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## **The Latino Coalition Announces 2006 Endorsements**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition (TLC) announced today a partial list of endorsements for the 2006 election cycle, during the 2006 Small Business Economic Summit in Washington, D.C. Additional endorsements will be announced next week.

“Today, we announce our complete list of endorsements for the U.S. Senate, and a partial list of Governors and Attorneys General,” said TLC Chairman Hector Barreto. “Our Board of Directors has voted on these endorsements, and while many were not unanimous, we believe that these individuals deserve our support.”

“After a careful review of their overall record throughout their career in public service, and after speaking to many of our members across the country and in their respective states, our Board believes that these are important leaders, not only of their respective states, but for the country as a whole,” said TLC President Robert G. de Posada. “These are also officials who understand the importance of the Latino community and the many benefits this community brings to their states and this country.”

“We believe these leaders will serve as a bridge to unite all the people of this country seeking a growing economy, with better job opportunities, a good education for their children, quality and affordable health care, and an environment of tolerance and understanding. But above all, these are strong leaders in protecting our national security,” said TLC Vice Chairman Susan Alvarado. “On behalf of The Latino Coalition, I would like to congratulate all of our list of endorsements and thank them for their service to our country. We urge Latino voters in their respective states to support these candidates.”

The 2006 National Survey of Latino Adults released earlier this month showed a significant portion of the Latino registered voters undecided. “When 36% of Latino voters are undecided at this stage in the game, it means that they will probably not participate on Election Day, because they are fed up with the rhetoric of both parties and the polarization of the debate,” DePosada added. “We urge Latinos not to allow the tone and the emptiness of the political promises from both parties, keep them from participating in the electoral process and support the candidates that have a history of support to our community.”

For additional information on the 2006 National Survey of Latino Adults please visit our website at [www.TheLatinoCoalition.com](http://www.TheLatinoCoalition.com)

The following is the list of endorsement:

**U.S. Senate:**

Arizona – John Kyl (R)  
California – Dianne Feinstein (D)  
Connecticut – Joe Lieberman (I)  
Delaware – Thomas Carper(D)  
Florida – Bill Nelson (D)  
Maryland – Michael Steele (R)  
Missouri – Jim Talent (R)  
Nebraska – Ben Nelson (D)  
Washington – Mike McGavick (R)

Nevada – John Ensign (R)  
New Jersey – Robert Menendez (D)  
New Mexico – Jeff Bingaman (D)  
New York – Hillary Clinton (D)  
Ohio – Mike Dewine (R)  
Pennsylvania – Rick Santorum (R)  
Tennessee – Harold Ford (D)  
Virginia – George Allen (R)

**U.S. House of Representatives:**

Henry Bonilla (TX-23)  
Dennis Cardoza (CA-18)  
Henry Cuellar (TX-28)  
John Doolittle (CA-4)  
Brad Ellsworth (IN-8)  
Rahm Emanuel (IL-5)  
Gabrielle Giffords (AZ-8)  
Nancy Johnson (CT-5)  
Joe Negron (FL-16)  
Mike Pence (IN-6)

Ed Perlmutter (CO-7)  
Richard Pombo (CA-11)  
Jon Porter (NV-3)  
Deborah Pryce (CA-15)  
Dave Reichert (WA-8)  
Tom Reynolds (NY-26)  
John Salazar (CO-3)  
John Shadegg (AZ-3)  
Clay Shaw (FL-22)  
Heather Wilson (NM-1)  
Bill Winter (CO-6)

**Governors:**

Arizona, Janet Napolitano (D)  
California, Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)  
Colorado, Bill Ritter (D)  
Maryland, Robert Ehrlich (R)  
Nevada, Jim Gibbons (R)

Florida, Charlie Crist (R)  
Illinois, Rod Blagojevich (D)  
Pennsylvania, Ed Rendell (D)  
Texas, Rick Perry (R)

**Attorney General:**

California, Jerry Brown (D)  
Colorado, John Suthers (R)  
Georgia, Thurbert Baker (D)

Maryland, Doug Gansler (D)  
Nevada, Catherine Cortez Masto (D)

The Latino Coalition is a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. TLC was established to address policy issues that directly affect the well-being of Hispanics in the United States. TLC's agenda is to develop and promote policies that will foster economic equivalency and enhance overall business, economic, and social development of Hispanics. For more information and to review past surveys, please visit TLC's website at [www.TheLatinoCoalition.com](http://www.TheLatinoCoalition.com).

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