



2018

## DURHAM CAN | ORANGE COUNTY JUSTICE UNITED WAKE COUNTY SPONSORS NC CONGRESS OF LATINO ORGANIZATIONS

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### STATEWIDE VICTORIES

**The Latino Congress delivered over 1,000 members to public meetings with candidates for Sheriff in six counties.** Four of the newly elected Sheriffs in Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Mecklenburg counties pledged to not participate in the separation of families.

**Leaders from Latino institutions launched a negotiation with the NC Secretary of Health** over increasing the capacity of federally funded institutions to provide services to the (LEP) Limited English Proficiency community as part of its overhaul of the Medicaid program. The NCDHHS has agreed to require managed care companies provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to LEP communities in the 100 counties as part of their compliance.

### LOCAL VICTORIES

#### **Affordable Housing Production.**

After years of negotiation with Durham CAN, the Durham County Commissioners agreed to the construction of affordable and market-rate apartments on the 300 and 500 blocks of East Main Street. Both sites will include parking decks for county employees and 437 apartments; 277 to be designated affordable for those at or below 80% AMI.

Orange County Justice United won commitments from developer Clay Grubb for the inclusion of up to 10 apartment units at the Chapel Hill Glen Lennox development in a new pilot affordable housing program designed to more quickly house homeless or near homeless residents earning less than 30% AMI.

#### **Wake County Sponsors**

WCS trained 551 leaders in the universals of broad based organizing; recruited 35 contributing institutions, with another 30 likely prospects for 2019; and held at least 1,000 relational meetings within and between diverse institutions across Wake County.

**Education.** Orange County Justice United won commitments from candidates for the Orange County Board of Education to increase teacher diversity to match the diversity of the student body over the next four years, and to hire bilingual front office staff in every school.

Durham CAN demanded and won the hiring of three bilingual interpreters in Durham Public Schools. 25% of the student body at DPS speak languages other than English at home. Parents and students have trouble communicating with teachers, principals and counselors. The Durham Public Schools new Strategic Plan reflects additional hiring goals over the next five years. The announcement was made at a public action attended by over 450 immigrants and allies.

#### **Jobs and Access to Employment**

Judicial candidates and Durham's district attorney-elect committed publicly to criminal justice reforms during a Durham CAN action attended by over 623 leaders, including reducing use of cash bail and fees and fines when a defendant is unable to pay.

### NEIGHBORHOOD VICTORIES

**Leaders from Durham's Grant Street community in historic Hayti won** the cleaning of a stream that flooded their neighborhood during heavy rains, new park equipment, a reduction on the crime rate, and the designation for affordable housing of several publicly owned vacant lots.

