

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sister Cities Committee

**FROM:** Angelyn Ward,  
Legislative Fiscal Analyst-Lead

**DATE:** July 7, 2006

**RE:** Information on Carora, Venezuela

This is in response to your request on information regarding Carora, Venezuela. The information is from various websites on Carora.

**Carora** - Carora is a city in the state of Lara, in Venezuela, on the Moere River, a branch of the Tocuyo River. It is about 54 miles southwest of Barquisimeto, the capitol of Lara.

Carora was founded twice. The first time, in the year 1569 by Juan de Tejo, but due to constant attacks from the indigenous population, it was abandoned to be re-founded three years later, 1572, by Juan de Salamanca. Carora flourished in colonial times having a population of nearly 10,000.

As of 1911, the area was devoted principally to raising horses, mules and cattle; in addition to hides and leather, it exported rubber and other forest products.

The city has a dynamic commerce in agriculture and cattle, with schools and state training centers. The main economic activity of the area is cattle ranching, milk production and milk products. Maize is cultivated in the valley, along with the production of candies and cheeses. In the 1990's grapes and wine making became important.

Most of the population is of Spanish descent and maintain the customs and traditions of that culture. Carora has one of the finest and best preserved colonial districts in Venezuela, paved streets and charming, well kept houses of colonial times.

### **Facts and Figures About Carora, Venezuela:**

Population	105,400 ( <i>est. 2002</i> )
State	Lara
Type	City
National language	Spanish
National currency	Bolivar (VEB)