

**AMONG THE 6.3% BLACK (OF ALL NATIONS) IN SAN ANTONIO; WHERE
DOES CARLOS FIT IN BEST?**

REGION	CONNECTION	STRENGTH
Central America (Panama, Belize)	Birthplace and father's roots. Lived U.S.-Panamanian lifestyle under U.S. rule.	Strongest emotional tie
Afro-Caribbean (Jamaica, St. Vincent)	Grandparents' cultural heritage; values may reflect island traditions.	Deep ancestral pull
BLACK AMERICAN CULTURE	55 years in the U.S., but never fully accepted. May admire and empathize, but feels alien.	Limited fit
Pan-African/African diaspora	Values shared suffering, resilience, faith, and history. Emotionally linked but culturally distinct.	Spiritual solidarity
LATINO CULTURE (SPANISH-SPEAKING)	Possibly some fluency or cultural influence from Panama.	Partial connection
European/North American	U.S. military, education, civic involvement; lived in American systems.	Institutional fit, but not cultural identity