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Community Council of Idaho

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CC Idaho Attends NCLR

CC Idaho Recognized Nationally as Advocate of the Year

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Caldwell, ID) - The Community Council of Idaho (CC Idaho) was honored with the Affiliate Award for Advocacy this year from the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) at the Annual Conference Monday Luncheon, in Orlando Florida.

“CC Idaho has been a steadfast partner and this year, in particular, the organization has really had a significant impact in working with NCLR ...ensuring that people participate in our democracy by registering to vote and going to the polls to cast their ballot,” said Eric Rodriguez, Vice President, Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation, NCLR.

CC Idaho has gained large strides this 2016 by seeking further civic engagement leading in the Latino Vote Fellows program, participating in the Latino Vote Summit, conducting legislative visits, and encouraging staff to be recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) with hopes to launch an immigration office to education and disseminate crucial information. Our vision is to expand our immigration legal services, providing a low-cost alternative for the betterment of the Hispanic community.

“We are honored and excited to have been selected for the Affiliate Award for Advocacy. Being recognized as an organization that has led legislative and regulatory advocacy, and is striving every day to implement public policy to expand access to services and support for our underprivileged Latinos, is humbling,” said Irma Morin, Chief Executive Officer, CC Idaho. “As we constantly work toward a better future, at times we fail to look back and truly comprehend the grand difference and impact we have within our communities. Today our agency is BIA-recognized & accredited as a result of our hard work and strong partnership with NCLR.”

Five local teens, members of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America (FHLA), were sponsored by CC Idaho to accompany them to the NCLR Conference. Maya Correa, honors graduate of Homedale High school and former FHLA Homedale Chapter President—one of sixteen across Idaho, was invited to attend and then shared, “The NCLR Leadership conference has truly been a life changing experience! This year, I intend on applying to the NCLR Youth Advisory Council...thank you so very much for your kindness, guidance, and support!!!”

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