

LATINA TOWN HALL



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The conversations were led by a **powerful group** of Latina leaders



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An Intentional Space for Changemakers

On July 24th, 2025, the Latina Leadership Podcast hosted a pivotal Town Hall discussion at the United Way of Greater Houston.

The objective was clear: unite local founders, advocates, and community leaders to share authentic lived experiences, log unique challenges, and elevate these discussions into a prioritized, actionable framework for the future.



Top 3 Priorities

Participants ranked their top concerns, revealing these critical themes disproportionately impacting the community.



- I. Affordable Healthcare**
 - Addressing critical access and cost barriers.
 - Maternal, early relational, and reproductive health rights.
 - Bridging the gap between food insecurity and health disparities.
 - Affordable health options for small businesses and mental health access.
- II. Immigration Reform**
 - Advocating for fair and just policies
 - Pathways to naturalization and humane treatment of communities.
 - Addressing the status of children and families impacted by legislation.
 - Protecting the workforce (e.g., trucking community affected by recent laws).
- III. Quality Education**
 - Ensuring equitable future opportunities.
 - Securing public school funding and preventing loss of resources.
 - Equitable access to K-12 and early childhood education.
 - Providing after-school programs and protecting foreign students.

Classification of Priorities

A detailed breakdown of how the Latinas in the room classified issues from Priority 1 (Most Urgent) to Priority 4 (Long-term / Structural).

Priority 1 Immediate Urgency	Priority 2 Secondary Focus	Priority 3 Intersecting Issues	Priority 4 Community & Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration & Pathway to Naturalization Quality Education (K-12) & Funding Healthcare & Domestic Violence Services Housing Affordability & Infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy, Employment & Job Opportunities Systematic Discrimination Women's Health & Rights Balancing Career & Family Matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Rights & Environmental Justice Access to Capital (Women/Minorities) Food Security & Food Pantries Mental Health & Child Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure, Traffic & Flooding Voting & Civic Engagement Neighborhood Leadership Free, All-Welcome Community Events

Voices of the Community

Direct quotes from the roundtable discussions

Defining the Problem

"This generation is not as invested, maybe we're going backwards." – Women's Rights Table

"Economic abuse: grant 'health equity' a way out for women to leave and become independent." – Economy & Employment Table

"The pink tax (men don't pay taxes on viagra)... Non-registered operating clinics... Panic attacks." – Healthcare & Mental Health Table

Shaping the Solution

"Educate with empathy -> Get things done!!" – Immigration Table

"If we have a voice, we have value... Leverage our youth to (TikTok) delivery the message." – Civic Action Discussion

"Not just squeeze the orange, grow it... Create more Latina organizations with subcommittees/PACs that address specialty topics." – Women's Rights Table

From Dialogue to Action

Breakout groups explored three guiding questions:

- Why** is this important to us? Advocacy is crucial for the future of our children and the humanity of our community. We must reverse the feeling of "going backwards" on fundamental rights. If we have a voice, we have value.
- What** are some solutions? Drive active civic engagement (voting, town halls) and economic empowerment (supporting local business, "Girlocotts"). Above all, we must educate with empathy to combat misinformation.
- What** do we need and from who? Elected officials must protect funding and pass equitable legislation. We require stronger networks for legal assistance, and must leverage our youth on social platforms to amplify the message.

The Outcome

Groups reconvened to share insights and outline specific ways to sustain momentum beyond the Town Hall. The session concluded with a powerful collective call to action.

Ongoing Dialogue
Commitment to continue these critical conversations outside the event space.

Collaboration
Strengthening the network to unite diverse backgrounds for common goals.

Active Advocacy
Remaining active changemakers and elevating community priorities.