



TEXAS HOUSE BORDER CAUCUS

IBC Board of Directors
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Dear IBC Board of Directors,

As Chair of the Texas House Border Caucus I would like to convey how deeply disturbing the recent comments made by your CEO, Dennis Nixon regarding his unwavering support of Donald Trump's bigotry.

Mr. Nixon has clearly chosen Trump when it comes to his opinion on Latinos and the border region. It is unfathomable that a financial leader of the border region would host a fundraiser for an individual who supports building a border wall and who has insulted Mexican Americans.

The IBC Bank has a large Latino constituency and has many banking institutions throughout the Texas Mexico border. Latinos in this country are a growing constituency and IBC bank only stands to gain from this growth.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Driving increased affluence, in part, is Hispanic entrepreneurship. As Hispanic-owned companies mature, many have begun to enter the "middle-market" stage, facing one of the key challenges for growing companies: access to capital."

Latinos are a major contributor to the Texas economy. As we grow we look to work with those who respect our culture and history. We also remember who our friends and enemies are. Donald Trump is far from a friend.

Mr. Nixon has decided to support the first racist presidential candidate since Reconstruction and the leader of IBC bank has decided to support his views. Latinos in Texas have taken note.



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If IBC Bank hopes to grow, it should be looking toward the future not to the past. Trump is a danger to the prosperity and safety of our communities and the leadership of IBC has decided to support him while businesses throughout the nation have condemned his dangerous rhetoric.

We will not stand quietly as Mr. Nixon allows this un-American hatred to permeate into the lives of Texans and damage the positive image of IBC Bank. We leave it in the hands of the IBC Board of Directors to take action and correct this unacceptable representation of your institution. Our state and our nation have come too far and I trust IBC will represent its constituency and be on the right side of history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cesar Blanco".

State Representative
Cesar Blanco
Chair, Texas Border Caucus