



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE:**

El Centro Hispano Modifications for a Day Laborer Center

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Aldermen to consider modifying the Town's current agreement with El Centro Hispano to include a one-time allocation up to \$5,000.

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**INFORMATION:** The Day Laborer Task Force (DLTF), comprised of El Centro Hispano, the Human Rights Center, the Town of Carrboro, Justice United, Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Durham Tech and the Community Church of Chapel Hill, are working towards the creation of a Day Laborer Center for the immigrant/day laborer population in Carrboro. This center will be located at El Centro's current building at 201 W Weaver Street.

The Day Laborer Center is seen as an important aspect in helping establish an organized and dignified method for day laborers to find safe work at a fair wage. The Center will serve as the conduit for activities including:

- Employer mediation
- Improving access to resources in the local community
- Providing educational opportunities on worker and immigrant rights, including protection from wage theft
- Identifying training opportunities in job and language skills
- Development of strong day laborer leaders through organizing and training
- Advocacy to promote or change policies that impact immigrant workers

To facilitate the needs of the center, modifications to the existing El Centro building are required. The estimated cost of all the necessary modifications is \$23,000. \$10,000 has already been raised, \$5,500 from Community Church of Chapel Hill, \$2,000 from Justice United, \$1,500 from Dr. Pepper and \$1,000 from St. Thomas More. Fitch Lumber has also agreed to supply the lumber and concrete needed for construction, cutting down on project costs. This leaves \$13,000 needed to complete the project.

A capital fundraising campaign is scheduled to begin in early December to raise the additional \$13,000 needed for the project. The campaign is planned to run until January 1<sup>st</sup> and will include a crowdsourcing funding effort from DLTF members. Construction is planned to begin in January.

DLTF has requested the Town's assistance in gaining the funds needed for the modification to the El Centro

Hispano building. The Town is proposing the Board consider modifying the existing agreement with El Centro Hispano to include a one-time allocation up to \$5,000 for this effort.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** The fiscal impact for the Town would be no more than \$5,000. The Board has \$10,000 budgeted for contingency. The Town's potential one-time allocation could come out of the Contingency Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Board of Aldermen consider modifying the existing agreement with El Centro Hispano to include a one-time allocation up to \$5,000 with the funds coming out of the Board's Contingency Fund.