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## **Commission on Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs to launch meetings across the state**

**When:** May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.  
**Where:** Bridgeport City Hall Annex, Conference Room A  
999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut  
**Who:** Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission

(Hartford, CT) – The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (LPRAC) starting on May 20, 2009 will officially launch a new public relations initiative aimed at expanding its efforts to reach out to the Latino community in Connecticut. The Commission is planning to hold its regular commission meetings in different municipalities starting in Bridgeport in the month of May.

U.S. Representative Jim Himes, Mayor Bill Finch, members of the Bridgeport delegation of state lawmakers, Latino legislators, community, business, and civic leaders will be among those invited to observe the proceedings.

It is the mission of the LPRAC to develop and recommend, to the governor and the legislature, policy for the advancement of Connecticut's Latino community.

The LPRAC is focusing on an agenda that addresses the needs of its community for access to resources and opportunities. Specifically, it has been working on ways to reduce the impact of the state budget deficit on its social service agencies and businesses. The LPRAC is working on health care reform, home foreclosure moratorium and on legislation that would increase the school dropout age. The LPRAC is also monitoring the \$900 million in stimulus funds that have been committed to recovery efforts in Connecticut.

The LPRAC was created by the Legislature of the State of Connecticut through Public Act No. 94-152, which took effect on February 1, 1995. The Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission is part of the Legislative Branch.

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