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The Progressive Caucus of the CA Democratic Party

Citizen Diplomacy in Cuba:
*Anti-Imperialist Hemispheric Conference of Solidarity, For Democracy and
Against Neoliberalism.*

October 29 - November 5, 2019

Tuesday, October 29th, 2019

Please plan your arrival in Havana and taxi to your hotel of choice.

4:00 pm Check-In to the Hotel Vedado or Hotel Nacional

6:00 pm Orientation and Meet and Greet Session.

8:00pm Welcome Dinner at Cava, at the beautiful Gran Teatro, named after Cuba's prima ballerina Alicia Alonso. (*We will invite a special guest from MINREX or the Mayor of La Havana)

Meals Included : Dinner

Wednesday, October 30th, 2019

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- 9:00am Welcome meeting with **ICAP, the Cuban Institute for Friendship with the People** for a discussion on the current relationship between the US and Cuba.
- 11:00m Enjoy a guided tour through the **Museum of the Revolution** to learn about this history of the Cuban Revolution.
- 12:30m Lunch at a the Bodequita del Medio in Old Havana
- 2:00pm Explanation of the history and development of Havana by an architect/urban planner, explanation of the social and political effects on the development of the Cuban Capital (**Miguel Coyula** requested).
- 4:00pm Walking tour of Old Havana and visit to the **Taller Graffica**. Enjoy a guided **Walking City Tour of Havana**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delegates also have time to engage with Cubans at their art studios, galleries and markets where participants will meet with Cuban artists and find out first hand how artist negotiate between the tourist market, a socialist economy and new opportunities or individual entrepreneurship. Visit the four major historical squares of Cuba to understand the City Historian's massive efforts to restore Old Havana buildings, attract tourism and new investment, and improve social services for local residents. See buildings and homes in different stages of reconstruction, meet with neighborhood residents. Learn about how tourism impacts economic good.
- 6:00pm Break to debrief, swim or relax.
- Dinner and Evening are free for personal exploration
- Meals Included** : Breakfast, Lunch

Thurs. October 31st 2019

- 9:00am Meet with a representative from **Cuba's Poder Popular** to discuss the New Constitution in Cuba and the structure of governance in Cuba.
- 11:00m Visit to a local **Polyclinic or General hospital**. Here we will learn about public Health in Cuba.
- 12:30m Lunch at a the Bodequita del Medio in Old Havana
- 2:00pm Visit to the **University of Havana** and meet with an educator for an overview of the education system.
- Tour the Capitolio** and then we are off to enjoy a cultural exchange with a

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- 4:00pm | community arts project (**Muraleando**).
- 6:00pm | Break to debrief, swim or relax. Dinner is free for personal exploration
- 8:00pm | Enjoy an exchange with a local block and learn about the function of the CDR- the **Committees for the defense of the Revolution**. We will learn about their early function and their role today in civil defense and dealing with climate change.

Meals Included : Breakfast, Lunch

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday November 1st 2019

- 9.00-09: 30: Opening of the event. Tribute to Fidel.
- 09.30-09: 45: Words from comrade Fernando González LLort, ICAP President and the Coordinating Committee of the event.
- 09.45-10: 15: Audiovisual projection about Cuba, its foreign policy and solidarity.
- 10: 15-12: 45: MINREX speech: Cuba's foreign policy in the regional context. Fight against the blockade.
- 12: 45-14: 45: Lunch
- 15: 00- 17:00: Panel: Challenges of the left in the current regional scenario before the imperialist offensive.
- 17: 15-19.15: Anti-imperialist tribune in support of just causes.
- Free time or Cultural Activity: **Visit the Fortaleza de San Carlos de la Cabaña and the Morro Castle**

Meals Included : Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday November 2, 2019

- 09.00- 09.15: Audiovisual material presentation
- 09: 15- 10:45: Panel: Challenges for a solidarity articulation of our struggles.
- 10: 45- 11:00: Break

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11: 00- 13: 15: Working in Thematic Commissions.

- Solidarity with Cuba and other just causes.
- Peoples before free trade and transnationals.
- Decolonization and cultural war.
- Youth: strategies and continuity in struggles.
- Democracy, sovereignty and anti-imperialism.
- Strategic communication and social struggle.
- Integration, identities and common struggles.

1:30 - 3:00: Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 Anti-imperialist Twitterstorm

15: 00 - 16:30 Working in Thematic Commissions

16.30 - 18.00 Coordination Meetings

Free time or Cultural Activity: **Interactive arts and music at La Fabrica De Arte Cubana (FAC).**

Meals Included : Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday November 3, 2019

09: 00- 12:00: Process of articulation in Plenary.

- Presentation of working Commissions.

12: 00- 13:45: Lunch

14:00 -16: 00: Closing Plenary.

- Presentation and approval of the Action Plan Project.
- Closing speech.

16:00 - 18:00: Cultural Gala

Free time or Cultural Activity: **: Enjoy live Cuban Jazz at La Zorra y El Cuervo.**

Meals Included : Breakfast, Lunch

Monday November 4th, 2019

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- 9:0am **Exchange with CENESEX** and dialogue with LGBTQ rights leaders/activists.
- 11:00am **Visit to the Denunciation Memorial.**
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Briefing by a representative of the FMC- **the Federation of Cuban Women** to discuss the history of gender rights and the struggle for equity today.
- 4:00pm Meeting with **Roberto Perez from FANJ** – La Fundacion de Antonio Nunez Jimenez. Here we will learn about Cuba’s commitment to sustainable development. We will also discuss Cuba’s preparations to the global climate crisis.
- 6:00pm Enjoy a home visit of the well known Cuban Photographer **Roberto Salas**. Then we end our day with a visit the **Plaza de la Revolucion** and the Jose Martí memorial
- 8:30 pm **Farewell dinner at San Cristobal Paladar.**

Tuesday November 5th, 2019

- 8:00am Breakfast and transfer to the Jose International Airport

Meals Included : Breakfast

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