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# **National Council of La Raza Funding Skyrockets after Obama Hires Its VP**

he Judicial Watch Verdict® has extensively covered the Obama administration's hostility to existing immigration law, from supporting illegal alien sanctuary cities, to suspending the deportations of illegal alien criminals, to the infamous Obama administration memo outlining "administrative" ways to bypass Congress and enact illegal alien amnesty.

But if you need more convincing, just follow the money trail. As first reported by Corruption Chronicles® blogger Irene Garcia: "A Judicial Watch investigation reveals that federal funding for a Mexican La Raza group that for years has raked in millions of taxpayer dollars has skyrocketed since one of its former top officials (Cecilia Muñoz) got a job in the Obama White House. [Muñoz currently serves as Obama's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.]"

How high has the funding skyrocketed? Government cash infusions to the radical Chicano organization, known as the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), almost tripled the year Muñoz joined the White House, from \$4.1 million to \$11 million!

According to Irene's report, the



Cecilia Muñoz, White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

funding came from a variety of sources within the Obama administration: "Not surprisingly, a big chunk of the money (60%) came from the Department of Labor, which is headed by a former California congresswoman (Hilda Solis) with close ties to the La Raza movement. Since Obama named her Labor Secretary, Solis has launched a nationwide campaign to protect illegal immigrant workers in the U.S.... Solis penned declarations with Guatemala and Nicaragua to preserve the rights of their migrants."

"The NCLR also received additional taxpayer dollars from other federal agencies in 2010, the JW probe found. The Department of Housing and Urban Development doled out \$2.5 million for housing

counseling, the Department of Education contributed nearly \$800,000 and the Centers for Disease Control a quarter of a million."

"Additionally, NCLR affiliates nationwide raked in tens of millions of government grant and recovery dollars last year thanks to the Muñoz factor. An offshoot called Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) saw its federal funding nearly double to \$18.3 million following Muñoz' appointment."

"A social service and legal assistance organization (Ayuda Inc.) that didn't receive any federal funding between 2005 and 2008 got \$600,000 in 2009 and \$548,000 in 2010 from the Department of Justice. The group provides immigration law services and guarantees confidentiality to assure illegal aliens that they won't be reported to authorities."

And what types of projects are your tax dollars likely to fund at the National Council of La Raza (translated: "The National Council of The Race")? In short, this racist organization stands for everything Judicial Watch fights against — discounted tuition for illegal aliens, driver's licenses for illegal aliens, illegal alien sanctuary policies.

But when you dig a little deeper, the truth about this organization is even more disturbing.

The National Council of La Raza serves as the public relations front organization for the radical Mexican reconquista movement, which seeks to conquer the American Southwest and return it to Mexico. This is no joke.

In fact, Judicial Watch published a special report about a Mexican separatist charter school funded by the NCLR. It's called Academia Semillas Del Pueblo (Seeds of the People Academy). And this is what the principal of the school had to say about his "educational" objectives:

"We don't necessarily want to go to White schools. What we want to do is teach ourselves, teach our children the way we have of teaching. We don't want to drink from a White water fountain, we have our own wells and our natural reservoirs and our way of collecting rain in our aqueducts...Ultimately the White way, the American way, the neo liberal, capitalist way of life will eventually lead to our own destruction..."

The following is a description of the school's "United States History and Geography" class for 8th graders:

"A People's history of Expansion and Conflict – A thematic survey of American politics, society, culture and political economy; Emphasis throughout on the nations the U.S. usurped, invaded and dominated; Connections between historical rise of capitalism and imperialism with modern political economy and global social relations."

"This type of school program may be a good thematic fit for the president, who immediately after assuming office at the White House went on an international apology tour and said he does not believe in American exceptionalism," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "But do we want our tax dollars supporting this kind of nonsense?"

To be fair, this organization for a long time has had friends in high places in *both* political parties and enough pull to secure speeches from such political heavyweights as Hillary Clinton and former Bush advisor Karl Rove. But now, with Cecilia Muñoz pulling the levers inside the Obama White House, the organization is primed to play a significant role in pushing the Obama amnesty agenda nationwide through its vast network of Latino organizations.

Muñoz, previously served as the NCLR's senior vice president where, as Irene noted, she "supervised all legislative and advocacy activities on the state and local levels" and "was heavily involved in the congressional immigration battles that took place in the George W. Bush Administration." (She held the La Raza position until President Obama issued one of his numerous "ethics waivers," which allowed her to join the Obama White House team. (Muñoz's appointment would have otherwise violated Obama's ethics rules that should have prevented her from working on matters concerning La Raza.)

What a valuable "ethics waiver" that turned out to be. And JW's investigation will continue. Jw



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