



City of Bluff City  
Mayor Percy J. Brown

## Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue  
Bluff City, Ohio

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

This year's May happenings in Bluff City were quite interesting! We decided to host our first downtown Cinco De Mayo celebration in an effort to aid those few remaining businesses still hanging on. Needless to say, all three bars and the tattoo parlor were excited and wanted to help with the festivities. We also thought it would be a great way to get to know our Hispanic citizens while celebrating their heritage.

Since no one at city hall is Mexican, we're not really sure why May 5<sup>th</sup> is important. We just know that the local Mexican restaurants all have great drink specials on that day and there's always lots of music. So we hired a mariachi band for the afternoon, put up lots of balloons on the lawn around city hall, and hired the fine Mexican restaurant Los Lechon to cater the event. The weather was beautiful and we were pleasantly surprised at the large turnout. Being a career politician, I'm always excited at the prospect of more fine upstanding citizens voting for me in the next election, even if most of them don't speak mucho English. Percy J. Brown is a unique name in any language!

The event was going well and there was mucho laughter and joyous celebration. I don't believe I've ever shaken so many hands or kissed so many babies or danced with so many lovely older ladies at any event I've ever attended. In fact, we even raised \$52 in change for my campaign fund! That's equal to 683.55 pesos, which is quite a lot of money in Mexico! So my thanks to all who gave and attended our first annual celebration. Your generosity will ultimately be remembered!

But I must apologize, as well, for the unfortunate events that followed the piñata bashing.

The INS raid on our joyous celebration was unfortunate and uncalled for and I am truly sorry for the hundreds of attendees who were rudely rounded up, thrown into unmarked cargo vans, and ultimately deported. I have received many angry phone calls from many, many, many local businesses who lost valuable employees in the INS raid. The federal government's heartless actions have only served to worsen our already depressed local economy and I vow to do all I can to remedy the situation.

But President Obama isn't returning my calls, so there's really nothing I can do at this point to get those 578 illegal aliens back to work anytime soon. So please stop calling me at home and look at this from another perspective – now you can hire local, legal Bluff City citizens who have lost jobs elsewhere! We can use this as a stepping stone out of this depression by putting hundreds of local people back to work as fry cooks, maids, roofers, laborers and pool cleaners! It's truly a win-win situation!!

I believe, with your help, we can turn this negative into a positive! And I promise to keep the location of next year's Cinco De Mayo celebration a secret by only saying its name in Mexican. That way only the Mexicans will know where it will be held and we can avoid a repeat of this year's tragic events.

Besos y abrazos!

**Percy J. Brown**  
Your Honorable Mayor