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Recognizing that law enforcement plays a significant role in reducing violence and enhancing safety measures, ASPIRA supports programs to educate law enforcement about gangs and youth violence and on effective strategies for dealing with gangs.

ASPIRA supports the ban on assault weapons.

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ASPIRA recognizes that gangs and youth violence disproportionately affect the Latino community and Latino youth and that it is a growing national problem, especially in Latino communities.

ASPIRA also recognizes the link between youth gangs and violence and rejection of Latino young people by the non-Latino community and the need for an identity.

ASPIRA supports

- programs that promote positive youth development among Latino youth, such as the ASPIRA Clubs;
- efforts to inform communities, parents, schools, teachers and community organizations about gangs and gang prevention and to educate them on how to develop effective prevention programs;
- intervention and prevention programs to decrease hate crimes in schools due to race, religion,

ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

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