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Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified individuals to be recognized at our 15th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven, Connecticut.

In an effort to continue recognizing academic excellence among Hispanic students, community and organizational leaders statewide, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual awards in the following categories:

- *Hispanic Citizens of the Year;*
- *Promesa Youth Scholarship Award for High School Seniors and College students; and,*
- *Community Service Award (Presented to an Organization)*

The awards are designed to recognize Hispanic men and women and one Hispanic organization in the state that have made significant contributions to our community. Last year, we received numerous submissions for outstanding individuals; ***if your nominee was not selected for award, please do not hesitate to re-submit their name for consideration this year.***

Enclosed please find the criteria, nomination form and scholarship application for use in making your nominations for award consideration. Please submit names for those who meet the criteria outlined. ***It is imperative that the nomination be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission.*** The deadline for submission of nominations is ***Friday, April 27, 2012*** ***It is vital that you act on your nomination as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please*** submit your nomination(s) by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your participation and feel free to contact me at 860-240-8330 or email me at lucy.hernandez@cga.ct.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lucia Goicoechea-Hernández

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cc: Commissioner Juan M. Pérez, Special Projects Committee Chairman
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Latino/a Citizen of the Year
Promesa Youth Award - Male & Female
Community Service Award

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Category I - The Latino/a Citizen of the Year Award

Individuals must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the advancement, promotion and development of the cultural, social, economic and political welfare of the Latino community in Connecticut;
- Be at least 25 years of age;
- Be a resident of Connecticut; and,
- Be Latino/a or a non-Latino/a providing significant contributions to the Latino community.

Category II - The Promesa Scholarship Award for Youth - Male & Female

Individuals must: (Several scholarships to be awarded of at least \$1000 per student.)

Application is attached. **Please highlight your current community work.**

- Be of Latino Heritage - Be a Connecticut Resident
- Have at least a 2.80 GPA - Be a HS Senior or College student
- Submit an essay no longer than 1500 words on the following topics:
 - 1) What are your future endeavors after college in order to contribute to the Hispanic community? OR
 - 2) Name one or more leaders in the Hispanic Community at the local or national level that have contributed to the cultural, social, economic and political life in the United States
 - 3) College acceptance letter & High School transcripts are required with application **FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY.**
- Name three (3) people that you admire and why
- Name all the organizations and/or boards you have belonged to and community work that you have done in the past.
- Please submit 2 letters of recommendation - One from a teacher and one from your Guidance Counselor.

Category III - The Community Service Award (Organizations Only)

Organization must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the Latino community it serves;
- Have Latinos as its primary target population for its services and/or specific project;
- Have a significant representation of Latinos in its staff and Board of Directors; and,
- Serve Latinos in Connecticut.

Deadline for submitting nominations: **Friday, April 27, 2012**

Please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced by amount awarded to you by your college/university once you are selected by us.

IMPORTANT: Nominations must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted.

Nomination Form

(Continued)

Please provide information about yourself:

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Signature of Person Making the Nomination

Today's Date

Please check:

- () I have included two letters of support for each nomination made. *
() You may contact me for additional information.

**If you nominate, you cannot provide a letter of support. They must come from two individuals other than yourself.*

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Please send completed form with two letters of support to:

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Thank you for taking the time to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of the Latino and Puerto Rican community in Connecticut.

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NOTE: Family members of Commissioners and Staff are not eligible. Commissioners and staff cannot nominate or provide letters of support. Anyone related to a public official or whose family works for a public official is not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

