In July 2011, the
League of United Latin American Citizens,
became the First National Civil Rights
Organization to Pass a Resolution OPPOSING
Water Fluoridation as a Civil Rights
Violation

My name is Henry Rodriguez, Founder and Director of the LULAC Concilio Zapatista 4383, and it was my LULAC Council that got this Resolution passed.

How it started

In January 2011, I was contacted by Nikki Kuhns, a local Safe Drinking Water Advocate. Over lunch, George Alejos LULAC District XV Housing Director, Cindy Gustamante, President of the Zapatistas and I discussed a recent Press Release issued by the ADA (American Dental Assocation) and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) that infants 0-6 months should not be exposed to Fluoride, to protect them from Fluorosis, the permanent mottling of teeth. Additionally, these agencies were recommending that the level of Fluoride in water should be lowered.

Of further concern, Daniel Stockin of the Lillie Center, had just issued a Press Release citing studies that showed that Hispanics and African Americans were an at-risk population for Fluorosis.

I was intrigued that in Dan's announcement he included information that an icon of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Andrew Young, came out publicly opposed to Fluoridation and I wanted to learn more.

We arranged a meeting with long-time Safe Drinking Water Advocate, Kay Turner to gather more information.

GETTING EDUCATED

We met for 3 nights. We watched videos, of Dr. Paul Connett, Dr. William Hirzy, Dr. Hardy Limeback, Dan Stockin, Dr. Phyllis Mullenix and others .. and we read materials prepared for us.

We made conference calls to Dan Stockin because I wanted him to corroborate what we were being told and because Dan has an MPH (Masters in Public Health).

After much research I was satisfied that we wanted to get involved in the "Great Fluoride Debate." We then proceeded to discuss the strategy that we wanted to take.

There were so many issues that had been discussed, and so many reasons to OPPOSE Fluoridation, but it was up to Cindy, George and I to determine how the Zapatistas would approach this health issue that has turned into a political issue.

We also were given Election Results For South San Antonio that showed Our community VOTED NO – Overwhelmingly !!

November 2000 Results by City Council District - Fluoride

District	FOR	AGAINST	MORE
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1	7995	11263	3268
2	8998	10605	160 7
3	7191	12759	5568
4	9416	12943	35 ² 7
5	5344	9639	4295
6	11842	12311	469
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My community voted NO in every election despite MILLIONS			

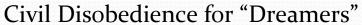
being spent to sway us. [D7-10 voted FOR Fluoride.]

OUR CONCLUSION

As the Founder and Director, of the Zapatistas, I spoke first and all were in agreement – we would OPPOSE Fluoridation as a Civil Rights Violation.

It was clear to me that Fluoride was a 'medicine', and that it was being forced on individuals through their water system. Many say that by drinking water from the tap, you are voluntarily consuming Fluoride, however, in my community, most people cannot afford to drink bottled water – so it is forced on us.

Additionally, I watched Dr. Osmunson's video about Fluoride being a drug, it was very clear to me, this is Medication without Consent – a Civil Rights Violation.





I was warned that no lower Court, and certainly the Supreme Court had NEVER ruled that Fluoridation is a Civil Rights Violation.

However, as a long time Civil Rights Activist, I do NOT need the Supreme Court to tell me what a Civil Rights Violation is.



LULAC TEXAS Passes the Resolution in February 2011

Submitted by Henry Rodriguez, organizer Concilio Zapatista 4383.
Approved thisday of June, 2011, At Chustamonle
Cindy Gustamante, President, Concilio Zapatista 4383 Chairperson of the Health Committee
George Alejos, Director for Affordable Housing District XV
Jorg Cardenas III TEXAS LULK State Director
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LULAC Passed the Resolution at the 2011

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In July 2011, at a Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Resolution was approved unanimously.

My closest friend, Linda Alfaro and I represented the Zapatistas.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), founded in 1929, is the oldest and most widely respected Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States of America.

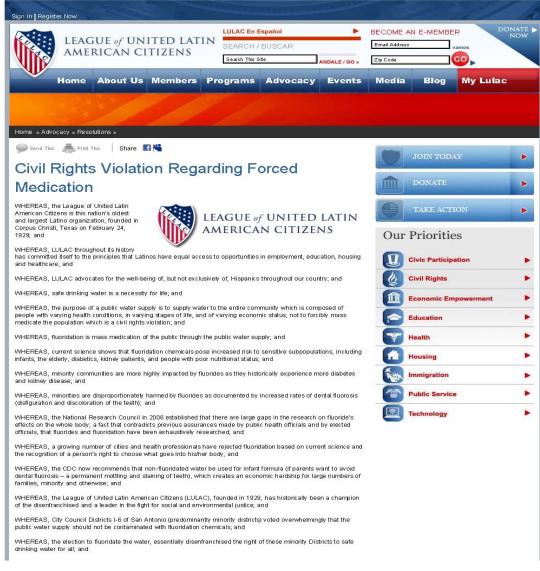




LULAC 'Special Interests' tried unsuccessfully to rescind the Resolution, because it was 'controversial,' however, LULACs' General Counsel and my close friend, Luis Vera, refused to allow it. I stood firm, reminding my colleagues that LULAC has never been afraid of controversy. The Resolution remains on our website, at LULAC.org: http://lulac.org/advocacy/resolutions/2011/resolution_Civil_Rights_Violation_Regarding_Forced_Medication/

LULAC: Civil Rights Violation Regarding Forced Medication

R E S O L U T I O N



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Our Resolution can be found at http://www.lulaczapatista.org Click on Fluoridation

We owe a debt of gratitude to Carol Goodwin Blick for having our Resolution Translated into Spanish.

We urge everyone with a Spanish speaking community to share it with them.



LIGA de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC) Derechos Civiles Violación relacionada con medicamentos forzoso, 2011

POR CUANTO, la Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos es la organización latina más antigua y más grande de la nación, fundada en Corpus Christi, Texas el 17 de febrero 1929 y

CONSIDERANDO que, LULAC en toda su historia se ha comprometido a los principios que los latinos tienen igualdad de acceso a oportunidades en el empleo, la educación, la vivienda y la asistencia sanitaria, y

CONSIDERANDO que, LULAC aboga por el bienestar de, pero no exclusivamente, de los hispanos en todo el país, y CONSIDERANDO, que el agua potable es una necesidad para la vida, y

CONSIDERANDO, que la finalidad de un servicio público es para abastecer de agua a toda la comunidad que se compone de personas con diferentes problemas de salud, en diferentes etapas de la vida, y de diferente nivel económico, no a la masa por la fuerza medicar a la población, que es una violación de derechos civiles, y

CONSIDERANDO, que la fluoración es la medicación masiva de la población a través del servicio público, y CONSIDERANDO, que la ciencia actual demuestra que los productos químicos fluoración suponen un mayor riesgo para las subpoblaciones sensibles, incluyendo a los bebés, los ancianos, los diabéticos, los pacientes renales y personas con mal estado nutricional, y

CONSIDERANDO, que las minorías están más afectados por fluoruros, ya que históricamente sufren más la diabetes y la enfermedad renal, y

CONSIDERANDO, que las minorías son desproporcionadamente perjudicados por fluoruros como está documentado por el aumento de las tasas de dental fluorosis (desfiguración y la decoloración de los dientes); y

CONSIDERANDO que el Consejo Nacional de Investigación en 2006 estableció que hay grandes lagunas en la investigación sobre efectos del fluoruro en todo el cuerpo, hecho que contradice las garantías anteriores realizados por funcionarios de salud pública y por los funcionarios electos, que los fluoruros y la fluoración se han investigado exhaustivamente, y

CONSIDERANDO, que el CDC ahora recomienda utilizar el agua no fluorada para la fórmula infantil (si los padres quieren evitar la fluorosis dental - un moteado permanente y la tinción de los dientes), que crea una carga económica para las grandes número de familias, las minorías y de otra manera, y

POR CUANTO, la Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC), fundada en 1929, ha sido históricamente un campeón de los desposeídos y un líder en la lucha por la justicia social y ambiental, y...

CONSIDERANDO, que la Salud y Servicios Humanos de EE.UU. y de la EPA (enero de 2011) han afirmado recientemente el NRC...Los resultados del estudio que los ciudadanos pueden estar ingiriendo demasiado fluoruro y que la exposición es principalmente por beber agua...

POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que L'ULAC alaba los esfuerzos de las organizaciones que se oponen a la masa forzado medicamentos de las fuentes de agua potable públicos usando fluoruros que se encuentran, los desechos tóxicos de grado industrial de los subproductos que contener contaminantes (arsénico, plomo, mercurio), que ponen en peligro aún más la vida, y

SE RESUELVE ADEMÁS, que LULAC apoya los esfuerzos de todos los ciudadanos que trabajan para poner fin a la medicación forzada a través del sistema público de agua debido a que viola los derechos civiles y

SE RESUELVE ADEMÁS, que LULAC se opone a la política pública de la fluoración, ya que no cumple intención del legislador, y

SE RESUELVE ADEMÁS, que las demandas de LULAC para saber por qué los organismos gubernamentales encargados de la protección de la salud pública son más estrictas para proteger la política de fluoración de lo que son la salud pública.

Aprobado este primero día de julio de 2011.

Margaret Moran Presidente Nacional de LULAC

Fuente

Violación de Derechos Civiles relacionada con medicamentos forzoso, 2011 [Compendio, 2013], Liga de Ciudadanos Latinoamericanos Unidos (LULAC)

Dr. David Kennedy



We appreciate the extraordinary efforts by everyone that helped us, especially Dr. David Kennedy who flew to San Antonio and spoke to our Local LULAC Councils. He made a second trip to attend the LULAC Texas Convention where he held a seminar to educate Councils from all over Texas.

Man of the Year



The National LULAC
Organization may have
considered Fluoridation
'controversial'
however,
in Texas,
I was named

LULAC Texas Man of the Year!

Clearly, my efforts to stop Fluoridation were appreciated.

Efforts in San Antonio, TX



We issued Open Records Requests to Determine the Benefits from Water Fluoridation

The Result: There were NO Documents showing any benefit for the 10 years of Fluoridation!



We met with ALL City Council Members and the Mayors' Staff

Only 2 of 10 Council members agreed to assist.

The Mayor, Julian Castro, now HUD Director refused.



We met with the local Health Director, and he proceeded to warn all Council members that he had 'dealt' with 'Anti-Fluoridationists' and proclaimed that Fluoridation was one of the "10 great public health most important Health achievements of the 20th Century."

We spoke at Council meetings

We spoke about Fluoride being a Neurotoxin (quoting the Harvard Study) when the Mayor promoted his Brainpower Initiative .

We went to Citizens to Be Heard and reminded Council members that Our Open Records Request showed that there are NO Benefits from 10 years of Exposure to this chemical and MILLIONS of Dollars spent for chemicals and equipment.

We now believe a Safe Drinking Water Ordinance is our next step. However, this would require 20,000 signatures.

When I return, I will be meeting with my Council, as there will be a Charter Change election next May and we just may try to get the 20,000 signatures.

I spoke at the Citizens for Clean Water in San Francisco in March of this year



And I remain committed to defending our Resolution that Fluoridation is a Civil Rights Violation



Our website is at:

http://www.lulaczapatista.org

I want to Thank Dr. Paul and Ellen Connett for making my trip here possible.

I thank you all for your friendship and want you to know that I will NOT relent ..

Fluoridation is a Civil Rights Violation and we must stand with each other <u>in solidarity</u>.

[LULAC's motto is "All For One and One For All"]