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LEAVE TO ASSUME FULLTIME PRESIDENCY OF LABOR COUNCIL FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT

UAW President Owen Bieber announced today that Henry L. (Hank) Lacayo, National Community Action Program Director, has been granted a leave of absence from the union to assume the fulltime national presidency of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA).

"Hank Lacayo has performed yeoman service for the UAW during his nine years as National CAP director," Bieber said. "Yet, there is critically important work for him to do with LCLAA, and we wish him success as he devotes himself fulltime to the united cause of labor and the Hispanic community."

LCLAA is a national Hispanic labor organization engaged in non-partisan political education and voter registration. LCLAA, which maintains its national headquarters in Washington, D.C., works closely with the AFL-CIO and dozens of international unions.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Lacayo, 53, was appointed National CAP Director in 1975, after serving as Administrative Assistant to then-UAW President Leonard Woodcock. Prior to that, he was Assistant Director of UAW Region 6 for two years.

Lacayo came to the international staff in 1972 after serving for nine years as President of UAW Local 887, one of the largest aerospace locals in the union.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Lacayo attended school in Mexico City and the State of Chihuahua before graduating from high school in Los Angeles.

Lacayo's leave of absence for an indefinite period commences on April 1, 1985.