

Five Dem presidential candidates to address LULAC convention

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Wisconsin will take another turn in the presidential race spotlight over the next two days, starting with five Dem candidates addressing the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Former HUD Secretary Julian Castro, former U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren and activist Marianne Williamson are scheduled to speak at the convention in Milwaukee.

Castro, O'Rourke, Sanders, and Warren are to participate in a town hall event tonight. Williamson is to speak at a luncheon on Friday.

A LULAC spokesman said the group invited President Trump in early spring to address the convention. But the White House turned down the request this week shortly before it was publicly announced that Trump would be in Wisconsin on Friday for a fundraiser and tour of a Milwaukee business.

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LULAC spokesman David Cruz said the organization had already filled all of its speaking slots before the White House formally turned down the invitation because it had been so long since the request was first submitted.

Mandela Barnes will introduce Warren at this evening's LULAC event. But a spokesman for the Lt. gov said he it isn't an endorsement of the Dem presidential contender.

The spokesman said Barnes was asked by Warren's campaign to introduce her to the crowd, and he plans to welcome any candidates to Wisconsin as his schedule permits.