

MEDIA ADVISORY
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PEOPLE'S HEARING ON THREATS TO DIVERSITY & ACADEMIC FREEDOM

WHAT: A People's Hearing examining growing threats to diversity, inclusion, and academic freedom in higher education sponsored by the Texas Legislative Progressive Caucus and the Latino Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education. Latino leaders, educators, students, and community advocates will address the impact of current policies and the importance of preserving educational opportunity.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Robert E. Johnson Conference Center 1501 N. Congress Avenue | Austin, TX 78701

WHO: The Texas Legislative Progressive Caucus, Representative Lulu Flores, the Latino Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education, educators, students, community leaders, and advocates.

WHY IT MATTERS: Speakers will call attention to policies that threaten educational opportunity, diversity, and the ability of colleges and universities to provide an open environment for learning and scholarship.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: Interviews with speakers and community leaders (in English and Spanish) will be available before and following the hearing, at 11:45 AM. A press conference will be held immediately after the hearing. **Strong visuals, signs, and sound bites will be available for television, radio, and digital media.**

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