



# Somos El Futuro

18th Annual Legislative Conference  
dedicada a

“Los Obreros Hispanos”

April 15 -17, 2005

Empire State Plaza w Albany, NY

## New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force Preliminary Agenda

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Sheldon Silver, Speaker ♦ Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera, Chair ♦ Assemblyman Vito J. Lopez, Co-Chair

### Conference Registration:

- ♦ Friday, April 15th ♦ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
  - ♦ Saturday, April 16th ♦ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Concourse Level of the Legislative Office Building
- ♦ Online registration at [www.somosconference.com](http://www.somosconference.com)

*The Somos El Futuro Legislative Conference brings together 9,000 New Yorkers who represent a cross-section of the state's Hispanic community; federal, state, local elected officials, as well as community, labor, and business leaders. Its mission is to provide a forum for the development of 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 forums.*

### **FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2005**

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| 9 am to 5 pm       | <b>Conference Registration, Concourse Level</b>  |
| 9 am to 5 pm       | <b>Exhibit Booths Open, Concourse North &amp; South</b>  |
| 10 am to 11:30 am  | <b>Workshop - Hispanic Seniors Advocacy Workshop – Meeting Room 6</b>  |
| 12 pm to 2 pm      | <b>Seniors Luncheon, Convention Center, The Egg</b>  |
| 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm | <b>Workshop – Consumer Protection for the Elderly, Meeting Room 3</b>  |
| 2:30 pm to 4 pm    | <b>Workshops, Concourse Level Meeting Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Insurance &amp; the Hispanic Community – Meeting Room 6</li><li>• Creating Relations Between Scholars and Policy Makers – Meeting Room 5</li><li>• Medicare Changes and Their Impact on the Hispanic Community – Meeting Room 4</li><li>• “Smart Seniors” Learn to Recognize Unfair Business Practices – Meeting Room 2</li></ul> |

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## **FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2005 continued**

- 6 pm to 8 pm      **“La Bienvenida” Welcome Reception**, hosted by the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, sponsored by the New York LCLAA – Labor Council for Latin American Advancement/AFL-CIO. Please join us for the official opening of the 18th Annual Somos El Futuro Conference, Crowne Plaza
- 7 pm              **Albany Mayor Jennings Reception**, Albany City Hall
- 9 pm              **Somos El Futuro Concert** hosted by Richie Ramirez, Hart Theater-The Egg. Featuring Salsa Artists: Raulin Rosendo, Dominic, and Kevin Ceballo
- 10 pm             **New York City Council Reception**, Crowne Plaza
- 12 midnight     **Midnight Madness Karaoke**, hosted by the Statewide Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Substance Abuse Task Force, Assemblyman Darryl Towns, Assemblyman Luis M. Diaz, and Senator Efrain Gonzalez. Crowne Plaza

## **SATURDAY, 16 APRIL 2005**

- 8 am              **Labor Breakfast**, Crowne Plaza Ballroom
- 9 am to 12 pm    **CLE Course - Labor and Employment Law Seminar**, Concourse Level, 3 Credits (for Lawyers Only) Meeting Room 7
- 9 am to 2 pm     **Conference Registration**, Concourse Level
- 9 am to 5 pm     **Exhibit Booths Open**, Concourse Level, North & South
- 10 am to 11:30 am **Legislative Sessions: Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor**
- Immigration: How Immigrants are changing the landscape of labor and politics nationally and in New York State - Hearing Room A
  - Minority/Women Business Enterprise - Article 15(a) Review and Discussion - Hearing Room B
  - Teenage Pregnancy, Hearing Room C
- 10 am to 11:30 am **Workshops**, Concourse Level Meeting Rooms
- Latino and African American Relations: Part II, Meeting Room 1
  - Environmental Injustice, Meeting Room 2
  - Who Pays for the Rising Cost of Health Care, Meeting Room 3
  - New Trends in ID Theft: How to Protect Yourself, Meeting Room 4
  - Auto Insurance Fraud: The Crime We All Pay For, Meeting Room 5

**SATURDAY, 16 APRIL 2005 continued**

- 12 pm **Women's "Entre Nosotras" Luncheon**, Crowne Plaza Ballroom  
(by Invitation Only)
- 12 pm to 2 pm **CUNY Luncheon**, Assembly Parlor, Capitol (by Invitation Only)
- 12 pm - 2 pm **Somos El Futuro MWBE Networking Luncheon**, hosted by the South Bronx Board of Trade, Meeting Room 6, Concourse  
(by Invitation Only)
- 2 pm to 4 pm **CUNY/SUNY College Mock Senate Session**, Senate Chamber
- 2:30 pm to 4 pm **Legislative Sessions**, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor
- Education: Do we want to make a difference? Breaking the Cycle of Failure for Latino Students - Hearing Room A
  - Upstate and Suburban Hispanic Summit, Hearing Room B
  - Transitional Housing, Hearing Room C
- 2:30 pm to 4 pm **Workshops**, Concourse Level Meeting Rooms
- The 2004 Elections: Y Ahora Que? Where Do We Go From Here?, Meeting Room 1
  - Latinos Bridging the Gap between School and Career: A Role for Unions, Meeting Room 2
  - End-to-End Verification and Validation of New York Elections, Meeting Room 3
  - New York City's Employment Challenge: Developing Potential for our Future Workforce, Meeting Room 4
  - NAFTA/CAFTA: The Selling of "Free Trade", Meeting Room 5
  - La Fiesta Folklorica de Nueva York: Celebrating 40 Years of Puerto Rican Culture - Meeting Room 7
- 4 pm to 6 pm **Dominican Legislative Reception, hosted by Assemblymen Adriano Espailat and Jose Peralta**, The Capital Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 5:30 pm **Chairman's VIP Reception**, Concourse Level (by Invitation Only)
- 7 pm to 10 pm **Dinner Gala**, Convention Center
- 10 pm to 1 am **After-Gala Dance**, Crowne Plaza
- 10 pm to 2 am **"Old Skool Jam"** hosted by Assemblyman Ruben Diaz Jr., Pearl Room, Crowne Plaza
- 12 midnight **Midnight Madness Karaoke**, Crowne Plaza hosted by the Statewide Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Substance Abuse Task Force, Assemblyman Darryl Towns, Assemblyman Luis M. Diaz, and Senator Efrain Gonzalez

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**SUNDAY, 17 APRIL 2005**

- 11 am to 1 pm      **Hispanic Youth Leadership Training Workshop**, Assembly Chamber
- 1 pm to 3 pm      **Hispanic Youth Leadership Mock Assembly Session**, Assembly Chamber
- 1 pm                **La Despedida/Farewell Reception**, Legislative Office Building
- 6 pm                **Hispanic Youth Leadership Dinner**, The Well