

## Marcelo Lucero Has Not Died In Vain [1]

By Profesor Martin Danenberg “El Quijote del GED”

**I told the members of the Suffolk County Legislature and the audience the following things today. Undocumented immigrants have rights.**

**One of those rights under federal mandate, where the states cooperate, is that undocumented immigrants can do the GED and the number they receive for identification purposes is provided by state education officials.**

I told the audience about how President George Washington wrote a letter to protect Jews, which can be seen in the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1939, two-thirds of Americans polled did not want to allow Jews into the United States and they were not allowed in. Latinos (governments) helped the Jews. The Dominican Republic permitted Jews to settle in Sosua.

While I sat there thinking what I could say that was of utmost or of critical importance, it hit me that I could tell the audience that all members of the Suffolk County Legislature can tell their constituents what rights undocumented immigrants have. By informing their constituents about this powerful truth, people all over Long Island could turn their thinking around about the undocumented or illegal immigrants. If this happens, we can turn around communities that are hostile to Hispanics and others. A Suffolk County Task Force could ensure its success and staff members of the legislators and community groups could start working on researching all of the pertinent information immediately.

**HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF ON LONG ISLAND. THE HORROR STORIES REVEALED BY MANY SPEAKERS MADE ME THINK OF THE SOUTH AND ITS HOSTILITY TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND THE MANY REFERENCES BY JEWS AND NON JEWS WHO WERE THERE TO SUPPORT HISPANICS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS MADE ME THINK OF THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST**

I call upon all those who attended this event to come out to the event that I hope will take place in Patchogue-Medford. I also ask my readers to share this plan of action with communities all over the United States.

**BY THE WAY THERE WERE ADVOCATES OF NATALIE’S LAW WHO TOLD THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT THE GREAT INCREASE IN HEROIN USE ON LONG ISLAND. IT SEEMS LIKE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO ACT ON THIS ISSUE.**



To empower the Puerto Rican  
and Latino community through  
advocacy and the education and leadership  
development of its youth.

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