



## **VLAN Launches “ThatMexicanThing.Org” in Response to Mike Pence’s Dismissal and Scapegoating of Latinos and Immigrants**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - October 5, 2016 - VL Action Network released the following statement by President and CEO Maria Teresa Kumar in response to last night’s vice presidential debate.

During the debate, Gov. Mike Pence dismissed his running mate’s constant attacks against immigrants and Latinos as “that Mexican thing, again.” In response, VL Action Network launched [www.thatmexicanthing.org](http://www.thatmexicanthing.org) and was the only site after the debate to drive eligible voters to register to vote against the scapegoating and complete dismissal of the Latino community.

“Last night, Gov. Pence was unable to defend the indefensible.

“That Mexican thing” that Gov. Pence was referring to are the millions of Latino and immigrant families and their countless contributions to the fabric of this country.

“Donald Trump has made this election about us. And now it’s become about defining who is American. Latinos need to show up and represent, so we can change the conversation to make it about what counts – the issues.”

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### **About VL Action Network**

*VL Action Network, formerly the Voto Latino Action Fund, is a 501(c)(4) organization committed to promoting Latino voices in politics by countering false information and supporting leaders that advocate for progress, equality, and fairness for all American communities.*