

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local lawmakers invite residents to reception

Many of those who work and live in the Aurora area have heard about, read or formed their own impression about the purpose of the book "From the Barrio to the Board Room. We believe that everyone needs to understand the impact this book is having on our young adults. Both of us see daily how lives are changing, dreams are being established and education is being prioritized by youths who read the book.

Robert Renteria's book, foundation and curriculum have caught the attention of multiple state's attorneys' offices, police departments, youth prisons and correctional facilities, schools and institutions of higher learning throughout the country. They have been endorsed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's office.

This is the freshest, most innovative tool to help prevent negative behaviors. It is uplifting youth and inspiring them to realize their dreams through education, hard work and perseverance.

Jointly we, Alderman Juany Garza and State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, wholeheartedly support and endorse the From the Barrio movement. We encourage everyone to join the team. All of us have choices — we can be part of the problem or we can be part of the "solution."

The Spanish version of the book is currently being printed. To celebrate this publication, From the Barrio is hosting a fiesta on Aug. 26 at LaQuinta, 36 E. New York St., Aurora. The fiesta will be from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Please come out and join the celebration.

Proceeds will go to purchase books for schools and other organizations that do not currently have the resources to implement the book in their programs. Please visit www.fromthebarrio.com to

preregister for the fiesta and show your support.

We hope to see you at LaQuinta on Aug. 26th. Thank you for your support.

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