary to accomplish our main goal which is to prepare ourselves.
3. From the retreat come out with some recommendations on the program for the Statewide Conference. This will mean dedicating a whole workshop on this topic.

We hope you will join us in our effort to help our youth find a better way of life, and thus helping build a healthy community. A community that will feel proud and capable to deal with other problems which are affecting us.

Inclosed are a copy of the minutes of our last meeting. If you have any suggestions on the Statewide Community Workers Retreat please feel free to call me at (213) 896-7421.

Fraternally,

Enrique D. Vela Organizer

## "End Barrio Warfare" Meeting

### MOTIONS

Stated that by the 3rd meeting of the group each chapter will make a \$200.00 donation.

The community having the meeting will put out the security for those who assist the meeting.

A retreat for the organizers will be held on June 23 & 24, 1979.

Transportation for the Statewide Conference was to ask Governor Brown for money for buses.

Next meeting will be held May 12, 1979 in Ontario at 9:00 a.m.  
Chicano Unity Council 638 E. Francis St. Ontario, Ca. 91761  
(714) 983-2077

### Suggestions

What is going to be proposed besides educating the people. Organizations have to be organized so people know what is going on.

Look for the causes of gang fights.

Start monthly meetings and those that can't assist make a full report for them.

All organizations start working together in passing out flyers, giving information and talking to the parents and the youth.

Set another meeting to discuss progress on Organizational Structure and Program Organizations.

Try to get more volunteers in organizations.

Encourage MEChA to get some people in the Statewide Conference.