

Statement by Hector Lopez

The reason I am on the Duffee for Congress campaign is because we need to strengthen democracy and make this society more just for every one and for the territories held as subjects of an empire. We need to end it and return to a republic for the sake of the People and the world. The U.S. has the resources and the values to be a beacon and the hope of the world. I would rather have a U.S. that carries that glory.

I want the campaign to raise the consciousness of the people so that the citizens can become more informed and more cognizant of the responsibility they have as members of a potentially great moral nation.

I want to grow politically so that I can make a contribution to start this country on a right path for social justice and freedom.

I hope that the campaign for Richard's candidacy can at least give a jump start to such an endeavor.

I have lived in the U.S. for 50 years and I have seen the inequities and the ignorance to which the people are subjected by this imperial government to keep them oppressed and subservient to the will and the values of the Ruling Class. I also lived for the first 14 years of my life in my homeland to see and suffer the colonialism to which the Puerto Rican and the Latin American People are subjected by this system. I was able to hear the account that my father told me about the Ponce Massacre in 1937 and the subsequent uprising that occurred in October of 1950 all over my country as an attempt to free our country from colonialism. So for those reasons this campaign is important to help correct what I mentioned above.

We need legislation to improve the Social Security System, medical care for every one, to put restraints on the corporations, we need to do away with the IRS and come out with a system to tax the very wealthy so that income can be redistributed more equitably to benefit everyone in society.

We need laws to eliminate the atomic weapons and we need a peace-based economy.