



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE'S LATINO CAUCUS: REPUBLICANS NEED NOT APPLY



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The California Latino Legislative Caucus is one of several ethnic caucuses in the California state legislature. However, according to investigative journalist Steven Greenhut, it is the only one that is closed to Republicans. Greenhut [notes](#) (<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/Apr/25/caucus-closes-door-on-Latino-Republican/?#article-copy>) in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* that Republican Rocky Chávez, who was elected in 2012 to the California State Assembly from northern San Diego County, has been excluded from the Latino Caucus.

"I said, 'Hey, so when do we meet and how does this happen?'" Chávez said in an interview on Thursday. "They said, 'You're not invited.' I go, 'Why would I not be invited?'" The obvious reason is that Chávez is a Republican, although he was never given an official explanation."

Greenhut goes on to note that Chávez is a moderate on many issues, including immigration, but that was not enough to earn an invite from fellow Latino legislators.

The caucus and its website receive taxpayer funding. It leans left on many issues, but many of its priorities--notably, engaging with business leaders--would seem to require bipartisan cooperation.

Furthermore, Grenhut notes: "The caucus has 24 members, so it's not as if Chávez's lone vote would change its political orientation. It wouldn't change if all GOP Latinos joined in, either."

"Others have tried but were not admitted," he adds.

While other legislative bodies also have ethnic or racial caucuses, many of which tend to lean left, most are careful to remain bipartisan in their membership. In 2010, then-U.S. Rep. (now Senator) Tim Scott of South Carolina, a conservative Republican, was invited to join the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), but [declined](#) (<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2010/12/tim-scott-will-not-join-congressional-black-caucus-my-campaign->

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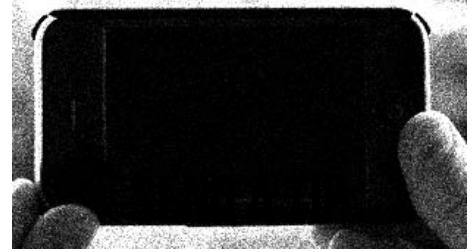
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unlike the right that excepts only white people, period.

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Latinos, takers not givers, demand more for nothing, stay poor and thrive. Groups like you have nothing to offer the GOP.

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How right you are to bruce Lorraine, LEGAL immigrants who went thru the Citizenship Process & did things the right way, are 40% Republican so this Latino Caucus is just being RACIST against their own kind !!!! These same LEGAL Hispanics don't believe in letting ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT INVADERS cut the immigration line or jump that border ILLEGALLY !!! Good luck in the future Calif. Latino Caucus, being RACIST will only get you a one way ticket back to your third world country you can from !!

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The right rewards successful people. You fill in the rest.

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the right lets people live and succeed without stealing 50% of their hard earned money.

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Can you post a pic?? So I know what stupid looks like??

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HUMMM! guess they forgot to inform me of that rule, being black, I must not have been smart enough to read that memo, try again slick.

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Lies from leftist filth that has nothing else other than lies to defend his own disgusting racism.

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