

# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2026

In 2026, COPAL is advancing a legislative agenda that both defends hard-won protections and builds long-term systems of equity and opportunity for Minnesota's Latine communities.

## D E F E N D

### Protect What Our Communities Have Won

#### ★ **Driver's Licenses for All**

Protecting the right to drive for all Minnesota families, regardless of immigration status.

#### ★ **The North Star Promise Program**

Defending the right to higher education for Minnesota students.

#### ★ **Health Access (MinnesotaCare)**

Protecting and expanding access to healthcare for all. Healthy communities are the foundation of a strong Minnesota.

## B U I L D

### Advance Policies That Strengthen Community Safety & Opportunity

#### ★ **STAR Act**

SF 4176 | HF 3924

Protecting the rights of undocumented immigrants and creating safer communities across Minnesota.

#### ★ **MinnesotaCare Public Option**

SF 3138 | HF 3057

Establishing a MinnesotaCare public option, paving the way for a universal healthcare system.

#### ★ **Housing as a Human Right**

HF 3279 | SF 2621

Advancing a constitutional amendment to secure sustainable, predictable, and ongoing funding to address the housing crisis. This ensures every Minnesotan has access to safe, stable housing.

#### ★ **Insurance Access for ITIN Holders**

SF 4365 | HF 4188

Supporting policies that prohibit discrimination based on tax identification status and requiring insurers to accept ITINs for all applicable insurance products. This ensures equitable access to life, property, and business insurance for all Minnesota residents.

#### ★ **Energy Assistance & Utility Protections**

SF 486 | HF 771

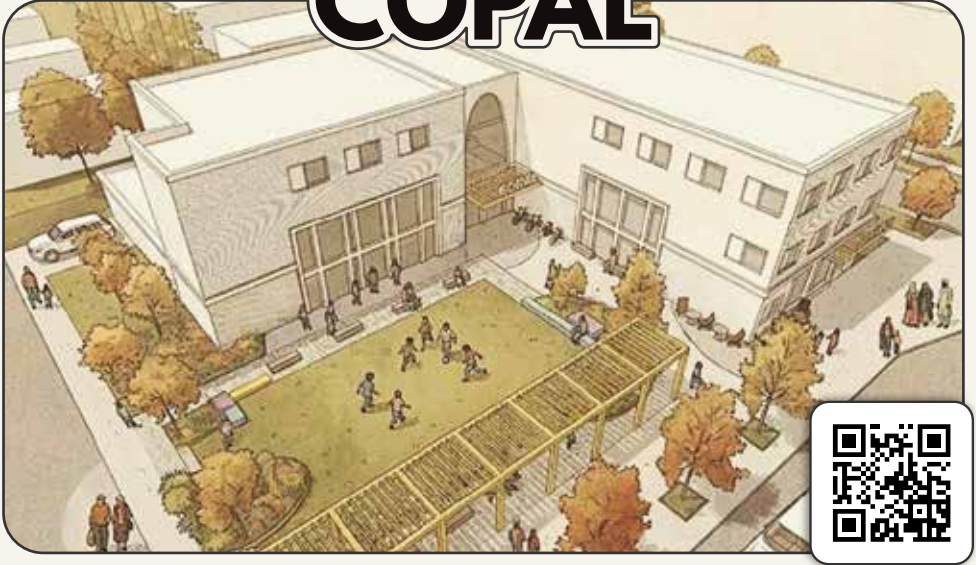
Advancing policies that protect households from utility shutoffs and rising energy costs, ensuring equitable access to essential services that support health, safety, and long-term stability.



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Invest in Community Infrastructure & Long-Term Power

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## LATINO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (LCCE)

SF 1625 | HF 2247

COPAL is advancing the development of the Latino Center for Community Engagement (LCCE), a community-driven hub designed to expand holistic support services, civic engagement opportunities, and economic pathways for Minnesota's Latine community. Located on Lake Street (2905 E Lake St)—a corridor with deep community history and ongoing growth—the LCCE will transform this site into a vibrant space for connection, learning, and community leadership.

By strengthening access to resources, building civic participation, and expanding economic opportunity, the LCCE will support local job creation, contribute to regional economic vitality, and deliver meaningful benefits for all who call Minnesota home. The Center will serve as a gathering place for cultural and civic events, while housing COPAL's programmatic and administrative operations and enabling the expansion of our work to engage more individuals and families across the state—providing a stable and accessible home dedicated to advancing community wellbeing and shared prosperity across Minnesota.