RESOLVED, that the creation of the Mexican Studies Institute housed at Lehman College, be approved effective February 28, 2012, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Mexicans are the fastest growing national sub-group in New York City. The number of Mexicans living in New York City has grown 57.7% in the last decade. The Institute will sponsor research on Mexican Studies and act as an advocate for issues important to the local Mexican and Mexican-American communities. Lehman, as the lead institution in this system-wide initiative, already has financial support for some of its activities from the Republic of Mexico and a grant has already been submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities for additional support. Given CUNY’s history of responding to the needs and interests of immigrant populations, it is logical that the first institute of this kind on the East coast of the US be created here.