

Good evening

"Members of the senate and legislators thank you for holding hearings to listen to the needs of the communities so that you can take them into account in the state budget."

My name is Paola Rodriguez and I'm a program participant at Latino Network. The state budget should focus on creating community centers for families, children and youth. We need a place to go for services and programs that help us transform our lives positively.

- **Latino Network's Plaza Esperanza would be the perfect place!**

My wish is for you to help invest funds so that Latino Network can build **La Plaza Esperanza**. That place will be for the families of our community. The staff understands our needs and treats us with respect. In La Plaza Esperanza there will be culturally specific educational programs and in our language. That is what our community needs to make us feel part of this society.

For me, Latino Network has been of great benefit for the education and well-being of my family. Please consider investing funds in La Plaza Esperanza.

Thankyou for your time in listening to me!