



Equal Voice for America's Families

Town Hall Summary

(Name of Town Hall and Date)

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****Please include any additional documents including table summaries, break out notes, notes on a speak-out or plenary, and flag if there were any unique circumstances about this town hall. ****

1. Basic Town Hall Information

a. Your Name and Contact Info:

b. Name: Kim Kruckel

Organization:

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c. Region: Northern California

d. Venue, City and State of Town Hall: Pickleweed Community Center

e. Date of Town Hall: Saturday April 26, 2008

f. Attendance:

Total # 125 / Expected # 200

Sponsoring Organizations: Marin Grassroots Leadership Network, Parent Services Project, Parent Voices

g. Were photographs taken at the event? Not sure

If yes, what's the name and contact information for the person who has the files?

Name:

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

h. Was there a video recording taken at the event?

If yes, what's the name and contact information for the person who has the files?

Name: not sure

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

i. Are you submitting the Communications Meeting Report Form attached to this summary? no

j. How many signed up to attend the convention?

k. List other significant guests that attended (elected officials, leaders, etc.)

2. Themes

a. Our parents' world, our world, our kids' world

1. How are our lives better and worse than our parents and grandparents, and what does life look like for our children and grandchildren?

Stories

Had more opportunities than my mom; she couldn't go to college, she was one of 6 kids, today, I can go to college.

My salary is \$50 per day and I have to pay \$35 a day for child care

Salud deshabilidad- importancia de cuidado de niños y terapia suicidio- la prevención

Puede salir y tomar clases para suerarse

Bueno: Hay trabajo en EU

Pagaba todo lo que ganaba al babysitter

Life was simpler back then.

WWII was different than Vietnam and Iraq

My parents were one of 10 children and couldn't even go to elementary school

My grandfather was able to go to college on the GI Bill

Every generation faces different challenges. In the past there was overt racism. Now there are technological advances that make other things difficult.

It's hard now for families to spend time together

I was the only one in my family to go to college

There is a better quality of life now than in my parents' generation

I have a college degree but it hasn't provided a better economic life

Living has become harder over the past ten years because businesses are moving out of the country

I spent 35 years as a state legislator. It was hard to get noticed as a Latino in the state legislature. Now there is a Latino caucus with 30 Latino members

Systems are not working, unions and churches aren't working, change depends on us, the working families

There is a gap in income growth from generation to generation

The media now is having a negative impact on children. This wasn't so bad in prior generations.

Now there are too many prisons and not enough schools

Victim of domestic violence was referred to a shelter but want stable roots. My kids and I faced hunger, lack of transportation, and needed stable roots.

It took all my personal funds to pay for a health care emergency

My mom emigrated from Mexico, had to raise whole family alone. Now I have papers, it's easier for me. I was the older kid and had to help a lot in my family.

I am the son of immigrants, my parents had limited opportunities. I had more options, and my kid will have even more options, but it's a tougher economic world.

I am a child of parents from Germany and Texas. My parents had to drop out of school because of my birth. I get to go to school.

As a parent, it is very hard to give our kids all they need

YOUTH

My dad was in jail a lot, I didn't get to know him. MY parents were young.

My brother was shot in 2004.

There were lots of family arguments, because of family members being displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Because of gangs and drug violence it is not safe for me to go live with my father.

I am a 12-year old. My mom works a lot and I have to take on many family responsibilities

I had a hard start, got into trouble. But I got some training, support and a GED. Went to culinary school. Got a second chance that my parents didn't get.

Aqui sin familia I gana menos de lo que necesita no alcanza para todo

Conoce a vecinos- ellos ayudar a vodes

My parents had a normal life in the 60s fought for civil rights, I was disowned by my parents, my husband left me with three kids, I spent time in a mental hospital. My kids went to foster car and became street kids.

Valor familiar

Comunicacion

Union familiar

Perdida de valores y cultura

Involucrar la familia en la educacion

Tatuajes sexo

Education

Presion por superarse

Menos estress

Falta de educacion

Sacrificio para satisfacer necesidades primaries

Mejor vida

Inmigracion

Madres so heras

Cuidado de ninos

Maneja – falta de manera de llegas

Salud

Hasta 3 trabajos – si estudia aqui, puede vivir mejor que sus papas. Hay mas oportunidades en EEUU pero hay dificultades aqui

Que mis hijos me escuchen

Casa lugar pequeno muchas personas

Buena carrera

Planeta verde

Ir a la Universidad o colegio

Un retiro inadecuado

Seguor medico

Major futuo para nuestros hijos

Cuidado de nuestros hijos es mas dificil de conseguir

Economic, major oportunidades de vidir en pza, discriminacion

Comunicacion comunitaria

Majors salrios (salanos justos para maestros prescholares universal)

La Guerra es on trauma par alas familias y muy costoso parap el pais

No acceso a educacion especial

b. Ideas about the platform - ISSUES

1. What are important values for society?

Health care costs

We need more economic stability

Wages are not high enough

Education

Exit exams- if you don't pass, you can't graduate

Too much money going to the military – too many lives lost

We need a commitment to public education

We need more hospitality towards immigrants

Child care

Immigration – want a better life for their children; we have to speak up for our parents.

Mas drogas

Libertinage

Perdida de valores

Hay muchos ninos q' no hacen caso siguen las reglas

Los padres necesitan ayuda de sus hijos

Como padres buscar la ayuda para los hijos

Mas informacion para la comunidad Latina y elegibilidad

Easy access to drugs at school

Seguro medico

Mama soltera – no podia trabajar ni tomar clases – tenia que quedarse con la hija pequena

16 personas en un apartamento de 2 recamaras

Debt for going to college to get undergrad degree is \$40,000. It's scary to think about raising a family.

Huge communication problem between generations and cultures and institutions

War

Health care

Education

No transportation options

Child care

Good jobs

Education – standards too high, can't pass exit exam

Increase access to college

Child care waiting list

Child safety

Everyone needs access to higher education

Lack of funding for minority students

Inadequate housing: have to rely on family ties, which can strain the family

Unidad

Respeto

Valores morales

Principios morales

Tradiciones

Cultura

Raices

Estress para los papas

No poder quedarse con niños, se necesitan trabajar más en los Estados Unidos
Se están quitando los programas y servicios por parte del gobierno
No hay cupo lista de espera : 3 años
Precio de gasolina
No pueden trabajar
No manejar
No votar
Discriminación en general
Tantos niños en un apartamento
Hay cholos
Falta de programas para jóvenes
No tienen que dejar los padres mucho tiempo solo a sus hijos
Necesita ayuda después de la escuela para completar la tarea
Muchos carros
Bajos sueldos al retirarse
No hay becas suficientes que abarquen las necesidades.
El childcare es muy caro y no accesible a la mayoría de las familias
Los sueldos son muy bajos y los empleadores no motivan o educan a sus trabajadores
Los vecindarios son peligrosos y no accesibles a toda la comunidad.
Recortes en el presupuesto escolar y despidos a los maestros.
Muchas familias pobres abandonadas por la Guerra
La educación especial no es tan accesible y muy costosa cuando no hay seguro médico

RECOMMENDATIONS

Reduce violence, increase community service, no jail for first time offenders.
Quality child care, better screening of child care providers, better training for providers
Increase diversity of teachers.
Need single payer health care
Provide more books to students who can borrow them to know what to study for the test we can't afford those books
Safe housing
Better justice system
Safer community
Advocate for abused women
Rent control
Funding for education
Hope
Inculcar valores y principios morales
Religion
Apoyo familiar
Comunicación
Disciplina
Guía de los padres
Deportes accesibles para los jóvenes y convivencia y familiar
Affordable child care for all
Better unions and job benefits
Support the DREAM act
End the WAR

Increase access to child care
Eliminate disparities due to class and race
Help people start new businesses
Need more opportunities to own a home
Invest wisely in education and transportation
Scrutinize the media's total involvement in public life
Invest in early childhood education instead of prison
Create links between school and long term goals
Affordable housing
Help more people learn to speak English
Involved teachers
Financial aid for working students
Youth programs
More progressive tax system
More voter education, community involvement
Sliding scale payments for services (housing, etc)
Help the middle class so they don't fall into lower economic class
Cumplir lo que prometen
No corar fondos
Immifgraion
Personas immigrants somos personas de bien
Permitir la inmigracion de personas de Buena moral
Bajar los impuestos
Hacernos valer como personas trabajadoras
Pedirle un dia de convivencia con la comunidad
No madd redadas
Injusticia
Involucrandonos mas en foros
Transmitir el mensaje de voz avoz
Mas publicidad, to volantes
Unidad comunitaria
Eventos en fines de semana
Increase diversity of teachers
Get rid of No Child Left Behind
Qente gringa sacando sus hijos de las escuelas
If you graduate high school with a B average you should go to college free
Provide free access to quality child care
Support the Dream Act
Immigrants should join the youth movement
Single payer health care should be a right, not a privilege
Create a social justice team at the federal level
Community land trust
Eliminate people's fear about people of color
More community meetings for people to get educated
More people neet tog et involved
Joint the Marin Organizing cmtee
Youth voices need to be heard
Continue to talk about racism

Usar menos electricidad

Implementar el hábito de limpieza y colaboración en el hogar

Ayuda con las áreas

Reuniones de padres más involucrados en las escuelas

Becas para la comunidad latina

Tener derechos

Legalizar a los inmigrantes

Más departamentos de bajo costo

Que modifiquen las leyes y que les den oportunidad a las personas ilegales. No hay pandillas entre rojos y azules

No apoyar las pandillas

Más actividades después de la escuela

Comunicación entre padres e hijos

Reciclar limitar...? uso de bolsa plástica

Educar y compartir la información

Redondeos correctos de retiro

Más protección para los inmigrantes

Becas estudiantiles, no más recortes (DREAM act)

Licencias, para todos

La legalización

vivienda digna y accesible

rentas bajas

mejores salarios

parar la Guerra

cese de corrupción

que termine la Guerra

más ayuda para educación especial

3. Telling the Linked Futures story:

a. What were the most compelling, interesting and provocative stories or testimonials that were shared at your Town Hall meeting or Campaign event?

1. Who shared the story? Do you have their contact information in case we want to follow up with that person?

2. Share a brief synopsis of the story:

3. Was the story recorded on video or audio? If so, by whom? Please Provide us with their contact information:

4. Town Hall Process Feedback:

Positives:

Needs Improvement:

Ideas for next time:

Townhall Debriefing Summary

Date: _____

Location: _____

Region: _____

Regional Coordinator:

Estimated Attendance:

Sponsor Grantee(s):

Grantees Attending:

Media in Attendance:

Issues Covered:

If you have any questions, you can reach Kathleen Baca, Steve Winter or Vanessa Tanner in Marguerite Casey Foundation's Communications Department at 206.273.7386.