

Dr. Chris Urbina,  
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Dear Dr. Urbina:

On behalf of the City and County of Denver's Latino Advisory Commission, we wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge your extraordinary leadership as the Director at Denver Public Health.

As a Commission, we are always looking for opportunities to acknowledge and support Latino leaders who are uniquely positioned to have a positive impact on our community. You are one of those inspirational leaders who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the health and well being of the Latino Community, as well as to the Denver community as a whole.

You and your staff have been extremely responsive to the wide range of public health issues that impact Denver's Latino Community. Under your leadership and unique vision, Denver Public Health has initiated multiple community-based, preventive health programs primarily in Latino communities that promote healthy eating (nutrition classes, urban gardens, produce fairs, cooking classes, fruit and vegetables at local convenience stores) and physical activities (new activity classes at Denver Parks and Recreation centers, walking programs, safe routes and walking programs at local schools). Each of these activities was generated in partnership with multiple community agencies: schools, churches, business and non-profit organizations that impact our Latino communities. Your successful advocacy around the myriad of public health issues is further supported by your unwavering commitment to insure that these programs are community-driven and community-owned.

Additionally, we have observed that, during your tenure as Director of Public Health, you have made it a point to be highly visible and accessible to our community. You are someone who clearly embodies the notion of what it means to be a "public servant" who is committed to the greater good of our community. Thank you again for your service!

It is the Latino Advisory Commission's intent to follow up with certain initiatives to continue improvement at Denver Public Health, including those started by the community members who began the Common Ground analysis. We look forward to your support in that process.

Sincerely,

Jim Chavez, Co-Chair



Derek Blass, Co-Chair



Cc: Mayor John Hickenlooper  
Mr. Bruce Alexander  
Ms. Patricia Gabow