

CNAN California NCLR Affiliate Network Charter

SECTION A: Name – The name of this network shall be the California NCLR Affiliate Network (CNAN). CNAN is comprised of National Council of La Raza affiliate agencies, which operate in the State of California.

SECTION B: Mission and Purpose –
The Mission of this network is to strengthen collaboration as national NCLR affiliates while working to improve the quality of life for the California Latino.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NETWORK SHALL BE:

1. To serve as a catalyst for the leveraging of partnerships with various funding sources, including but not limited to corporations, foundations and government.
2. To build affiliate alliances and partnerships that will increase the affiliate agencies' capacity to serve, educate and organize underserved communities in a successful and capacity to serve, educate and organize underserved communities in a successful and culturally relevant manner.
3. To educate local, national, and state legislative and government bodies in the development of policies, which reflect the needs of the Latino community in the State of California.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: Eligibility – Membership shall be open to all California NCLR affiliates in good standing with NCLR.

SECTION B: Voting Privileges – General membership voting shall be limited to one vote per affiliate.

ARTICLE III: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION A: Meetings – Regular meetings will be held quarterly and tentative time and location determined at the NCLR annual conference by the CNAN membership present.

SECTION B: Special Meetings – The Co-Chairs, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may call Special Meetings.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION A: Responsibility – Coordination of this network shall be vested in an Executive Committee responsible to the entire membership to uphold this Charter.

SECTION B: Membership – This committee shall consist of the representatives as listed in Article V – Section A.

SECTION C: Meetings – This committee shall meet on a monthly basis or as needed.

SECTION D: Quorum – A quorum shall consist of half (1/2) plus one (1) of the Executive Committee members.

SECTION E: Parliamentary Authority – Robert’s Rules of Order will be followed by this network in all cases to which they are

applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SECTION A: Executive Committee – the Executive Committee shall consist of the CNAN Co-Chairs, the NCLR Affiliate Council Representatives, and standing committee co-chairs (one represents each standing committee).

SECTION B: Eligibility – The Co-Chairs of the General Membership shall be one male and one female representing the different geographical areas of California. All Executive Committee members shall be a board member or employee of an NCLR affiliate in good standing. All Executive Committee members must be active a minimum of two years with the network. Active members must attend a minimum of one quarterly meeting and the annual NCLR conference.

SECTION C: Election – The Co-Chairs shall be elected during the Spring meeting when the general CNAN elections take place. The committee chairs will be voted by members of the committees noted in Article VII (with the exception of NCLR affiliate council members).

SECTION D: Term – The Co-Chairs shall serve for two (2) years and their term of office shall begin at the Spring General Membership meeting. The standing committee chairs shall serve of two (2) years. If no eligible nominee's or nominations announced the current co-chair terms shall renew by default.

SECTION E: Vacancy – Any Co-Chair office left vacant shall be filled by a special election. Committee Chair vacancies will be filled by the committee members.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SECTION A: Co-Chairs – It shall be the duty of the Co-Chairs to:

1. Preside at meetings.
2. Vote
3. Represent the network.
4. Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office
5. Provide the Executive Committee with updated network contact information.

SECTION B: Committee Chairs – It shall be the duty of the Committee Chairs to:

1. Plan, schedule, and coordinate committee meetings.
2. Report committee work to the General Membership.

SECTION C: Affiliate Council Members –

1. Affiliate council representatives shall be elected in accordance with the NCLR Affiliate Council Charter guidelines.
2. Election of the affiliate council representatives shall be during the Spring meeting every three (3) years when general CNAN elections take place.
3. Affiliate Council representatives must have three years of active participation within the CNAN network and have served as a member of the Executive Committee.

IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE AFFILIATE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO:

3. Adhere to the NCLR Affiliate Council members' guidelines and report back to the General Membership on the work of the NCLR Affiliate Council.
4. Present to the NCLR Affiliate Council the recommendations passed by the CNAN General membership.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section A: Committees – The standing committees of CNAN are, the Housing and Economic Development Committee, Education Committee, Workforce Development Committee, Health Committee, Capacity Building Committee and Marketing Committee. The minimum number of members required to form a committee shall be three (3). These committees can be modified periodically as needed.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Selection – The articles within this charter may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General membership present at the meeting.

Section B: Notice – All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment(s) at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.