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### **LPRAC to Advocate for Employment Opportunities and more Access to Resources in 2011**

**“Focus on Self-Sufficiency, Education, Discrimination, Health, & Public Safety”**

Hartford, Connecticut – The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (LPRAC) is working with members of the Connecticut General Assembly on ways to increase access to resources, and employment opportunities to assist Latino and Puerto Rican families during the current recession. In specific, the LPRAC during the 2011 legislative session will work on legislative recommendations that focus on (1) the racial and ethnic educational achievement gap; (2) health equity; (3) the racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system; (4) and an assessment of Latino non-profits during this economic crisis.

The LPRAC is working with Senate Majority Leader Martin M. Looney, Assistant President Pro Tempore Edith G. Prague and Deputy Majority Whip Juan Candelaria on re-introducing the In-State Tuition bill, which allows all state residents and graduates of Connecticut high schools to attend community colleges and state universities at the in-state tuition rate regardless of their immigration status. Moreover, the LPRAC is working on implementation improvements to the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Act, and on Contract Compliance/Small Contractor Set-Aside Law. Finally the LPRAC will continue informing political leaders and the general public about the economic benefits of having culturally diverse state boards & commissions; a good education system; and most importantly more employment opportunities.

LPRAC is a nonpartisan policy agency within the Legislative branch of government created in 1994 by an Act of the Connecticut Legislature. Under Public Act 09-07, the LPRAC consists of 21 appointed volunteers who are mandated to advise the General Assembly and the Governor on policies that foster progress in the Puerto Rican and Latino communities residing in Connecticut.

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