## **Press Release**Wabash Valley Progressives Cancels Festival Latino 2025

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It is with great regret that Wabash Valley Progressives are canceling this year's



Foremost within all of our activities is the safety of our guests and alignment with our mission. After much heartfelt discussion about the recent policies and actions of the federal and state government on immigration, we feel that we would be putting the safety of our Latino community at risk. Wabash Valley Progressives



plan to continue our work to support our Latino friends and neighbors in other ways and venues.

Since our first Festival Latino eight years ago, our goals have been to welcome and to thank the Latino people for their contributions to our community and to introduce Latino culture to the region. "We have a deep appreciation for the hard work of Latinos that has made the Wabash Valley a national leader in the production of healthy, high value produce. These workers leave their families for the duration of the cropping season, sacrificing time from their homes and loved ones," said Ray McCormick, a local farmer and President of Wabash Valley Progressives. We should all celebrate and embrace the impact that Latinos have made in the construction industry, our food and medical services, and other businesses that help build a vibrant economy.

It has been our mission and our pleasure to provide this family-oriented festival of gratitude, fellowship, and fun. We have been honored to bring Latino culture with music,dance, food, and children's activities.

At this time, our focus is to support and fulfill the needs of all immigrants in the Wabash Valley. We know that some of you may wish to attend our meetings and become involved in our efforts. We welcome you to visit our website wabashvalleyprogressives.orgor follow us on facebook.

Sincerely,

## **Wabash Valley Progressives**