

RAZA UNIDA CONVENTION  
San Antonio, Texas  
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WORKSHOP: WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

Rosie Castro, Bexar County Chairman presided over this meeting where the main topic was to discuss the development of the Mujeres in the Raza Unida Party.

First on the agenda was the subject of the membership of the Texas Women's Political Caucus where many Chicanas from Texas were involved. In order to see the pros and cons of this discussion several chicanas that had some background information gave reports. Lupe Anguiano began by bringing up to date the involvement of the chicana in the TWPC in her report she also made the announcement of the withdrawal by the chicanas in New Mexico (RUP members) from the NWPC.

Another report was given by Marta Cotera who cited an incident of why it was not to our advantage to belong to the TWPC. She recalled to us the time when the TWPC women had endorsed Alma Canales, who was at the time running for Lieutenant Governor, but in reality did little to help in Alma's campaign. She also talked about the time the chicana's had asked for a separate Caucus during the NWPC in Houston of last year. This petition was passed and granted but with little or no effect on the NWPC and leaving us still the 1% at the bottom of the pyramid. The vote was brought up on the membership for

and against belonging to the TWPC. Among the propositions presented there was the possibility of leaving one or two chicanas in the caucus not as RUP representatives but only as members of the TWPC. After much discussion a resolution was passed and approved to withdraw not only on the state level but on the national level as well, this resolution was passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda the topic of finding women candidates to run for different political offices under the Raza Unida Party was discussed. There were several names brought up, among them was Marta Cotera whom the women wanted to run as Lieutenant Governor but this possibility had to be discarded because she was unable to run. The women were left with the task of finding qualified women to run.

The meeting came to an end with the commitment that we the Mujeres of la Raza Unida party solidify our statewide structure and attempt to develop a nationwide structure, committees were designated to work on the Mujeres issues of the Raza Unida Platform, Inez Trevor of Houston was named chairperson and different tasks were assigned to women all over the state so as to have statewide involvement in this program.

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