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## MANA Re-Elects Three National Board Members

**December 19, 2017, Washington, DC** – MANA, A National Latina Organization has elected three returning members to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The MANA National Board is responsible for the policy and strategic direction of the organization, founded in 1974. As the oldest and largest national Latina membership organization in the country with Chapters, Affiliates, Lifetime and individual members nationwide, MANA represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact our communities. MANA contributes the leading Latina voice on many of the major issues in the public sphere, and has developed initiatives aimed at both adults and students to cultivate an environment of learning and sharing of information across generations, to build sustainable communities.

The MANA national membership re-elected the following Directors: **Jennifer Manzanares,** Santa Fe, NM – South Central Region **Celina Caprio,** San Diego, CA – Western Region **Michelle De La Isla,** Topeka, KS – North Central Region

They join the continuing members of the MANA National Board:

Veronica Padilla, Topeka, KS – North Central Region

Cindy Hounsell, JD, Washington, DC – Eastern Region

Catherine Arambula, San Diego, CA – Western Region

Clara Padilla Andrews, Santa Fe, NM – South Central Region

Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield, Topeka, KS – North Central Region

Dr. Danna Diaz, Friday Harbor, WA – Western Region

"Celina Caprio, Michelle De La Isla, and Jennifer Manzanares, have each dedicated more than a decade of service to MANA and the advancement of Latinas. We are honored to have them return to our National Board of Directors to serve a second term," said MANA National Board Chair, Veronica Padilla. She continued, "Their leadership will be instrumental as we plan for the 45th Anniversary of MANA in 2019 and as we strategically plan for the future of the organization."

The re-elected MANA Board Members will be sworn in for their term beginning in January 2018 and ending in December 2020.