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# Legislative Workshops (Morning Session)

November 6th, 2025

San Juan, Puerto Rico



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| ROOM<br>(CARIBE<br>HILTON)            | SESSION 1<br>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | SESSION 2<br>10:30 AM - 11:45 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Flamingo A<br>(2nd Floor)             | Time to Act: How to Disentangle NY from Trump’s Anti-Immigrant Agenda<br>Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes                                                                                                                                                                          | Colonialism, Resistance, and Solidarity: Puerto Rico & Palestine<br>Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes                                                                                                                                                   |
| Flamingo B<br>(2nd Floor)             | Protecting Family Bonds: Preventing and Mitigating Family Separation in New York State’s Criminal Legal Systems<br>Senator Julia Salazar, Assemblymember Phara Souffrant-Forrest and Assemblymember Anna Kelles                                                                   | Protecting Latino Communities Through Financial Empowerment<br>Senator Luis Sepúlveda and Assemblymember Harvey Epstein                                                                                                                               |
| Flamingo C<br>(2nd Floor)             | Defending Progress and Reimagining Equity: How New York and Puerto Rico Are Advancing DEIA Amid National Shifts<br>Senator Nathalia Fernandez and Assemblymember Jessica González Rojas                                                                                           | The Price of Purpose: A Bold Agenda for New York’s & Puerto Rico’s Human Services Sector<br>Assemblymember Emerita Torres and Senator Leroy Comrie                                                                                                    |
| Flamingo D<br>(2nd Floor)             | Unlocking the Power of MWBEs: Building Wealth in Black and Brown Communities<br>Assemblymember Amanda Septimo                                                                                                                                                                     | Juntos nos levantamos: The State University of New York, University of Puerto Rico, and Puerto Rican NGO Para La Naturaleza Partner to Empower Students and Address Social, Health, & Environmental Justice Issues<br>Assemblymember Gabriella Romero |
| Tropical A<br>(2nd Floor)             | Bridging Equity: Re-Connecting Education, Health & Community<br>Senator Shelley B. Mayer and Assemblymember Nader Sayegh                                                                                                                                                          | PR/HYLI: Empowering Student Voices through SOMOS<br>Assemblymember Karines Reyes                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tropical B<br>(2nd Floor)             | Cultivating Calm, and Connection: Students, Families and Educators<br>Assemblymember Karines Reyes                                                                                                                                                                                | Safeguarding Food Justice in the Face of Federal Cuts<br>Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas, Senator Zellnor Myrie and Assemblymember Charles Fall                                                                                                 |
| Tropical C<br>(2nd Floor)             | The Moment is Ours: Building the Future for the Next Era of Justice From the Inside Out<br>Assemblymember Catalina Cruz, Assemblymember Eddie Gibbs and Senator Jeremy Cooney                                                                                                     | Aging with Dignity: Pathways to Inclusion and Equity<br>Senator Cordell Cleare and Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright                                                                                                                                   |
| Conference Room 3<br>(2nd Floor)      | The Myth of ‘Tough-on-Crime’ Latino Voters: How to win on safety with Latino voters<br>Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes and Assemblymember Catalina Cruz                                                                                                                           | Leveling the Playing Field: Advancing Youth Equity Through Policy and Partnership<br>Assemblymember John Zaccaro Jr.                                                                                                                                  |
| Conference Room 4<br>(2nd Floor)      | Federal Fault Lines, Community Front Lines: Securing New York and Puerto Rico’s Workforce Futures<br>Assemblymember George Alvarez, Assemblymember Larinda Hooks and Assemblymember Tony Simone                                                                                   | Supporting Vulnerable Communities through School-Nonprofit Partnerships<br>Assemblymember Catalina Cruz, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas and Assemblymember Jonathan Rivera                                                                     |
| Conference Room 5<br>(2nd Floor)      | Rebuilding for Resilience: Sustainable Infrastructure and Energy in Puerto Rico and New York<br>Councilmember Carmen De La Rosa                                                                                                                                                   | Shared Struggles, Shared Strength: A Dialogue Across Communities - Building Bridges Between Latino, African-American, Pacific Islander, Puerto Rican, and Jewish Voices in Unity<br>Assemblymember Nily Rozic                                         |
| Conference Room 6<br>(2nd Floor)      | Tackling Health Equity in Healthcare Facilities and in Home Health Care: Exploring Ways to Address the Nursing Workforce Shortage<br>Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman                                                                                                                | Navigating Medicaid Challenges: Strategies for Protecting Health Care Access and Equity in New York and Puerto Rico<br>Assemblymember Maritza Davila                                                                                                  |
| Conference Room 7<br>(2nd Floor)      | Planning with Purpose: Building a Resilient Future Through Clean Energy and Skilled Jobs<br>Assemblymember Emérita Torres                                                                                                                                                         | Protecting Human Services during National Polycrisis<br>Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos                                                                                                                                                            |
| Conference Room 8<br>(2nd Floor)      | AI for All<br>Senator Kristen Gonzalez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No es extraño este sitio para la danza: A Video Installation of Diasporic Rhythm and Resistance<br>Assemblymember Karines Reyes                                                                                                                       |
| Conference Room 9<br>(2nd Floor)      | From Content to Change: Educating and Mobilizing Young People and Marginalized Communities in our Evolving Media Landscape<br>Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Assemblymember Maritza Davila, Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson and Senator Robert Jackson | Overcoming Barriers to Mental Health Support: Developing a Peer Support Navigator Certificate Program for Latiné and Puerto Rican Communities<br>Senator Nathalia Fernandez and Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright                                      |
| Conference Room 10<br>(2nd Floor)     | SRJ in New York State and the Caribbean: Reclaiming Health, Power, and Resilience through Research and Policy<br>Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos and Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn                                                                                          | Keeping New York Housed: How Federal Funding Cuts To The Social Safety Net Will Impact New York And The Way Forward<br>Assemblymember Emérita Torres, Assemblymember Harvey Epstein and Assemblymember Steven Raga                                    |
| Salon Del Mar A<br>(2nd Floor)        | Reclaiming Power: Civic Engagement as Resistance in the Face of Authoritarianism<br>Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg                                                                                                                                | Key Interventions: How We Can Still Achieve Our Climate, Jobs, and Equity Mandates<br>Senator Jessica Ramos                                                                                                                                           |
| Salon Del Mar B<br>(2nd Floor)        | From NYC to Puerto Rico: Place-Based Strategies for Economic Development Through Culture and Tourism<br>Assemblymember Steven Raga                                                                                                                                                | From Enforcement to Empowerment: How New York is Building Safer and Stronger Communities<br>Senator Julia Salazar                                                                                                                                     |
| Garden Wing Auditorium<br>(1st Floor) | CLE COURSE (The Independence of the Judiciary and the Rule of Law)                                                                                                                                                                                                                | CLE COURSE (The Independence of the Judiciary and the Rule of Law)                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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# Legislative Workshops (Afternoon Session)

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| ROOM (CARIBE HILTON)                  | SESSION 3<br>1:45 PM - 3:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | SESSION 4<br>3:15 PM - 4:30 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Flamingo A<br>(2nd Floor)             | From Foundation to Futures: The Pivotal Role of Latinos in (re)Building and (re)Imagining Public Spaces<br>Assembly Member Emérita Torres                                                                                                                | Culture as Power: How Creatives and Cultural Organizations Are Driving Impact and Change in the Puerto Rican, Latino and African-American Communities<br>Senator Zellnor Myrie & Assemblymember Emérita Torres                                                                        |
| Flamingo B<br>(2nd Floor)             | Reclaiming the Algorithm: Community Power in Data and AI<br>Assemblymember Emérita Torres                                                                                                                                                                | Breaking Barriers: Advancing Equity and Representation in Law<br>Senator Luis Sepúlveda, Assemblymember Catalina Cruz, Assemblymember Alex Bores and Assemblymember Jonathan Rivera                                                                                                   |
| Flamingo C<br>(2nd Floor)             | Combating Systems of Harm and Building Unified Solutions<br>Assemblymember Gabriella Romero                                                                                                                                                              | Education Not Deportation: Empowering Students, Families, and Educators in Today's Climate and Beyond<br>Assemblymember Catalina Cruz and Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas                                                                                                       |
| Flamingo D<br>(2nd Floor)             | Under Pressure: Navigating Federal Cuts and Defending Latino & Immigrant Families' Access to Healthcare and Nutrition<br>Senator Gustavo Rivera, Assemblymember Amanda Septimo, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas and Assemblymember David I. Weprin | Weathering the Storm: Advancing Emergency Preparedness Through Government-University Partnerships<br>Assemblymember Gabriella Romero                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tropical A<br>(2nd Floor)             | Reimagining a Better Future for App-Based Delivery: Advancing Micromobility Infrastructure and Labor Rights Across NYC and Puerto Rico<br>Assemblymember Claire Valdez                                                                                   | Community-Centered Language Access Practices and Resources<br>Assemblymember Gabriella Romero                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tropical B<br>(2nd Floor)             | Collaborative Solutions to Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health: Political and Social Strategies to Support Latine Communities<br>Senator Nathalia Fernandez                                                                                         | Resilience and Remembrance: Honoring the Latino Legacy of 9/11<br>Assemblymember Amanda Septimo                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tropical C<br>(2nd Floor)             | Alternatives as Default: Scaling a Just Vision for Community Safety<br>Assemblymember Catalina Cruz                                                                                                                                                      | First to Fight, Next to Lead: Intergenerational Movement Building<br>Assemblymember Steven Raga and Assemblymember Grace Lee and Senator Michael Gianaris                                                                                                                             |
| Conference Room 3<br>(2nd Floor)      | Raíces de Resiliencia: Empowering Latino Communities and Rebuilding Higher Education in the Current Political Climate<br>Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia and Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman                                                                  | The 2030 Census, Research, and our Communities: Why the reliable data matters for all New Yorkers<br>Assemblymember Steven Raga, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages, Assemblymember Landon Dais, and Assemblymember David I. Weprin                                                     |
| Conference Room 4<br>(2nd Floor)      | From the Bronx to Bayamón: Housing Justice, Climate Displacement, and the Fight to Stay Home<br>Senator Luis Sepúlveda & Assemblymember George Alvarez                                                                                                   | Pathways to Promise: Changing the Odds and Building Next Gen Leaders<br>Senator Nathalia Fernandez & Assemblymember Chris Burdick and Assemblymember Dana Leveneg                                                                                                                     |
| Conference Room 5<br>(2nd Floor)      | Rise Through Resilience: Por Nosotros, Policy, and the Power of Comunidad<br>Senator Jessica Ramos and Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos                                                                                                                | Technological Disruptions to the Hispanic Community's Transportation Ecosystem<br>Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Conference Room 6<br>(2nd Floor)      | Weathering the Federal Storm: How New York State is Safeguarding Our Transition to Cleaner Energy, Air and Water<br>Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes, Assemblymember Michaelle Solages and Senator Kevin Parker                                           | Leading Through Uncertainty: How New York Can Support Babies, Families and Caregivers with HealthySteps and Universal Child Care When Federal Policies Fall Short<br>Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia, Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Senator Cordell Cleare and Assemblymember Karines Reyes |
| Conference Room 7<br>(2nd Floor)      | You cannot erase us: Health Care Access Challenges and the Impact on Hispanic/Latine Communities in New York and Puerto Rico<br>Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Assemblymember Amy Paulin, and Assemblymember Tony Simone                                      | Empowering People in an AI World: Education, Equity, and the Future of Work<br>Senator Julia Salazar, Senator Kristen Gonzalez, and Assemblymember Alex Bores                                                                                                                         |
| Conference Room 8<br>(2nd Floor)      | The Power of Property Management in the Community and the Economy<br>Senator Julia Salazar                                                                                                                                                               | Team Up or Lose Out! How Building Coalitions Can Save Public Services<br>Assemblymember Emérita Torres & Senator Zellnor Myrie                                                                                                                                                        |
| Conference Room 9<br>(2nd Floor)      | Run. Win. Lead. Next Gen Leaders on Being in Office & How They Got There<br>Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Assemblymember Amanda Septimo, Assemblymember Gabriella Romero and Assemblymember Jordan Wright                                                  | Congestion Relief Works: Early Wins and What's Next<br>Assemblymember Tony Simone and Senator Jeremy Cooney                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Conference Room 10<br>(2nd Floor)     | Health Inequities: A Human Rights Crisis for the Latino Community<br>Senator Jamaal Bailey                                                                                                                                                               | Cooperativas de Vivienda: Preserving and Expanding Co-ops and Social Housing from San Juan to NYC<br>Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes, Senator Brian Kavanaugh and Assemblymember Emily Gallagher                                                                                      |
| Salon Del Mar A<br>(2nd Floor)        | Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship in and between NYC and Puerto Rico<br>Assemblymember John Zaccaro, Jr.                                                                                                                                         | Community Solar from NY to PR: a Recipe for Local Power, Good Jobs and Lower Electricity Bills<br>Senator Jessica Ramos                                                                                                                                                               |
| Salon Del Mar B<br>(2nd Floor)        | Pathways to Tenant Ownership<br>Senator Zellnor Myrie                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Advancing Real Solutions for Immigrant Justice: Context, Legislation, and Activism<br>Assemblymember Claire Valdez                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Garden Wing Auditorium<br>(1st Floor) | ICE: The American Gestapo<br>Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte-Hermelyn, Assemblymember Michaelle Solanges and Assemblymember Chantel Jackson                                                                                                             | Left Behind: A Documentary about the First Public Dyslexic School in New York City<br>Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, Assemblymember JoAnne Simon Assemblymember Grace Lee                                                                                                             |