Senator Harry Reid Joins Mexicans And Americans Thinking Together In Launch Of English Teaching Program

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Mexicans and Americans Thinking Together announced the launch of MATT Maestro en Casa (Teacher at Home) English immersion program to be implemented in Las Vegas, Nevada, through radio station KRLV 1340 AM Voz de la Comunidad. The immigrant integration program teaches basic English and essential tools to help immigrants fully integrate into American society.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a long-time supporter of issues important to the Hispanic community, applauds MATT for pursuing initiatives that help educate the community and that assist individuals enhance their abilities to succeed in America."MATT is providing an important service to the people of Nevada and I welcome their efforts," commented Reid. "Latinos are strong contributors to our economy and anything that helps them be more productive and fully integrated is good for everyone."

The program, spearheaded by Coadjutor Archbishop of Los Angeles, Jose H. Gomez who also serves on MATT's board of directors, is pleased that the program, highly successful in Texas, is now expanding to Nevada. "We are most pleased to know that we are

serving those who most need it; Latinos who lack English language skills are less likely to incorporate into society and succeed. We are committed to working with the communities across America to see that everyone has the opportunity to fulfill their dreams."

The program consists of 6 courses: Introduction, In the Workplace, Finance, Health Care, Education, and Citizenship. The lessons take 4 weeks to complete; are transmitted on radio three times a week; and, are supplemented with workbooks distributed for free to those who wish to take the courses.

MATT Maestro en Casa will be transmitted on KRLV 1340 am Voz de la Comunidad beginning September 13 and will be aired three times a week: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at noon. MATT Executive Director Aracely Garcia-Granados believes that "Nevada will be a wonderful test site for this program and we expect to refine its implementation through the collaboration of Hermandad Mexicana. Without a local partner we couldn't be as effective in reaching the community we wish to serve. We are very grateful and look forward to working together."

For more information on MATT Maestro en Casa, visit www.mattmaestroencasa.org.

Mexicans and Americans Thinking Together (MATT) is a San Antonio-based bi-national, non-profit organization with a presence in Washington, DC and Mexico City. MATT's mission is to bridge the gaps of understanding between Mexicans and Americans and address quality of life issues so both nations may truly prosper together. MATT implements programs focused on immigration integration, economic development and education. MATT is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of business and thought leaders from the U.S. and Mexico. For more information, visit the MATT website at www.matt.org or contact MATT toll free at 1-866-980-MATT (6288).

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