

# 2026 LATINO LEGISLATIVE DAY AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 | 9AM - 3:00PM



**LATINO CIVIC ALLIANCE**  
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**ADDRESS:** Department of Social & Health Service (OB-2 Building)  
1115 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501  
**More Event information:** [info@latinocivicalliance.org](mailto:info@latinocivicalliance.org)

## 9:05 a.m.: Introduction & Welcome

Nina Martinez, Board Chair for Latino Civic Alliance (LCA). 2026 Legislative Priorities

**9:10 a.m.: Small Business** Challenges in Washington. Presenters Jessica Lopez/ Ana Castro Business Owners

## 9:30 a.m.: Healthcare: 9:30 am: Community Mental Health: Balancing Behavioral Health

**Treatment and Cultural Awareness.** Presenters: Catholic Community Services WISE Behavioral Health, Ariel Thompson, LSWAIC, MHP, CMHS, WISE Clinical Supervisor, and Luis Mata MS, MHP, LMHC, WISE Clinical Supervisor

**9:50 a.m.: Immigration Consular assistance to Mexican nationals in detention and how to be prepared to return to Mexico.** Presenter: Alejandra Ornelas (Consul of Protection and Legal Affairs)

**10:10 am - 10:40 am: Immigration: Personal Testimony:** Family of Jose Oaniagua Calderon speaks on unlawful kidnapping and violence occurrence on December 4, 2025, by Immigration Enforcement Officers in Vancouver, WA

**10:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.: Immigration:** Dangerous Realities of Imprisonment and Human Rights Violations in Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, WA. La Resistencia: Rufina Reyes, Executive Director, and Josefina Mora-Cheung, Director

**11:15- 11:30 am. MARCH TO STATE CAPITAL (march begins on Capital Way across from Trivoli Fountain – led by Western States Regional Council of Carpenters Signs and banners encouraged - NO SHARP ITEMS**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m: Special Presentations & 2026 Latino Civic Awards (North Steps Capital)**

## Special Musical Performance Mount Vernon High Mariachi

- **2026 Special Program Speaker List** (Note: additional speakers are expected- updated daily)
  - Representative Sharlett Mena, Keynote Speaker
  - Governor Bob Ferguson, PENDING
  - 2026 Latino Civic Award Recipient
  - 2026 Latino Civic Award Honorary Recipient;
- Representative Julio Cortes
- Representative Monica Jurado
- Senator Tina Orwall
- Justice Steve Gonzalez
- Antonio Acosta, Washington and Alaska Regional Manager, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
- Community Leaders

**1:30 pm—2:15 pm: Behavioral Health Crisis: Rethinking Youth Treatment from a Provider Perspective.** Presenters: CJ Ellsworth, LMFT, CMHS, Behavioral Health King County Manager, Sabrina De La Fuente, SUDP

**2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m:** Beyond Know Your Rights - Learn how to support families arrested and detained by immigration enforcement. Presenter: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

**3:30 p.m: Closing:** Thank you.