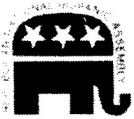


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## Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Washington

### Washington State Chapter of the RNHA Established.

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This past Saturday a group of prominent Republicans from around the state gathered in downtown Seattle for the purpose of forming a Washington State chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly (WRNHA).

Prominent Mercer Island Citizen, Jesus Sanchez served as the Convention Chairman and Seattle attorney Steve Cuevas was the Convention Secretary. The state chapter was formed, its constitution adopted, and officers were elected. A number of resolutions were passed as well.

Bellingham resident Marta Guevara, former candidate for the Washington State legislature and the WRNHA's newly elected National Committeewoman, told attendees that "*Un nuevo día*" has dawned in Washington State Republican politics with the formation of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Washington State. The WRNHA will serve as a bridge between the Hispanic community of Washington and the Republican Party."

Warden City Councilman, Roque Garza, a retired G3 Sergeant Major and the new Secretary for the RNHA Washington state chapter added that "Virtues and morality -- integrity, honesty, hard work, faith, hope, love, recognizing the sanctity of life, gratitude -- know no racial or ethnic boundaries, but are eternal truths we all should seek and share."

The mission of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, and its new Washington State Chapter, is to build a membership organization to foster the principles of the Republican Party in the Hispanic community; to provide Hispanic Americans with a forum to play an influential role in local, state and national party activities; to increase the number of Hispanic Republican elected officials; and to create and maintain a network of Hispanic Republican leaders.

The desire to establish the organization arose from the many volunteers that worked in the "Hispanics for Bush" campaign in the last presidential election. Exit polls show that President Bush took about 38% of the Hispanic vote and garnered the largest number of Hispanic votes of any Republican Presidential candidate. He has previously been re-elected Governor of Texas with over 50% of the Hispanic vote.