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Subject: Re: [PHISHING]: Invitation to Participate in the Chicana por Mi Raza Oral History Project

Maria,
 Yes, I am interested in participating. Looking forward to updates. You have an outstanding Board and Advisory group. Best wishes!
 Lupe

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Subject: [PHISHING]: Invitation to Participate in the Chicana por Mi Raza Oral History Project

Dear Lupe (if I may),

Hello, my name is Maria Cotera and I am an associate professor of Women's Studies and Latina/o Studies at the University of Michigan. Perhaps you remember me? I am Martha Cotera's daughter, and we have met briefly on several occasions over the years.

I'd like to invite you to participate in a very important research project that I started working on last year. The project is titled **Chicana por mi Raza** and its basic goal is the production of a web-based teaching tool and archive, designed for maximum accessibility by teachers and students (K-12 as well as college). The purpose of the website is to document the development of Chicana feminist thought between 1965 and 1985. A significant element of the project is the collection of oral histories and documents from the 1960s and 1970s, which will be digitized and made available online. Our National Advisory Board includes Vicki Ruiz, Maylei Blackwell, Martha Cotera, Marisela Chavez, Dionne Espinoza, Dorinda Moreno, and Alma Garcia (see attached Project Description for more detailed information).

I am currently working with a research team that includes my mother, Martha Cotera, filmmaker Linda Garcia Merchant (with whom I believe you've worked), and three undergraduate students from the University of Michigan, Adonia Arteaga, Carolyn Racine, and Maria Flores. Last summer we started our primary research in Texas, where we interviewed women who were key players in the Raza Unida Party, and digitized archival materials in private and public collections (the RUP archive at the Benson Latin American Collection). This summer, we are interviewing women in California, and given your importance to this history, we were hoping to include you in our upcoming set of interviews to be conducted in the Los Angeles Area (either at Irvine or UCLA)

We'll be in Los Angeles from August 16 to August 20, and we'd love to set up an interview with you during that time if your schedule permits. We are planning on a

taped interview session that doesn't last more than two hours, and if at all possible, we'd like to schedule one interview per day, from 10-2. Because a significant element of our project involves digitizing archival materials for display on the Chicana por mi Raza website, we would be very grateful if you could share materials from the period (posters, pamphlets, photographs and other ephemera). We will have a portable scanner on hand to make digital copies of your materials so that we can return them to you at the time of the interview.

In any case, we are all so excited that our project will be continuing in California, and I know that my students will be forever changed by their exposure to the miraculous women we will interview. You all were my heroes growing up, and I feel so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to bring your lives and work to the historical forefront where it belongs.

If you'd like to know more about the project or to discuss the details of your interview, you can contact me by phone (734-834-7306) or email: mcotera@umich.edu.

Gracias,

Maria Cotera

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For information on Native Speakers: Ella Deloria, Zora Neale Hurston, Jovita González and the Poetics of Culture (University of Texas Press, 2008) see
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