April 1, 1971

Martha Cotero
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Dear Mrs. Cotero:

A Chicana Conference is being planned in Houston May 28 to 30, 1971 to enable Chicanas and other Spanish speaking women to get together to discuss ways and means of increasing awareness among our women. For too long now, we have stayed in the shadows afraid to become active, to express our views, or demand our proper place. YA BASTA! ADELANTE MUJERES!

La Conferencia de Mujeres Por La Raza is our conference. It is our time to bring ourselves together as women - as true mujeres de La Raza. We have enclosed some information sheets to describe our goals and our plans to date. Our program is basic. Our expectations are high. Together our work and our planning are only a beginning of a new unity and a new sense of committment and purpose in La Raza. With pride in ourselves as Chicanas, we can stand proudly with our men to work together in the movimiento. La Conferencia is the way to begin.

We feel that because of your experience and activism, you could be of great assistance in helping to run the workshops. Many of our sisters could benefit from your knowledge and concern. The list of the workshops is enclosed (green copy). We, of the programming committee, thought you would be able to lead the workshop on the "Feminist Movement and Chicana Involvement" There will be teams of two leading each workshop so that the load will not be too great for one person. The name of your co-leader will be sent to you at a later date. along with some informational guidelines to follow in structuring your workshop, if you should decide to join us.

Funds or traveling expenses will be provided if you should need them. Our funds are limited, but all effort will be made to furnish your transportation fares and accomodations in full or in part. We will be in touch with you by letter or by phone regarding this matter, Please make note that the pink and blue forms for registration must be returned by May 1. Please return the enclosed postcard to the Program Committee at your earliest convenience so that planning can continue as quickly as possible.

If there are any questions, please contact either Stella Borrego or Connie Acosta at 7305 Navigation Houston, Texas 77011 (713) 926-2601. We hope that your schedule and your interest in La Raza will enable you to work with us.

Viva Mujer Por La Raza!

Connie Acosta

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