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**Openness is also about being receptive to new ideas, cultures, peoples, environments, and experiences.**

## Message from the Division Chair...

*Openness, Transparency, and Inclusiveness...* those are the words I borrow from APA's Executive Director Paul Farmer. Those are also the words I conveyed during our second Latinos and Planning Division Business Meeting at APA conference in Las Vegas. I will also now throw in the word **Viable**.



The way I see these terms fitting in with our Division is that we are to be open and **transparent** in how we, as a Division and organization, function, in what we can and do offer, and in being accountable. **Openness** is also about being receptive to new ideas, cultures, peoples, environments, and experiences. **Inclusiveness** will entail us encouraging other professionals such as community organizers and NGO leaders to join us in our cause, and creating a forum for all planners who work with Latino communities to feel that they are always welcome to join and participate in the Division. Being a viable Division is about garnering members, both in number, but most importantly in developing leaders which will run for future Division offices; leaders that will initiate programs to address issue relevant to Latino communities; leaders who will be part of a network that extends to different parts of APA and other professional groups; leaders that will help this Division succeed and become an example to other Divisions. I know all of these steps will require small steps, but I do wish to see ALL of our Division membership put in their grain of salt.

As far as membership numbers and our inception as a Division in November 2006, we had 67 members at one point in 2007, about 85 in April of 2008, and we currently have around 100. This has been slow growth, but I have confidence that we can mobilize as a Division to have rapid and positive growth in our Division. The Division's updated Work Plan is currently being developed, and this will take us through until our next meeting in April. Goals, guidelines and measurable objectives will be included to address Division membership.

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The electronic newsletter of the  
Latinos and Planning Division of the  
American Planning Association.

Special Events for Latinos and Planning Members  
at the 2008 APA National Conference in Las Vegas, NV

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latinos and Planning  
Lunch & Tour - Las Vegas, NV



JOIN US AT THE LATINOS AND PLANNING  
LUNCH AND TOUR TO GET A SMALL TASTE OF  
THE LARGE LATINO COMMUNITY!

Monday, April 28, 8:00 am to 1:30 pm  
\$35 including lunch

The explosive growth of Southern Nevada's Hispanic population over the past 15 years has transformed this new western metropolis into a vibrant Latino community. With a Hispanic population of more than 450,000 and overall population of 2 million, the need to support and promote Latino artists, history, social and cultural events, and Latino businesses and housing development has become a priority for many leaders and the community as a whole. The impact of Hispanics on the culture and economy of Southern Nevada continues.

Tour stops include:

**THE HISPANIC MUSEUM OF NEVADA**

Speakers: Executive Director Lynette Sawyer  
and Local Latino Artists

**MI CASA EN EL SOL**

Speaker: Executive Director Margarita V. Rebolal

**RAFAEL RIVERA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Speakers: Leisure Services Coordinator Elias Samorano  
and President of the Old Spanish Trail Association,  
Historian Elizabeth von Till Warren, Ph.D.

**LINDO MICHOCAN MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

Speaker: College of Southern Nevada Dean of Arts  
and Letters Carlos Campo, Ph.D.

Brought to You by  
*The Local Latinos and Planning Committee*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP,  
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Pictures courtesy of Irayda Ruiz, '08  
Division Conference Coordinator

This year was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Latinos and Planning Lunch and Tour. The Local Latinos and Planning Committee composed of planners from in and around Las Vegas, with the assistance with Irayda Ruiz and Hector Solis, organized yet ANOTHER great event on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Las Vegas Local Latinos and Planning Committee included: Mary Aldava, Lisa Corrado, Claudia Lopez, Jorge Morteo, and Fred Solis

We had a great tour, where almost 30 individuals jumped on a bus and division members got a taste of diversity in action as we visited various sites in Las Vegas. This was followed by an excellent lunch, where several others joined us.

Thank you to all organizers and participants of this event!

**Interested in getting involved or sponsoring  
next year's conference in Minneapolis?**

Contact Arianna Martinez at [arimarti@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:arimarti@eden.rutgers.edu)  
2009 LAP Division Conference Coordinator

# Quarter In Brief

...celebrating the work of our local action networks

- Philadelphia, PA
- Texas Dialogo in College Station (pg. 3, 7)
- Los Angeles to Tijuana B.C Mexico (pg. 8)

## Convening for a Movimiento: La Comunidad-National Strategic Leadership Forum

On March 31, 2008, Leo Vazquez and Vicky Carrasco were invited to attend this event organized by the Hispanic Association of Contractors and Enterprises and Partners for Livable Communities in Philadelphia.

They had the chance to participate in discussions on how Latino assets (art, culture, and heritage) can be utilized as tools for community development. There is often a lack of recognition nationally of the assets of the Latino community serving as catalysts for community and economic change. The meetings goal was to advance this topic through the experiences and outcomes from a diverse group of participants and formulate solutions to the challenges of why this issue is not a more accepted facet of community development across the country.

## The First Latino Dialogo in Texas

The Texas Dialogo congregated 110 participants from all over Texas representing a multidisciplinary and much diverse assembly in terms of expertise, nationality, and affiliation. This resulted in a rich discussion on the many issues affecting Latinos and communities in Texas with the overall aim of contributing to the development of a local and national agenda of the American Planning Association APA Latinos and Planning Division.

In order to assure a broad participation, a steering committee was formed with representatives from Texas A&M (Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning - LAUP, the College of Architecture -COA, the Center for Housing and Urban Development), the City of College Station, the City of Bryan, and the Brazos Valley Council of Governments.

The Dialogo started with the welcoming remarks of Dr. Ndubisi, Head of the Department of LAUP, Professor Tom Regan, Dean of the COA, and Dr. Jerry Strawser, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost of Texas A&M University. Then Mr. Emil Moncivais, on behalf of the President of the APA, greeted the audience, followed by Ms. Vicky Carrasco, national Co-chair of the APA-Latinos and Planning Division.

Finally, Dr. Cecilia Giusti, Chair of the event, started the full-day Dialogo encouraging the active participation of all attendees.

All morning discussions focused on the most pressing needs and challenges facing Latinos and communities in Texas. Pre-defined themes (participants surveys were sent prior to the Dialogo) were discussed on a roundtable setting. Each roundtable had one facilitator (researcher or practitioner) and one proceedings editor (TAMU graduate student volunteer) who assisted taking notes and summarizing the discussion.

At noon, the keynote speaker, Mr. Ed Garza, former Major of San Antonio, a distinguished graduate from Texas A&M COA, and a Latino with much knowledge on planning and development issues, addressed the participants with a stimulating presentation. Mr. Garza narrated his personal experience and presented an inspiring vision on how to enhance Latino communities with better planning.

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Photos courtesy of Professor Cecilia Giusti, Texas A&M University

## Special Events for Latinos and Planning Members at the 2008 APA National Conference in Las Vegas, NV

### Business Meeting

We had about 33 participants during our business meeting. About half of these attendees were current members of the Division. The other half were either not Division members or interested in soon becoming members. The session included a strategic visioning session to re-align expectations from our members with the division's goals. Key ideas discussed were the following:

#### Networking

- With other Latino organizations, like NCLR
- Network/partner with community groups
- Identify planning related professions and outreach (advocacy groups, departments)

#### Future Planners/ Students

- Outreaching and mentoring to high school/undergrad/grad students
- Paper competition, prize/award
- Education on the planning profession
- Stronger outreach to the 'Citizen Planner.'

The division is striving to address some of these ideas that are already integrated in this upcoming year's work plan.



Recognizing LaP Leadership  
Photo courtesy of Irayda Ruiz

#### Membership & Services

- Blog or online portal
- Leadership building, Latino leaders in the community
- Outreach to chapters
- Outreach in your office/ brownbag lunch
- Provide membership to other people

### Diversity Summit

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Summit highlighted the strides the APA has made toward increasing diversity in planning since its first summit at the 2005 National Planning Conference in Washington DC, announced the new Ambassadors Program (See note on page 7), and offered provoking perspectives on diversity issues. Future projects from APA will focus on student recruitment, developing a web portal, ensuring acknowledgement of the accomplishments of minority planners through venues such as *Planning* magazine, and an evaluation of direct marketing to minority groups.

Latinos and Planning members highlighted the importance of outreach to high school students and providing mentorship/ scholarship programs that encourages and exposes the planning profession to the future of the profession early on.



Irayda Ruiz (left)- past LaP Vice Chair and Arturo Gonzalez (right), LaP members provided perspective from their own experiences. Dr. Carla Carroto (middle), University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, spoke about defining and assessing diversity. Photos courtesy of planning.org

## Sessions

The division had to by-right sessions during the conference, along with an additional session, which was hosted by the division. All sessions were well attended and had extensive question and answer session that engaged the speakers as well as fellow audience members. The sessions at this year's conference created a space to share common experiences and tools for planners working in and with Latino communities.

### Latino USA: Cultural Influences in Reshaping of the American Suburbs

Presenters:

- \*James Rojas, Senior Transportation Planner, Los Angeles CA
- \* Felipe Zubia, AICP

Moderator:

- \*Daniel Serrano, AICP, Project Manager, ICF Jones & Stokes, San Francisco, CA
- Founding member of the Latinos in Planning Division of APA

About 80 participants engaged in a lively discussion during the question and answer portion of this session.



Felipe Zubia presents dealing with non-traditional uses in a traditional zoning ordinance

### Creative and Inclusive Planning Alternatives

Presenters:

- \*Ariana Martinez, La Guardia Community College, New York
- \*Teresa Vasquez-Castillo, Professor, California State University Northridge.

Moderator:

- \*David Salazar, AICP. San Bernardino Community College District

About 50 participants attended this session addressing alternatives to criminalizing immigrant communities through blocking the use of public space, and shared experiences from their communities.



Participants actively engage in the various sessions.

### Contested Space: Latinos and Public Spaces

Presenters:

- \*Milton Espino, Western Director of Conservation Services- Trust for Public Land
- \*Michael Rios, PhD- University of California Davis

Moderator:

Sergio Rodriguez, FAICP

About 60-90 participants were engaged in a discussion about design and the use of public spaces, along with the overwhelming support to retain and create additional public spaces by Latinos



Michael Rios presents on the use of public space.

Photos courtesy of Irayda Ruiz

## Message from the Division Chair... (continued)

### Reflecting on Las Vegas

There are specifics about what we did as a Division during the APA conference, which are detailed in the contents of this newsletter... I do want to thank Irayda Ruiz and the Las Vegas host committee who made many of these events possible. The attendance to our business meeting more than doubled last year's attendance, and I thank everyone who participated in the brainstorming session. I also want to thank the session speakers and organizers for their tremendous dedication, time and effort.

It was amazing to realize the level of professionalism and expertise that we have among our very own. I was quite impressed. During the conference, I learned of other programs within the APA the Division can become engaged in.

One of these is APA Ambassador's program, which would help minority high school and undergraduate students become familiar with planning as a profession. I will work my best with other Division leaders to make this a program that is integrated to our work plan.

There are also two super topics being discussed by APA: Housing Choice and Affordability; and Green Communities. If you work or are interested in either of these, keep an eye out for more information on these.

I'm also very excited about our leadership profiles. These profiles will help identify leadership skills and expertise found within our group. You can find them posted in our website.

We have many things to look forward to. Various committees have been set up so I encourage you to volunteer in one of these: Membership Committee, Conference Committee, Communications Committee, Elections Committee. I also hope we can soon formalize a Training and Education Committee which will look at Certificate Maintenance issues as well as educational needs for our members and other professionals.

I also hope to continue efforts in exploring allied professional organizations as a way to expand the influence of Latinos and Planning Division and to create more professional development opportunities.

It was great to meet you in Vegas, and I look forward to a productive, engaging and exciting year!

-Vicky

## CONGRATULATIONS! Latinos and Planning Members are Recognized at the National Conference!

Irayda Ruiz, AICP was elected to the **APA Board of Directors** as Director At-Large.



Hector Solis and Manny Muñoz received the **APA Student Representatives Council Award** for Outstanding Planning Student Organizations Award | Best Practices

APA Planning Student Organization at Cal Poly Pomona for organizing **Great Latino Streets, Great Latino Neighborhoods** held on 10/25/07.

## The First Latino Dialogo in Texas (Continued from page 3)

The afternoon plenary focused on the issues facing Latino planners in Texas. Each roundtable presented their list of “top 10” issues affecting communities in Texas and participants discussed how to address them. The final plenary was led by Ms. Carrasco and TAMU Professor Emeritus Jesus Hinojosa. A lively discussion –an open “dialogo”- among participants was key for the success of this event as they voice their ideas, concerns, and made practical suggestions, in an inclusive environment.

Dr. Giusti was the main facilitator throughout the day and Ms. Miriam Olivares, co-chair of the Dialogo, assisted participants to ensure the success of the event. Participants suggested having similar dialogos in other regions of the state.

The event was officially closed by Dr. Karan Watson, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost of Texas A&M University, ending with a reception and the Aggie Mariachi Band.

The main consensus was the need to establish an inclusive agenda, incorporating a culture that may be embraced by local communities. Participation and capacity building issues were found to be key elements on promoting better communities. The Planning community needs to be better informed and more involved on finding new methods to incorporate the views of Latinos in its planning efforts. It was a common theme to search for creative ways to enhance a better integration of new ideas, styles, family values into current planning practices.

For more in-detail information on the event visit [http://archone.tamu.edu/conted/Dialogo/Dialogo\\_Home.html](http://archone.tamu.edu/conted/Dialogo/Dialogo_Home.html)

ABC – 40 news covered the event during the morning sessions and during the reception. <http://www.abc40.com/Global/story.asp?s=7881376>. The Dialogo was also reported on The Eagle, the local newspaper.



## A Call To Action To Increase Latinos in Planning!

### APA AMBASSADOR’S PROGRAM

The field of planning is deeply rooted in advocating for equity, reform, and justice in all communities. APA and its members carry that tradition on through innovative planning, programs, and research designed to reflect America's diversity. Where will the next generation of planners come from? Maybe from the universities, colleges, and high schools in your hometown or from your alma mater. You can have a direct and powerful influence on the next generation of planners as an APA Ambassador.

APA Ambassadors promote the growth and diversity of the planning profession by universities, colleges, and high schools to talk to students about careers in planning. Through this program, APA particularly hopes to reach students with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Become an APA Ambassador. Commit to one year of volunteer service, conduct informational sessions at three to five academic institutions during that year, and visit career and graduate school fairs. You could have a real impact on the future of the planning profession.

The Latinos and Planning Division wants to be a pioneer in this effort, and we are asking for three volunteers from this Division to participate, our volunteers will be profiled in our quarterly newsletter.

Interested? You will need to fill out an application and submit your resume. You should be an APA member with at least five years of experience as a professional planner. You will also need to make a one-year commitment to the program. This is an unpaid position. APA will provide you with appropriate materials. <http://www.planning.org/diversity/ambassadors.htm>

Michele Rodriguez, AICP ([michele@boggis.com](mailto:michele@boggis.com))  
APA Diversity Task Force Member



## LA to TJ 2008 Mobile Conference: Moving Goods, People and Ideas.

On the first day of summer, Saturday, June 21, 2008, sixty urban planners, environmentalists, public health experts, artists, and community activists boarded Amtrak's Surfliner at Union Station to participate in a daylong mobile conference between the cities of Los Angeles, CA and Tijuana, Baja California.

The LA-TJ Corridor is one of the most prosperous metropolitan regions in the world and contains very diverse landscapes, cultures, incomes levels and approaches to urban planning. The route explored the backside of the region often hidden from the freeways that traverse the same areas and highlighted the diversity of land uses in the region. The route highlighted all of these elements by traversing through spectacular natural settings and the most environmentally degraded sites. The mobile conference brought together both man-made systems such as transportation and land use patterns with natural systems such as rivers and water sheds.

The mission of this conference was set to explore and to understand this region by accomplishing five goals:

1. Experience the built and natural environment,
2. Understand the relations between land use, transportation, and social patterns,
3. Learn about the current environmental and health issues, and
4. Network with like-minded people across the region, and
5. Have fun!

The top deck of the rail car was reserved for the conference participants to provide optimum viewing of the sites long the corridor from Los Angeles to San Diego. The fourteen conference speakers added valuable political and social insights to the forces shaping the landscape and built environment. They were orchestrated by the shifting landscape along the route and they tailored their presentations around these visual cues that include the built environment and natural features. The visual cues in the landscape became a power point presentation for the participants as glazed out the train's windows.



Land use issues are best taught by experiencing them through all of our senses. "LA" gave way to "TJ" and without any notice, participants experienced the dynamic reality of an informal urbanism. In this way, through an experiential reckoning, the intricacies of the varied environments left their impression on the participants, informing them about the complexities of urban planning in our region.

The Los Angeles to Tijuana Mobile Conference brought participants out in to the field by ingeniously using various forms of transportation from train, trolley, and foot. This helped participants explore and experience the built environment and landscape of this region. The fourteen speakers presented local land use issues, and the tour helped participants frame local issues into a large regional framework. This technique turned out to be a very effective and powerful way to discuss land use, watershed, and social issues. With this experience and information, participants will be able to judge for themselves how what they saw and heard shapes the region.

If you have any questions regarding the LA to TJ Mobile Conference, please contact James Rojas at [Latinourbanforum@yahoo.com](mailto:Latinourbanforum@yahoo.com)

## More Pictures from the Las Vegas Lunch and Tour

### During the Tour...



### During Lunch...



All photographs courtesy of Irayda Ruiz, '08 Division Conference Coordinator

**Thank you to all participants and see you in Minneapolis!**

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## LaP Funding Opportunities for Local Networks

Latinos and Planning depends upon members like you to help meet our shared mission: to address the biggest planning challenges facing Latino communities and the biggest professional challenges facing Latino planners. There are many ways that you can further that mission:

- \*Build a social network in your area of planners who care about Latino communities;
- \*Host a dialogo/ host a panel discussion or workshop;
- \*Engage residents of a Latino community in a planning matter;
- \*Engage leaders of Latino organizations in conversations about planning;

The division will provide grants of \$100-250 for local events sponsored by local action networks. Funding for local events shall be provided as a matching grant to funding provided by another source.

Local action representatives should submit a narrative describing why the event should receive the funds and how it is consistent with the goals described below. Submissions will be due quarterly (tentatively) on:

- April 1
- July 1
- October 1
- January 1

All grants should be tied to the mission and goals of the APA Latinos and Planning Division to further the understanding of the Latino communities or planning to improve Latino communities.

For you'd like to get involved in the funding committee or for more information on local grants please contact Elizabeth Delgado at [delgado.e@gmail.com](mailto:delgado.e@gmail.com) or your local representative.

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**The Gold Line and Boyle Heights: AVANZANDO!**

**THE GOLD LINE AND BOYLE HEIGHTS: AVANZANDO!**

Poster Presentation at APA National Conference, Las Vegas 2008 \*\* California State Polytechnic University Pomona  
 Bryan R Albin, Leonard J Bechet, Arturo Gonzalez, Cesar A. Leon, and Hector Solis

**EDITORS NOTE**

This quarter's newsletter provides an overview of the National Conference in Las Vegas, next steps the division is taking in developing its mission towards its members, along with a call for Latino Planners.

Our recap does not do justice to the work and passion presented at this year's conference in Las Vegas. **Thank you to everyone** who participated in the various events and have contributed to the success of this newsletter. The enthusiasm within the division is not only captivating but contagious. We see the newsletter as just one vehicle to communicate with not only our division membership, but with the APA membership at-large

**October is National Community Planning Month!**  
 If you have any ideas or articles for our newsletter due for release in mid-October, or you would like to get involved in the design of the newsletter please contact me at [delgado.e@gmail.com](mailto:delgado.e@gmail.com)  
 All items are due no later than Friday, September 19, 2008.

Gracias!  
 Liz Delgado

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIVISION MEMBERS!**  
 Since Jan. 2008

- Alex Osorio
- Mayra Bayonet
- Anna Sanchez
- Teresita Fernandez
- Bryan Albin
- Natalie De Leon
- Robert Cervantes
- Irma Hernandez
- Roger Tijerino
- Rosa Donoso
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- Reemberto Rodriguez
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- Maria Ellis
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- Antonio Lopez
- Carmen Bendixen
- Ivan Villalobos
- Rodrigo Carrasco
- Sean Gallegos
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- Rockville, MD
- Tucson, AZ
- Miami, FL
- Covina, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Elk Grove, CA
- Long Beach, CA
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Austin, TX
- Santa Ana, CA
- Washington DC
- Santa Barbara, CA
- Portland, OR
- Washington DC
- Pomona, CA
- Raleigh, NC
- El Paso, TX
- Fairfax, VA
- Henderson, NV
- South Gate, CA
- Pasadena, CA
- Seattle, WA
- San Francisco, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Half Moon, CA

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR NEW & CONTINUING MEMBERS!!**  
 Lets keep the ball rolling!!

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PLANNERS!**  
**APA FORMS YOUNG PLANNING GROUP**

Megan Cummings, AICP  
 Chair, Young Planners Group

In between the students and the upper-management professionals, there's a cross-section of APA members who are relatively new to full-time planning work. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and they are often from different generations than the leaders of today.

In the summer of 2007, APA President Bob Hunter commissioned a geographically diverse task force of 15 planners in their 20s and early 30s to serve as the Young Planners Group. The YPG is an advisory group to the APA Board with an eye and an ear toward issues of importance to young planners. After several conference calls, we developed a [report to APA's Board of Directors](#) that identifies needs, strategies, and other things vital to the future of APA and the next generation of leaders. We also hosted a session at the 2008 national conference in Las Vegas to present the findings of the report. The discussion following the presentation was lively, insightful, and inspiring.

Part of our charge is to identify ways to get young planners more involved in the profession both in leadership roles and among our local chapters and sections. There are many ways young planners can become more involved in their profession.

Contact your chapter president and let them know you would be interested in organizing lunch 'n learns, helping at the state conference, updating the website, or serving on a committee.

The YPGs also see a greater role for networking within our generation to discuss issues important to us such as career development, moving into management positions, and balancing careers and families.

We want to hear from you! If you are interested in helping to shape the future of the planning profession, if you want to be more involved, or if you want to be a part of a support group for young professionals like you, let us know. Some of our goals for the upcoming year include organizing a mentoring program, forming local and regional groups of young planners, and finding ways to be more active in national APA programming and policy decisions.

Feel free to contact Megan ([plannermegan@hotmail.com](mailto:plannermegan@hotmail.com)), or your Chapter President and let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved

Or, you can also contact the following YPG members, who are members of the Latinos and Planning division:

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**We can't wait to hear from you!**

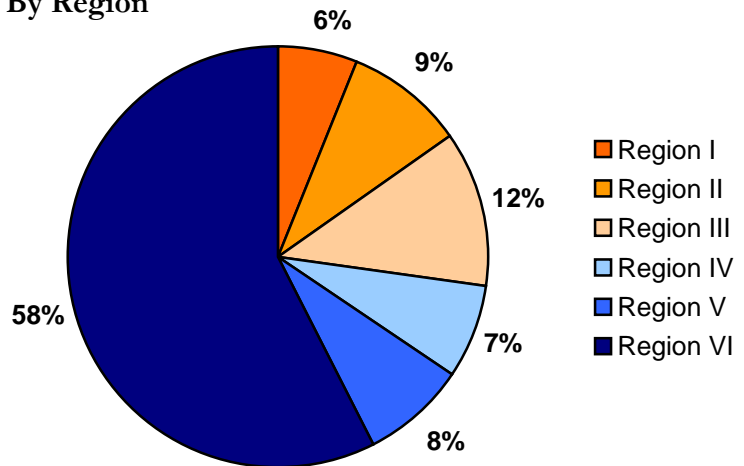
**Latinos and Planning Division Membership Composition**

**By Category**

AICP	22
FAICP	1
Student	28
New Professional	5
Regular Member	48

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 TOTAL MEMBERS  
 as of 08/18/08  
**98**

**By Region**



## Latinos and Planning Division Work Plan Is Now Available Online

The Work Plan seeks to guide and codify its mission to work collaboratively with other professionals and organizations to identify and develop strategies related to:

- 1) The most significant planning issues facing Latino communities; and
- 2) The most significant challenges facing Latino planners.

Content of the Work Plan:

- |                   |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| -Purpose          | -Goals for 2008-2009 Work Plan     |
| -Time Frame       | -Priority Issues                   |
| -Division Purpose | -Plan (Goals, Objectives, Actions) |
| -Division Mission |                                    |

Click on this hyperlink: <http://www.planning.org/latinos/member/pdf/workplan.pdf>

## More Pictures from the LA to TJ 2008 Mobile Conference



Speakers provided background to conference participants by train (above) and by foot, whether it was passing by industrial LA (below) or crossing the border by foot (left)



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**Statement of Purpose...**

Work to address planning issues affecting Latino communities as well as the professional and career challenges facing Latino planners, and the challenges facing other professionals, elected officials, and advocates who work to improve the quality of life in Hispanic communities. Latinos and Planning works to remember the history and culture shared by Latino communities by connecting them to current planning theory and practice; strives to educate everyone involved in planning with Latino communities and those who work with Hispanic planners; promotes multiculturalism and multi-ethnicities; is inclusive and accountable to its members and the planning profession; builds and maintains relationships with other planning-oriented groups and organizations; provides support to Latino students and institutions of higher education; and is a voice for equitable planning and development.

... *Latinos and Planning Division Bylaws*

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