

### **Logan Square Neighborhood Association**

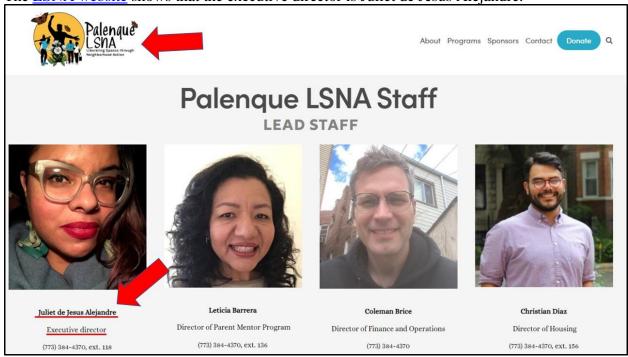
Since 2006, Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) has received four grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) totaling \$140,000, including the most recent grant of \$30,000 for FY 2020-2021.

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES

| Diocese                | Grantee                   | Issue Area | Grant     |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                        | Logan Square Neighborhood | 154 1 10   |           |
| Archdiocese of Chicago | Association               | Housing    | 30,000.00 |

At issue is the fact that the executive director of LSNA is radically pro-abortion, and LSNA is a member of the pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ Hispanic Federation.

The LSNA website shows that the executive director is Juliet de Jesus Alejandre.



On June 25, the day after the Supreme Court overturned the dreadful Roe v. Wade decision, Alejandre posted an image of a map showing states where access to abortion is "protected" and states where access to abortion are "being expanded." The caption beneath the map says, "Just putting this here. there are states that will welcome you, should you need it."



The same day, Alejandre posted a "poem" attacking pro-life measures to ban abortion.



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they destroy the lives of the living because they say they value the lives of children but if this was about childrenthey'd actually protect children when they get here they'd give parents the resources to raise them they'd act after school shootings they'd say the earth is burning and we need to save it for our children to keep breathing this isn't about childrenthis is about them having control of our bodies we don't need reasons to justify why we need abortions but these bans prove how little they value human life they force death upon people undergoing non-viable pregnancies they criminalize miscarriages and stillbirths they make those who've been raped keep children they never wanted they don't ban abortion because they love human lifethey ban abortion because they think they own human life.

- rupi kaur

they ban abortion because they think they own human life.

On June 26, Alejandre posted links to several abortion funds.



https://chicagoabortionfund.salsalabs.org/make.../index.html

https://www.chicagoabortionfund.org/volunteer

https://midwestaccesscoalition.org/pages/volunteer

https://secure.actblue.com/donate/supportabortionfunds

https://abortionfunds.org/about/

On March 31 of 2022, Alejandre posted a pro-trans message on facebook.



### Membership in Pro-Abortion, Pro-LGBTQ Organizations

In addition to having an executive director who actively promotes abortion on social media, LSNA is a member of at least two organizations that are actively promoting abortion and homosexual and transgender ideologies; the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the Hispanic Federation.

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an <u>FAQ on the USCCB website</u>, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

# What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given that, there is no way LSNA can both receive CCHD grants and be members in the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the Hispanic Federation.

The Hispanic Federation identifies <u>Logan Square Neighborhood Association as a member</u>.











## **Hispanic Federation Network**

The Hispanic Federation Network includes 500 nonprofits in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Together with our Member Agencies, these community-based organizations help us reach Latinos across the country to provide impactful and long-lasting support.

Legal Services Clinic of the Puerto Rican Community

LifeWorks Community Action



Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Loisaida, Inc.

Make the Road New York

The Hispanic Federation is not only pro-abortion, but its promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism borders on the pornographic.

On the Hispanic Federation's website is a list of advocacy programs engaged in by the Federation itself. One of those program areas is "health," wherein the Hispanic Federation states its goal to advocate for sexual and reproductive health "and rights.":

"Hispanic Federation has taken a national leadership role in raising awareness of Latino health disparities and promoting strategies to improve Latino health as well as increasing Latinos' access to affordable and quality healthcare.

Our portfolio is anchored by three central goals:

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- o Increasing access to healthcare
- o Supporting healthy lifestyles
- o Advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights

Scrolling down to the "Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" portion of this page reveals that Hispanic Federation is explicitly working to promote unrestricted access to abortion, contraception, and comprehensive sex education.

### Advocating for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Reproductive health and rights is critical to the Latino community. Unfortunately, a lack of access to quality reproductive healthcare and lack of knowledge concerning sexual and reproductive rights means that Latinos are more likely to experience reproductive cancers, unplanned pregnancies, sexual violence and sexually transmitted disease than other Americans. Hispanic Federation works to make sure that all Latinos have access to quality sexual and reproductive health services.

But our work extends beyond increasing access to healthcare. <u>Our Reproductive Justice initiative is designed to challenge</u> and change many of the structural issues that make it difficult for Latinos to take control over their reproductive health through raising awareness and advocating at the local, state and national level for policies which <u>promote sexual and reproductive health and rights.</u>

Hispanic Federation is also a partner in the I Am/Yo Sov campaign, which works to end silence about sex education, birth control, abortion, and young parenting. The campaign shows how understanding sexuality and reproductive health can make Latinos and their families more empowered, healthier and stronger. The campaign builds on a number of key principles:

- Decisions about birth control, abortion and parenting are ours to make
- · Families need more access to health care and education, not less
- · The need to speak out against attempts to restrict sexuality education or reproductive health options in our community
- The need to build tools and education to help us communicate with our young people openly about how to grow up safe and healthy

The Hispanic Federation's advocacy for abortion goes back to at least 2016, when it published an article titled "Latina Reproductive Health on Trial." In the article, Hispanic Federation complained about medical quality standards being imposed on abortion facilities, saying that such legislation would "make it impossible to secure an abortion in" Texas. The president of the Hispanic Federation, José Calderón, commented on the attempt by Texas to restrict access to abortion, saying:

"The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies ... Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land."

### **Latina Reproductive Health on Trial**

In 2013, the Texas legislature attempted to do an end-run around protections of women's reproductive rights by passing a law, H.B. 2, which places onerous restrictions of individual medical providers and health clinics. Texas lawmakers, as the Center for Reproductive Rights has explained, required that physicians who provide abortion services to obtain admitting privileges at local hospitals within 30 miles away of the clinic in which they see patients and also mandated that every health care facility offering abortion care must meet building specifications that essentially turn these outposts of community healthcare into "mini-hospitals." Under the guise of protecting patients and ensuring quality medical care, the legislators attempted to make it impossible to secure an abortion in the state. Should the law go into effect, estimates are that 75 percent of abortion providers in Texas would have to close their doors.

The impact of H.B. 2 on Texas' Latinas would be enormous. As the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) noted in its amicus brief with the Supreme Court, Latinas in Texas already face significant barriers to quality health care including lack of insurance, poverty, and access reliable to public transportation. The Texas law would make reproductive health care virtually inaccessible to Latinas throughtout Texas but especially in the already underserved communities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Hispanic Federation has been keeping a close eye on the Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstad. The implications of the law stretch far beyond the Lone Star State and threaten womens' health access throughout the United States. As part of the national I Am/Yo Soy campaign, Hispanic Federation has been raising awareness in Latino communities about the importance of protecting reproductive freedoms.

"The fact is that anti-choice activists are getting bolder and savvier in their attempts to curtail how women control their bodies," said Hispanic Federation President José Calderón. "Part of the reason we joined with the NLIRH and our other partners in the I Am/Yo Soy campaign was that we realized that protecting reproductive rights is a national issue and that the issues that affect Latinas in Texas today might very well be something that we have to address in Florida or California tomorrow. Reproductive health is critical to our families and communities and we can't allow legislatures to circumvent the law of the land."

For more information on the Hispanic Federation's work with the I Am/Yo Soy campaign, click here.

In <u>May of 2022</u>, the Hispanic Federation directly called on Congress to pass pro-abortion legislation. In the press release, the current president and CEO of the Hispanic Federation said:

"Hispanic Federation calls on Congress to pass legislation that will uphold our reproductive rights and represent the majority of American voters who believe that access to reproductive abortion healthcare should be legal. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will cause immeasurable damage to our civil rights. ... Hispanic Federation will continue to fight for access to comprehensive reproductive care with dignity and justice for everyone in our communities, regardless of what the Supreme Court decides."

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# Hispanic Federation Calls on Congress to Pass Abortion Rights Legislation

**WASHINGTON** – A draft opinion from Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito leaked yesterday stating that a majority of Supreme Court justices could overturn *Roe v. Wade* - a 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion a constitutional right across the country. Hispanic Federation urgently calls on Congress to act swiftly in passing federal legislation that will protect the right to abortion. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, it will end the nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protection of abortion rights, making it one of the biggest restrictions and reversals to reproductive rights. If issued, the pending decision will disproportionately impact Latinos, people of color, low-income, and LGBTQ+ individuals, imposing grave risks to health and setting a dangerous precedent for overturning other civil rights protections.

On <u>June 24, 2022</u>, the day the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the Hispanic Federation "Vowed" to fight for women's "right" to have an abortion. Stated in the first paragraph of the press release the "Hispanic Federation condemns this decision and once again calls on Congress to immediately pass federal protections for abortion rights." The opening line of Hispanic Federation president Frankie Miranda's statement declares:

"We are outraged by the Supreme Court's decision today, which ended nearly 50 years of federal constitutional protections for abortion rights."

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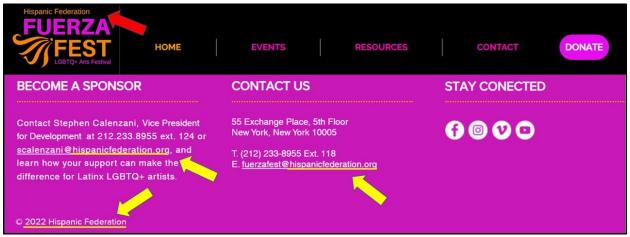
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# Hispanic Federation Devastated and Horrified by Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe v. Wade - Vows to Fight to Protect Our Rights

In addition to fully committing itself to the promotion and decriminalization of abortion, fighting to create absolute, unrestricted access to the murder of preborn children, the Hispanic Federation is also deeply committed to the promotion of the vilest forms of sexual debauchery. The Hispanic Federation runs an annual LGBTQI+ festival called "Fuerza Fest," which is full of the most disgusting displays of degeneracy imaginable. On the <u>Fuerza Fest website</u>, in the upper left corner is a logo showing that it is a project of the Hispanic Federation. And on the bottom of the page, it shows that the website is the property of the Hispanic Federation and indicates the Hispanic Federation as the contact point for the program.



The "About" page for Fuerza Fest says that the annual festival was created by the Hispanic Federation in 2016.

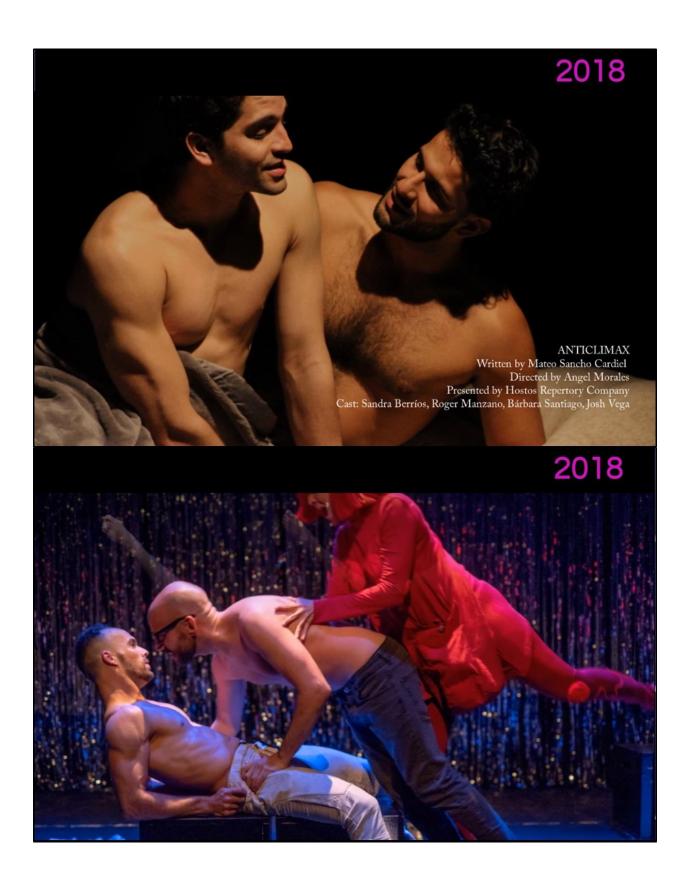
### About FUERZAfest

In 2016, <u>Hispanic Federation</u> launched FUERZAfest, the first LGBTQ+ Latinx Arts Festival in the Northeast which not only celebrated a vibrant community, but addressed critical issues impacting it. Since then, events have been held in New York City, Connecticut and Orlando to create a space for dialogue and awareness of the systemic barriers and threats faced by the Latinx communities.

FUERZAfest is a multidisciplinary Latinx festival that harnesses the visceral power of art to brings diverse communities together to support artistic risk-taking, incite creative collaboration and experimentation, and celebrate the rich heritage of Latinx queer artists and art.

In light of the current sociopolitical climate, issues of transphobia, homophobia and anti-gay violence resonate significantly amongst Latinx people – which is why the creation of a positive culturally - sensitive space like FUERZAfest is of vital importance.

A few screen captures from the <u>Fuerda Fest "memories" page</u> (which contains video of various performances throughout the years) is enough to illustrate just how thoroughly disgusting this activity is. Some of the images contained in these videos were so bad, we couldn't put them in this report.



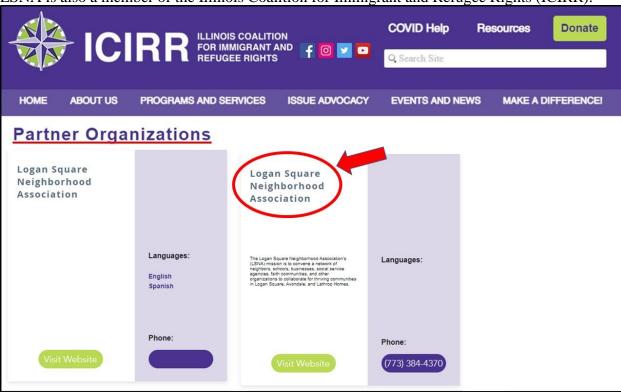




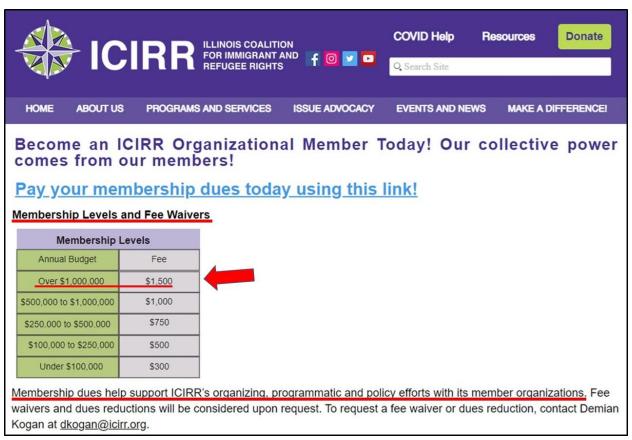




LSNA is also a member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR).



Membership in ICIRR isn't free, either. ICIRR's "become a member" page shows a membership fee schedule.



According to <u>LSNA's tax form 990 for FY 2019</u>, LSNA had \$2.5 million in expenses, making its annual membership fee in ICIRR \$1,500.

### **ICIRR** is Pro-Abortion

Following the Scotus decision to overturn Roe v. Wade on June 2022, the <u>ICIRR decried the SCOTUS decision</u> as "an attack on ... the reproductive rights of people who can become pregnant."



This was immediately followed by a tweet in support of "reproductive freedom," calling for

people to "follow the Chicago Abortion Fund for ways to take action."



We stand in solidarity with the fight against this attack, & are committed to the fight for reproductive freedom and healthcare for all. Follow Chicago Abortion Fund for ways to take action.



instagram.com

Chicago Abortion Fund (@chicagoabortionfund) • Instagram photos and videos

4:29 PM · Jun 24, 2022 · Twitter Web App

This support includes a funding page and explicitly linked to the <u>Chicago Abortion Fund</u>. The Instagram message from the Chicago Abortion Fund explicitly compels viewers to take a stand for Abortion Access in Illinois and beyond.

### **ICIRR on LGBTQ**

In May of 2013, ICIRR issued the following formal statement in favor of same-sex "marriage."

### **ICIRR Statement on Marriage Equality**

As an organization dedicated to the full inclusion of all Americans, whether foreign-born or native-born, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) supports marriage equality. ICIRR believes that full equality and civic participation should extend to recognition of all families, including those involving same-sex partnerships. Such recognition should extend to our immigration laws, our family laws, and to other areas of law that affect our families. While we recognize that there are differences of opinion within immigrant and faith-based communities regarding same-sex marriages, including among our members, the majority of our members - and therefore our organization - believe that a full respect for our state's and our nation's diversity demands that we not discriminate based on whom we love, and that we call upon an end to such discrimination in our local, state, and federal laws.

In February of 2014, ICIRR hosted a workshop covering "marriage equality" and "LGBT rights."



Workshop covering the new <u>IL marriage equality law</u> and <u>LGBT rights</u> for immigrants.



11:52 AM · Feb 22, 2014 · Twitter for iPhone

In <u>July of 2016</u>, ICIRR tweeted about the "need" for welcoming the LGBTQ community.



Invisible to Invincible leader shares perspective on the need for <u>Welcoming cities for LGBTQ community</u>.



7:24 PM · Jul 18, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

In May of 2017, ICIRR announced that it is "rising up" for LGBTQ ideologies.



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Today on #MayDay we #RiseUP for our community! Workers, Muslims, LGBTQ, undocumented, DACAmented & more that make us great.



10:41 AM · May 1, 2017 · TweetDeck

In June of 2020, ICIRR again boasted of its support for homosexual and transgender ideologies.





In honor of Pride Census Day, <u>let's make sure that our LGBTQ+ community is seen</u>, <u>heard</u>, <u>and counted!</u> Take the Census today: <u>bit.ly/My\_2020census</u>

#MakelLCount #QueerTheCensus #BeYouBeCounted



12:07 PM · Jun 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

### **Conclusion**

Logan Square Neighborhood Association is in direct violation of CCHD grant guidelines by maintaining membership in two known, radically pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ organizations. In addition to this, the executive director of LSNA is pushing abortion on social media. LSNA should never have received a grant, and if CCHD had done its due diligence in investigating its formal relationships, it should have been immediately denied a request for funding. And yet, the CCHD is continuing to provide Catholic funds to this organization anyway.