

Session 1 (continued)

CONVENTION CENTER | 10:15AM -11:45AM

THE GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT SECTOR: A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE & OPPORTUNITY IN PUERTO RICO | RM NO. 208/A

Moderators: Assemblywoman Maritza Davila **Panelists:** Ana María García Blanco, Executive Director, Instituto Nueva Escuela | Luisa Seijo Maldonado, Director, Instituto Universitario para el Desarrollo de las Comunidades | Federico Del Monte Garrido, Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Planificación | Charlotte Gossett Navarro, Senior Director of Puerto Rico Operations, Hispanic Federation | Brenda Torres, Executive Director, Programa del Estuario de la Bahía de San Juan

This workshop examines how nonprofits in Puerto Rico are strengthening resource and knowledge networks in order to more strategically execute their missions within their specific community. In particular, speakers will address Post Hurricane Maria initiatives to build organizational capacity and expand solidarity networks, especially in regard to the diaspora.

MOVING THE IMMIGRANT AGENDA FORWARD | RM NO. 202/C

Moderators: Assemblywoman Carmen N. De La Rosa **Panelists:** Marie Mark, Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Defense Project | Saima Anjam, Senior Director of Advocacy, New York Immigration Coalition | Ellen Vollinger, Legal Director of the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) | Javier H. Valdés, Co- Executive Director, Make The Road New York

The Federal Government's attack on immigrants – documented and undocumented – has instilled feelings of frustration, fear and grief throughout immigrant communities across the nation. Recently, U.S. Department of Homeland Security released a 447-page draft proposal that would revise the 1999 rule and dramatically expand the definition of “public charge” for legal immigrants. More than ever, it is time for Albany to act swiftly to protect the 4.5 million immigrants that call New York home. This panel will discuss proposed immigration policies by analyzing economic and social factors that will benefit the Empire State. Such topics include driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants; the New York State Dream Act, which would expand NY's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to undocumented students; and One Day to Protect New York, which would reduce the maximum prison sentence for misdemeanor offenses by one day to protect immigrant New Yorkers from deportation for minor offenses.

PUERTO RICANS IN FLORIDA: ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF NEWLY RELOCATED FAMILIES | RM NO. 202/B

Moderators: Anthony Suarez, Esq., President **Panelists:** State Senator Victor Torres | State Representative Amy Mercado | Marie Masson, President of the PRBA of Florida

The rapidly expanding Puerto Rican population in cities such as Orlando, Florida will continue to impact school enrollments, business, housing and job availability. In this workshop, leaders of the Puerto Rican Diaspora will discuss the social needs of Puerto Rican families and how communities can organize to support not only their needs but also create a cohesive society.

PUERTO RICO DEBT CRISIS: POST IRMA AND MARIA SOLUTION STRATEGIES | RM NO. 202/A

Moderators: Assemblyman Robert J. Rodriguez **Panelists:** Carlos J. Cuevas, Esq., Bankruptcy Attorney | Eric LeCompte, Executive Director – Jubilee USA | Gustavo Vélez, Presidente y Fundador de Inteligencia Económica, Inc. | Juan Lara, Economist UPR

The controversial and complicated legislation regarding Puerto Rico's billions of dollars of debt that passed within the last few years did not foresee the devastating and crippling consequences of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This workshop's goal is to clarify the current debt crisis situation one year post the hurricane devastation.

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