## LATINO NETWORK PROFESSIONAL INTEREST COMMITTEE

May 27, 1997

Dear members:

The 93rd American Association of Museums Annual meeting will be held in Los Angeles, CA on May 10-14, 1998. The general theme for the Annual Meeting is "Exploring Differences, Finding Connections". LNPIC wants to sponsor as many program sessions as possible focusing on issues impacting Latinos, Latino communities, and museums nationwide.

We want to encourage you to submit program proposals that focus on issues related to Latinos and museums that stimulate thinking and discussion among the audience. For your convenience, enclosed are the AAM Program Proposal Guidelines and a list of some suggested themes that could be discussed in program sessions during the 1998 AAM Annual Meeting. Program proposals are not limited to these themes only as the general theme of AAM Annual Meeting provides for variety in perspective, format, and content.

When planning your session, keep in mind that this year sessions proposals will be reviewed ONLY ONCE before the final selection is made by AAM's Program Committee. Please complete your proposal and send it to LNPIC for endorsement by August 1st, 1997. LNPIC would like to send all proposals in as a group with a letter of endorsement to AAM by September 4, 1997. LNPIC's endorsement and to fine-tune the proposals to AAM's specifications increase the probabilities for inclusion in AAM Annual Meeting Program. Please send your proposals to:

Evelyn Figueroa Chair LNPIC Smithsonian Institution( SITES) 1100 Jefferson Dr., SW, Rm. 3146, MRC 706 Washington, D.C. 20560

If you have any questions or need assistance on how to prepare your program proposal, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 357-3168, ext. 133. My fax number is (202) 357-4324.

Sincerely.

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