

This bi-weekly email newsletter is part of NHMC's Information Education Movement and aims to educate and empower the NHMC community by providing accurate information, debunking information fraud, and encouraging civic engagement.

Weekly Dose of Positivity:

Mexican Artifacts Return

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On March 3, 2025, Colgate University returned 915 Mesoamerican artifacts to Mexico. Facilitating the return was María José Buerba Romero Valdés, Director for the Restitution of Cultural Heritage at the Foreign Ministry. Among these priceless artifacts are clay figures and sculptures telling of the lives of civilizations prior to Spanish contact. NHMC commends this step to preserving Mexican culture and history. To learn more about this achievement, [click here](#).



(Photo Credit: Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia)

Legislation Lookout:

SAVE Act Update

In Volume 2 of *The Insight*, we talked about the SAVE Act and its potential harms. Congress was meant to vote on this Act this week. Instead of going through the proper channels of democracy, Trump released an executive order aimed at implementing the SAVE Act. As a reminder, more than **21 million Americans** are unable to access the additional documents that would be required to register to vote under the SAVE Act. People of color, married people who have changed their names, as well as young and elderly people, are more likely to have difficulty accessing these documents.

In this Executive Order, released on March 25, there are some worrisome policy additions that go beyond the current text in the SAVE Act. Trump wants to give the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), run by tech billionaire Elon Musk, the power to unilaterally review citizens' voter registration status. This EO is likely unconstitutional because Article 1, Section 4 dictates that it is only the states and Congress that can alter the **"time, place, and manner"** of holding federal elections. Nonetheless, the executive branch is trying to overextend its powers.

To learn more, [click here](#). To get involved in the fight, [click here](#).

Consumer Information:

Federal Trade Commission and Alvaro Bedoya

On March 18, 2025, the Trump administration attempted to fire two democratic commissioners of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Why does this matter? The FTC is an independent agency that checks the powers of corporate giants to ensure that consumers are protected. They promote corporate competition to minimize the price gouging that occurs with monopolies. Among these alleged firings is Alvaro Bedoya. Commissioner Bedoya has consistently been an influential voice on issues impacting the Latino community. Bedoya's last public statement prior to the firing was criticizing Amazon's working conditions, which the FTC is currently suing over.

There have been precedents of this type of issue before. Nearly 90 years ago, the Supreme



(FTC Website, Federal Trade Commission Logo)



(Alvaro Bedoya, Photo Credit: NPR)

Court decided in *Humphrey Executor v. United States* that the President can only fire a commissioner for a specific reason. Whether it be negligence or other punishable offense, there must be a direct, blatant reason. However, Commissioner Bedoya’s email only stated that he was not “in line with the administration’s agenda.” It is important to note that this is an independent agency, meaning it is not privy to political pressures. Commissioners are meant to serve seven-year terms.

There is no doubt that Commissioner Bedoya will continue to be a voice for consumers and Latinos.

To learn more, [click here.](#)

Legislation Lookout:

States Making Strides in Broadband

California and New York are leading efforts to bridge the digital divide with new legislation aimed at providing affordable broadband to low-income residents. California's proposed bill mandates that internet service providers (ISPs) offer \$15 per month plans with speeds of 100/20 Mbps to qualifying households. This follows a similar law in New York, which took effect this January, requiring ISPs to offer the same \$15 per month broadband plans.

These bills are part of a broader effort to ensure equitable access to the internet, which is increasingly essential for education, healthcare, and daily life. By making high-speed internet more affordable, both states are setting a powerful example for other regions to follow. With millions of Americans still lacking reliable internet, these legislative efforts are critical steps toward closing the digital divide and ensuring no one is left behind in today’s digital world. To learn more, [click here.](#)



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Quote of the Week:

“I’m no mathematician, but I do know this: 99% is a hell of a lot bigger than 1%.”

- Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders has been on a nationwide tour: “The Fighting Oligarchy.” Joining him at some rallies has been Representative Greg Casar and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. To learn more, [click here.](#)

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