



Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina (COPAL)

Creating a Latino Center for Community Engagement (LCCE)

About COPAL

Founded in 2018, Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina (COPAL) works to better the quality of life for Latino American families by building collective power, transforming systems, and creating opportunities to live a dignified life in Minnesota.

As a Latino-led organization with a unique portfolio of organizing, advocacy, and direct service programs, COPAL has rapidly scaled to engage a network of 39,000 Latino community stakeholders throughout the state. We build power with low-to-moderate income first, second, and third generation immigrants mostly from Mexico, Central America, and Ecuador.

COPAL in a short time has positioned itself as a statewide, financially stable, and culturally connected organization. COPAL is a \$2.5 million-dollar organization, currently effectively managing Federal, State, County, and private contracts. COPAL has physical presence in the Twin Cities, Rochester and Mankato and provides services to Latinos residing across Minnesota.

Focus areas:

- Environmental Justice
- Primero de Mayo Workers' Center
- Civic Participation, Public Policy, and Leadership
- Youth Power and Action
- Health and Wellness
- Southcentral Initiative
- Communications

OUR VISION: The Latino Center for Community Engagement (LCCE)

COPAL is seeking to design, construct, furnish and equip a 23,276 square foot Latino Center for Community Engagement (LCCE) on Lake Street in Minneapolis. Latinos are currently 6% of the Minnesota population, expected to be 9% by 2030. With a median age of 24, we are also far younger than Minnesota's median age of 38. The LCCE will serve to meet the needs and dreams of this young, growing community by acting as a community gathering place— making connections across cultures. and housing the operations of COPAL and partner organizations. The Latino Center for Community Engagement will occupy a new two-story building to be built on East Lake Street, the heart of the Minneapolis Latino community.

Three spaces are planned:

- Gathering Ground:** a community space for events and meetings, art gallery and workshop, a library/resource center, and a coffee house. 7,748 SQ FT
- COPAL Programs & Administration:** Civic Participation & Leadership, Youth Engagement, Health & Wellness, Economic Empowerment (worker's center), Environmental justice, Las Americas transnational cultural exchange program, communication (video studio and radio station) and space for administrative offices. 11,016 SQ FT.
- Leased Space:** for partner organizations. Preference will be given to organizations doing work to better the Latino community, i.e., business development, research, etc. 4,512 SQ FT

Please reach out with any questions or to learn more about the project:

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