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State Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, Civil Rights Pioneer Dionicio Morales to be Recognized by COFEM, Oct. 12

“El Pueblo Awards” to Highlight First Day of 2nd Annual Binational Conference and Expo Mexico, “We are all Immigrants,” the nation’s largest gathering of immigrant leaders

**WHO/
WHAT:**

California Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez and legendary community activist Dionicio Morales will be among the honorees at the “El Pueblo Awards,” hosted by Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM), to highlight activities on Day 1 of the 2nd Annual Binational Conference and Expo Mexico, titled “We are all Immigrants.”

Speaker Núñez will receive the El Pueblo Award for Civic Leadership, while Morales will be recognized in the Community Leadership category. Other honorees include Juan Manuel Olivas, governor of the Mexican State of Guanajuato; Los Angeles School Board President Monica Garcia; Paco Bendaña, an Anheuser Busch executive; and well-known Mexican banda group, *Banda el Recodo*.

Each of these individuals or entities are being recognized for their service and contributions to the Mexican American community and support of pro-immigrant issues.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will join other elected officials, government leaders and Mexican American community leaders to kickoff the conference and expo—the nation’s largest gathering of immigrant leaders, activists and supporters. The three-day event is open to the public. Access to workshops, expositions, entertainment and much more is free to the community. There is a nominal fee for all meal events and receptions.

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 12, 2007- Pueblo Awards
6 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 13-14, 2007- Binational Conference and Expo
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Plaza México
3100 E. Imperial Highway
Lynwood, CA 90262

WHY: The conference will showcase the largest binational exposition of businesses, culture, cuisine, art and entertainment, as well as a series of interactive workshops that will address crucial issues impacting Latinos today such as immigration reform, educational funding for non-residents, the 2008 Presidential Elections and health care reform. Participants can also attend a health fair and access free services and information.

About COFEM

COFEM is a nonprofit organization serving the immigrant community since 2004. Its mission embraces a community centered approach to promote the advancement of the Latino community through public policy advocacy, educational and cultural programming, strategic mobilization, community organizing, and bi-national economic development. COFEM serves the immigrant community and hundreds of immigrant-based organizations from across the nation.

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