

SWWA LULAC DEMANDS THAT JUDGE ZIMMERMAN BE REMOVED

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The Southwest Washington Chapter of LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC Council 47013) hereby calls for Darvin Zimmerman to resign his elected position as District Court Judge.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 1,000 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups. The Southwest Washington Chapter serves all of Clark County.

Recorded comments made by Judge Zimmerman in a private conversation with another court official, and other comments made in open court, clearly reflect his lack of legal, ethical, and cultural competency to continue serving on the court in any capacity. This week the depth of racial prejudice of a County Juror was revealed by Darvin Zimmerman. Historically this same Juror has made no attempt to hide his beliefs and values of our communities of color. It is well documented and need not be relitigated here. Today, Tony Golik, Prosecutor for Clark County, has removed Zimmerman's privilege and has moved to disqualify him from all pending matters involving the prosecutor's office. Judge Zimmerman must resign.

If Judge Darvin Zimmerman does not resign, SWWA LULAC will take action to remove him from elected office. For too long the judicial system has been flawed and protective of privileged and racist men who abuse their influence and position of power. Zimmerman cannot serve as a fair judge over those he does not regard as equal human beings. In the meantime, we encourage our community to continue to file complaints with the Commission on Judicial Conduct. CJC - Commission on Judicial Conduct for the State of Washington.

Finally, SWWA LULAC calls for review of all cases that came before Judge Zimmerman since he took office to assess whether his personal racial views may have affected his decisions. Relief must be provided to those who have stood in before him, many of whom have had language barriers or been people of color, in any case where the repellent views of Judge Zimmerman such may have adversely influenced the outcome.

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