

Somos El Futuro
20th Annual Legislative
Conference

**New York State Assembly/Senate
Puerto Rican/ Hispanic Task Force**

"20 Years: The Voyage from Somos
Uno to Somos El Futuro"

April 27-30, 2007
Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

Preliminary Agenda

The Somos El Futuro Conference brings together nine-thousand (9,000) New Yorkers who represent a cross-section of the state's Hispanic community; federal, state, and local elected officials, as well as community, labor, and business leaders. Its mission is to provide a forum for the development of social, economic, legislative and budgetary initiatives of concern to Hispanic communities throughout the state. The conference also serves as a stage to acknowledge the significant contributions of Hispanics. These goals are achieved through workshops, seminars, policy institutes and special networking forums.

Hon. Sheldon Silver
Speaker

Hon. Peter M. Rivera
Chair

Hon. Vito Lopez
Co-Chair

Thursday, 26 April 2007

6:30pm to 9:30pm Somos El Futuro Hispanic Business Summit Dinner
Theme: New York as the Gateway for Conducting Business in
Latin America and the Caribbean.
To be followed by a discussion of the day to day issues that impact
Hispanic Business Owners.

Hosted by New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto
Rican/Hispanic Task Force and sponsored by Somos El Futuro Inc.
and the National Hispanic Business Group

Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th Street, NY, NY (by invitation only)

Friday, 27 April 2007

9am to 5pm Conference Registration, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level

10am to 12pm Workshops: Concourse Level

* Identity Theft

* Monitoring your Blood Pressure

12pm to 5pm	Exhibit Booths, Concourse Level
12:30pm to 2pm	Seniors Luncheon, Convention Center
2pm	New York Latino Research and Resources Network Board Meeting
2pm to 4pm	Hispanic Business Summit Plenary Session: Convened by the Presidents of the New York State Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
5pm to 6pm	Somos El Futuro Board Inc., Champagne Reception, Crowne Plaza (by invitation only)
6pm to 9pm	“La Bienvenida” Welcome Reception
8:30pm	Concert: Entertainment TBA
9pm	New York City Council Reception, Crowne Plaza
12midnight	Post-Concert Reception hosted by the Statewide Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Substance Abuse Task Force, Assemblyman Darryl Towns, Assemblyman Luis M. Diaz, and Senator Efrain Gonzalez.

SATURDAY, 28 APRIL 2007

8am	Labor Breakfast, Crowne Plaza
9am to 2pm	Conference Registration, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level
9am to 5pm	Exhibits Booths, Empire State Plaza, Concourse Level
10am to 12pm	Hispanic Business Summit Workshop Part I
10am to 12pm	Placita Workshops, Meeting Rooms 1-7 Topics TBA
10am to 12pm	Workshops: Concourse Level
	* Education: Is the failure of Hispanics in our education system related to the lack of parental involvement
	* Preventive Medicine: Government’s role in controlling Obesity, Diabetes & Asthma in the Hispanic community
12pm	“Entre Nosotras” Women’s Luncheon

	Crowne Plaza Ballroom (by invitation only)
12pm to 2pm	CUNY Luncheon, Empire State Plaza (by invitation only)
2pm to 4pm	CUNY/SUNY College Mock Senate Session, Senate Chamber
2pm to 4pm	Placita Workshops, Concourse Level, Meeting Rooms 1-7 Topics TBA
2pm to 5pm	Hispanic Business Summit Workshop Part II & Small Business Reception
2pm to 4pm	Workshops, LOB Hearing Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Documentary Film Screenings: Politics Con Sabor, Retire 21 (documentary on Roberto Clemente,) & The Life of Antonia Pantoja * The impact of the INS Immigration and Custom Enforcement unit policy on the New York States rural economy and the family unit * Sustainability of Not-for-Profit Organizations * Judicial Diversity: Exploring the impact of the Lopez decision on judicial selection
2pm to 4pm	Dominican Leadership Workshop, LOB Hearing Room
4pm to 6pm	Honoring Dominican Leadership Reception
5:30pm	Puerto Rican Hispanic Task Force Chairman's VIP & Somos el Futuro Inc. Awards Reception, Concourse Level (by invitation only)
7pm to 10pm	Black Tie Banquet, Convention Center
	Special Guest: Voto Latino Spokesperson, Actress Zoe Saldana
12midnight	After-Banquet Reception hosted by the Statewide Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Substance Abuse Task Force, Assemblyman Darryl Towns, Assemblyman Luis M. Diaz, and Senator Efrain Gonzalez.

SUNDAY, 29 APRIL 2007

- 11am to 2pm “Despedida” Farewell Brunch & Hispanic Business Summit
MWBE Award Ceremony
The Well, LOB, Concourse Level
- 11am to 1pm Hispanic Youth Leadership Training Workshop,
Assembly Chamber
- 1pm to 3pm Hispanic Youth Leadership Mock Assembly Session,
Assembly Chamber
- 6pm Hispanic Youth Leadership Dinner,
Crowne Plaza, Ballroom

MONDAY, 30 APRIL 2007

- 10am to 12pm Hispanic Youth Leadership Legislative Session,
LOB Hearing Room B