Attachment 1: Panelist Remarks during September 21, 2011 “Hispanic Civil Rights Forum” at Baylor University.

**Note:** The below text comprises a sampling of remarks made during the event, and is not a complete transcript. Gaps exist between all quoted remarks, and this point is emphasized in some places with a **[…]** wherever transcriber believed it necessary to establish fair context. Participants in the forum included Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, Dean of Student Development; Jose Mangaña, Baylor Law student and political organizer; Flor Avellaneda, social worker in the Waco area; and Susan Nelson; a local attorney specializing in immigration issues.

**Jose Mangaña:** "Now I--the reason, obviously, I'm involved in this is I am undocumented. Don't tell anyone!"

"There are people who support the DREAM act, and then there are two categories of people who don't support the DREAM act. The first category are people that just are very very very conservative, and no matter what you say, any immigration benefit, they just won't support it. And that's just the reality. **We're not trying to convince them. They're the far right people**."

**Susan Nelson**: "It's a very illogical argument to talk about, you know, ‘the rule of law’, and enforcing, you know, making children pay for laws that may or may not have been broken when they come into the U.S.”

"The problem is that there's within this... **the anti-immigration and the restrictionist** **groups have become mainstream**. They push their views of, you know, no amnesty, no benefits, to where it's become, you know, something that **people in the Republican Party—Now Rick Perry is a perfect example**. Here's a man that really, in the past, supported DREAM act. And Sen. Cornyn, Sen. Hutchinson voted and passed and supported the DREAM Act, **but because their party has moved so far away from the middle, they can no longer vote for the DREAM Act**."

**Mangaña:** "It's very unlikely the DREAM Act will pass anytime soon, **and the reason is because the House of Representatives are controlled by Republicans**."

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**Dr. Palacios:** So where do we stand now?

**Mangaña: "And what they do, uh—and y’all might have heard of this—is they do a lot of civil disobedience. So they'll have undocumented students do sit-ins, and block traffic, and go into senators’ offices and refuse to leave, and then they'll get arrested. And all that serves to draw attention, and keep the spotlight."

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**Palacios:** So what can we do to help support this?

**Nelson:** "I think it's the civil rights issue of this generation. ...And you know, I mean, what we call ‘Juan Crow’ instead of Jim Crow. I don't know if you've noticed, those of you who are Hispanic, [there] is greater scrutiny by law enforcement...

“And so, somebody has a tail light out, the police pull him over and, instead of giving him a ticket, I think if it's my son, and he's driving without his license, they say, you know... note to future self: [bring] a driver's license, you know... here's a ticket for, you know, 50 bucks. If it's Liz's [Palacios] son that's driving without a license, they take him to jail, and they call immigration, because he doesn't have a driver's license, and that's typical."

"President bush tried not an amnesty, so much as path to citizenship... It was a little different than the '86 law, but it did provide a path. **And it got shot down by Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck, and all of the far-right yelling ‘amnesty folk’**...'these people are lawbreakers and we need to deport 'em all’ and it was really disappointing because that was, you know, one of the things that he felt really strongly about, and a lot, you know, **a lot of the moderate Republican Party feel strongly about... that they've been, you know, been taken over by the far right wing**. **And that's not good.**  And you know, you hear things like, you know, ‘they're taking our jobs,’ which may be true in some cases, but you know."

**Mangaña:** One of the things y'all can do to promote dialogue, and this is kind of subtle. **But you'll see a lot of the right wing and that is how you talk about it.** You notice that there are different terms. Some nice, and not so nice. **Ah, on the far, you know, right you have something like ‘illegal alien.’ And on the other side, you have ‘Undocumented Immigrant.’ I would rather use *that***, but the reason why I don't really like using "illegal immigrant" or "illegal alien" is it's very hard to have a dialogue about a group of people when the very name you give them not only dehumanizes them, but automatically puts them in a place where they're breaking the law, without even thinking about it: oh, they're criminals.’ That doesn't foster dialogue, so what I recommend is, find an ‘objective term’ I mean, they're undocumented, to help them over to amnesty.