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## **National Council of La Raza Appoints Ruby Azurdia-Lee to its Board of Directors**



*ST. PAUL, Minn. - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy group, appointed Ruby Azurdia-Lee, current President and CEO of Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES), to its board of directors in June. CLUES is Minnesota's largest Latino-led agency whose mission is to enhance the capacity of Latino families to be healthier, prosperous, and engaged in their communities.*

NCLR recently announced the appointment of Ruby Azurdia-Lee, President of CLUES, to its Board of Directors. "We are excited to welcome Ruby as a new Director to the NCLR Board. Her local and national leadership and experience will be an asset to our organization," stated Janet Murguía, NCLR President and CEO. John Pacheco, CLUES' board chair, echoes this support for Lee's new role, "On behalf of the CLUES Board of Directors, we congratulate Ruby on this important appointment. NCLR is the premier Latino advocacy organization in the nation. Ruby has been a great leader for CLUES and will be a great addition to the NCLR leadership."

This appointment builds on Lee's extensive experience in community development and immigrant and philanthropic leadership. Before joining CLUES in 2012, Lee worked in the philanthropic sector for seventeen years funding initiatives that address large societal issues such as reducing poverty and eradicating racism. Throughout her career, Lee has been a strong advocate for Latinos and immigrants both locally and nationally. She has served on various advisory boards tasked with policy efforts that result in system's change, including Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees and the Four Freedoms Fund. She currently serves on the Board of the National Association of Latino Asset Builders (NALCAB) and Minnesota's Governor's Workforce Council.

Ruby is the first Guatemalan appointed to the Board of NCLR. "It is an honor for me, for CLUES, and for Minnesota, to have a leadership role on the Board of NCLR. Given the growing demographics of Latinos in the U.S., I am excited to be part of the future impact we will have in policy, community development, and the economic prosperity of this nation," stated Lee.

NCLR is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. It works to improve opportunities for Latinos. NCLR's Board is a 24-member body composed of elected officials and representatives of community-based organizations, the corporate sector, and academia. NCLR's Headquarters are located in Washington, D.C. and other branch offices are located in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami. For more information about NCLR, please visit [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org), or follow NCLR on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

CLUES was founded in 1981 for Latinos by Latinos. Today, CLUES is the largest Latino-led non-profit in Minnesota, serving over 12,000 individuals in direct services each year. Programs aim to move families forward in a two generation approach by connecting them to the skills and resources they need to thrive. CLUES' health and family well-being services include a range of mental and chemical health services, family supports, elder care, and community health education. Asset and economic prosperity programs include; financial education, housing, free tax preparation; children, youth, and adult education programs; employment and workforce development. For more information about CLUES, please visit [www.clues.org](http://www.clues.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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