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PRESS RELEASE

Legislative Commission on Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Re-elects Chairman and Elects All New Executive Board.

Hartford, CT 12/28/11 – The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (LPRAC) re-elected their Board Chairman to lead the governmental agency for the next two years. Commissioner Isaias T. Diaz, a practicing attorney in the City of Hartford was originally appointed to the LPRAC by House Republican Leader Larry Cafero, where he has already served as their top leader for the past two years. “*I am humbled by my colleagues vote of confidence,*” vowing to carry on with their legislative mandate in the halls of power, “*I will continue to speak in the legislature in support of education reform, access to resources to Latino businesses, and meaningful improvements to the Alvin W. Penn Anti Racial Profiling Law.*”

Commissioner Rick Cruz was elected Vice-Chair, Commissioner Yolanda Castillo, Secretary, and Dr. Eugene Salorio, Treasurer. The LPRAC was created by an act of the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) in 1994 to make recommendations to the members of the Connecticut General Assembly and the Governor for new or enhanced policies that will foster progress in achieving educational success, economic self-sufficiency, end discrimination, improve public safety and achieve health equity in Connecticut.



L to R: Rick Cruz, Yolanda Castillo, Isaias Diaz, Eugene Salorio

The LPRAC, for the record, embraced results-based accountability in 2010 as a tool to conduct their business and prioritized its limited resources the past few years on legislation that aims at closing the achievement gap; successfully advocated in support of the Connecticut Dream Act and advised the legislature about the importance of supporting Latino non-profits in our state. More recently, the LPRAC advised the legislature about the changing demographics of our state in the context of the redistricting process taking place at the legislature.