



Seventh Legislative Forum
Chihuahua, Chihuahua
March 25-27, 2004

AGENDA

Thursday, March 25

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Arrival and registration

Hotel Sicomoro

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6:00 p.m.

Transportation from Hotel Sicomoro to Chihuahua
State Government Palace

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Visit and tour of Chihuahua State Government Palace

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome reception and dinner

Hosted by Patricio Martinez Garcia

Constitutional Governor of the State of Chihuahua

8:15 – 8:45 p.m.

Welcome remarks

Ricardo Arturo Castro Lopez

Chair, Border Legislative Conference

Diputado of the State of Chihuahua

Robert Cannell

Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference

Senator of the State of Arizona

Victor Valencia de los Santos

President of the Chihuahua State Legislature

Patricio Martinez Garcia

Constitutional Governor of the State of Chihuahua

Friday, March 26

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
Location: Sicomoro Hotel, Conference Room Cerro Grande No. 1
- 9:00 a.m. Commencement of forum: introductions and expectations
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- Ricardo Arturo Castro Lopez
Chair, Border Legislative Conference
Diputado of the State of Chihuahua
- Robert Cannell
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference
Senator of the State of Arizona
- 9:15 a.m. Consent Calendar
- Approval of BLC November 2003 forum minutes
 - Program Manager's Report
- 9:20 a.m. Economic Development: Improving the border region's competitiveness
- Senator Jeffrey Max Jones
Chair, Border Affairs Committee
Senate of the Republic of Mexico
 - Lic. Carlos Murguia
President, Economic Development of Cd. Juarez
Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua
 - Senator Eliot Shapleigh
Vice Chair, International Relations and Trade
Texas State Senate
- 10:30 a.m. Open discussion on the topic of economic development
- 11:00 a.m. Agreements on next steps on the topic of economic development
- 11:15 a.m. Signing of a Joint Declaration between the
United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and
The Border Legislative Conference
- 11:30 a.m. Break

- 12:00 p.m. Overview of current U.S.- Mexico relations and perspectives on current immigration proposals in the U.S. Congress
- Juan Carlos Cue Vega
Consul General of Mexico in El Paso, TX
 - Maurice Parker
U.S. Consul General in Cd. Juarez
- 1:15 p.m. Open discussion on the topic of immigration
- Perspectives, challenges and possible actions
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch
Location: Sicomoro Hotel
- 3:00 p.m. U.S. Visit Program: Update on implementation at land ports of entry
- Anthony Ho
Supervisory Special Agent, US-VISIT Program
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- 3:45 p.m. Report by Environment Committee on Topic of Abandoned Tires and Tire Recycling
- Dip. Humberto Valdez, Tamaulipas
Co-Coordinator of BLC Environment Committee
 - Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, California
Co-Coordinator of BLC Environment Committee
- 4:15 p.m. Western Governors' Association: Air Quality efforts along the U.S. – Mexico Border and the North American Energy Summit
- Rich Halvey
Program Manager, Mexico Air Quality Projects
Western Governors' Association
Denver, Colorado
- 4:30 p.m. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID): Health efforts along the border
- Barbara Felix
Coordinator of International Patient Services
University of Arizona Medical Center at Tucson
- 4:55 p.m. Other topics
- Identify topics and venue for next forum

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5:05 p.m.

Final Agreements

- Final comments by Chair and Vice Chair

5:15 p.m.

Adjourn

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Dinner hosted by Alejandro Cano Ricaud
Mayor of the City of Chihuahua
Chihuahua Municipal Palace

Saturday, March 27

Optional Activities:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Option #1: Tour of the City of Chihuahua
*Benito Juarez Museum, Francisco Villa Museum, Miguel Hidalgo
Museum, and Historic Center*

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Option #2: Visit to Creel and Cooper Canyon Areas
*This will be a full day trip. Bus will depart from Hotel Sicomoro and
return in the evening.*

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Departure of participants

Sunday, March 28

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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