



## **Nuestro Futuro: Caucus for LGBT Latinas/os to gather at national conference on heels of Super Tuesday**

Creating Change Conference weekly highlight

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DETROIT - Everyone knows that Latinas/os comprise the largest minority group and a fast-growing voting constituency in the U.S. What everyone doesn't know is that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are among the top three voting blocs. Put these two groups together and you've got one powerful, winning combination. That's exactly what's going to happen right on the heels of Super Tuesday, when LGBT Latinas/os join with 2,000 activists to strategize and organize for the coming year at the National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change, Feb. 6-10, in Detroit.

LGBT Latinas/os will be tackling big issues such as the need to develop a national agenda for the Latina/o and African-American communities; bridging the divisions of race, gender and class; anti-racism organizing and people of color organizing; and, most importantly, how to move forward as a Latina/o LGBT movement. The conference will feature five intensive daylong institutes directly related to these issues.

"Creating Change is the one time, one place, one opportunity the national Latina/o LGBT community has to come together to strategize on how to move forward as a movement," said Pedro Julio Serrano, communications coordinator of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We look forward to a truly wonderful and welcoming conference this year, one that will inspire us all to continue united in this struggle for justice."

The conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has trained 30,000 movement leaders since its launch in 1988. Key highlights this year include: Nuestro Futuro, a caucus for LGBT Latinas/os; Race Matters -- Bridging the Divisions of Race, Gender and Class; Families to the Front: Cross-Issue Social Justice Work Around a Central Family Theme; Building Bridges Across Our Communities: People of Color Organizing.

On Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, the Task Force Academy for Leadership and Action premieres a highly challenging training curricula for organization leaders. Training components include skills for executive directors, conflict resolution, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, campaign strategies, and crisis management and media skills. The conference also features 15 additional daylong institutes on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Thursday, Feb. 7, focused on a variety of topics and leadership-building sessions. In addition, more than 100 workshops, caucuses, meetings, receptions and social events will be offered over the course of the conference weekend.

Creating Change will take place at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, Feb. 6 -10. To see a full program and to register for the 20th National Conference on LGBT Equality visit online [www.CreatingChange.org](http://www.CreatingChange.org). The conference is supported by its founding sponsor, the Anita May Rosenstein Foundation.