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# **National Latino Peace Officers Association**

## **Colorado State Chapter NLPOA**

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The Colorado State Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA) is very pleased to have met with Mr. Ken Padilla and discussed his views on running government.

The Board of Directors is in agreement with Mr. Ken Padilla on his views of diversity within government. Mr. Padilla has expressed the importance of **Leonard Mares** diversity within city government and the value it brings to community. His open door concept gives us reasons to believe that he welcomes community partnerships. His broad life experiences are an indicator of his future ability to pass fair and equitable laws that concern all of Denver's communities and the Denver Police Department as it pertains to the Core values of the NLPOA.

> Mr. Padilla's direct, honest and committed dialogue will promote trust within the City. These are only a few examples of why the Colorado State Chapter Board of Directors of the National Latino Peace Officers Association strongly agrees with Ken Padilla's core values and principles.

### The NLPOA Mission Statement is as follows:

The specific purposes of the National Latino Peace Officers Association is to eliminate prejudice and discrimination in the criminal justice system; particularly Law Enforcement, reduce community juvenile delinquency and lessen citizen tension in predominantly Latino communities.

Mr. Ken Padilla's platform includes similar NLPOA core values such as "Keeping America Safe" ©®, "To Promote Equality and Professionalism in Law Enforcement" ©®, "Recruiting Latinos into Law Enforcement" ©®, "Bridging the Gap between Latinos and Law Enforcement" ©®, "Honoring Family, Education and Community through Service and Mentorship" ©®

Today, the National Latino Peace Officers Association is the largest Latino Law Enforcement Organization in the United States, with local chapters in many cities throughout the country. Its membership includes Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, Police Officers, Parole Agents, and Federal Officers, all of whom are employed at the local, state, and federal levels.

After meeting with Mr. Ken Padilla, the Colorado State Chapter of the NLPOA agrees with his ideas, visions for fairness, professionalism and equality.

Respectfully,

Seonard Mares

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