

SANDRA LUCAS ASHAMED OF HISPANICS?

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Democrat Sandy Lucas is ashamed of Hispanics‏ Carmen Sabatino (mayor@thesabatinoreport.com) From:

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