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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**THE GULF COAST LATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNOUNCES STANCE ON IMMIGRATION REFORM**

SARASOTA/BRADENTON, FL – July 1, 2011 – The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce has joined with other chambers, community leaders, faith groups, associations, and businesses that have publically stated their concern for the ramifications of the proposed anti-immigration laws in Florida. These laws would have a noticeable impact on our local businesses, nonprofits, and chamber members as well as the community as a whole.

The Chamber takes the stance that Arizona Style legislation is not the answer and is concerned about the effects that something like the current SB2040 would have on business in Florida. Immigration reform is needed, but it cannot be accomplished without meaningful discourse and attention to the impact that proposed laws will have on our communities and the families and businesses that make them up.

There is a national list generated by the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice of those who have concerns about the ramifications of the recently proposed anti-immigration laws in Florida. Organizations such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, past-Mayor of Sarasota Kelly Kirschner, Sheriff Tom Knight, C.J. Czaia and other prominent companies and individuals have all publically stated their concerns for the ramifications of proposed anti-immigration laws in Florida. The Chamber has contacted the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice and requested the addition of the name of the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce to this list and we encourage other organizations to do the same. This organization can be contacted at: Interfaith Alliance for **Immigrant Justice** 1236 NW 18th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32609 Email: GainesvilleIAIJ@gmail.com

About The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber:

The mission of the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce is the promotion, development and dissemination of information, trends and opportunities available with and for the Hispanic business community of the Florida Gulf Coast region.

The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce works closely with its sister Foundation in providing and supporting community events and needs-based scholarships to area Hispanic individuals.

For more information about The Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce & its Foundation, please visit www.LatinChamber.org or call (941)358-7065

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