

# Supervisor Romaine Introduces Committee Members for Town's First Ever Hispanic Advisory Board

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*Supervisor Romaine introduces members of the Hispanic Advisory Committee during a press conference before their first meeting at Town Hall. Pictured left to right are Dan DelValle, Victor Canales, Jim Montes, Liz Custodio, Supervisor Romaine, Commissioner of Housing and Human Services Diana Weir, Danny Rivera, Abraham Valentin and Catherine Andrejack.*

**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine introduced the committee members of the Town's newly formed Hispanic Advisory Board this evening during a press conference prior to their first meeting. The board, which is the first of its kind for Brookhaven, was established by a Town Board resolution sponsored by Supervisor Romaine to help improve cultural understanding between the Hispanic community, civic and business leaders, Brookhaven government and town residents.

Supervisor Romaine outlined the mission of the newly formed advisory board, stating that it will discuss and address issues of importance and relevance to the Hispanic community and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Brookhaven Town Board. In addition, they will help to promote Hispanic business development and provide needed information, enabling them to have equal access and opportunity to contracting and procurement in Brookhaven.

"Civic and business participation by our Hispanic community is vital," said Supervisor Romaine. "The population is increasing and number of Hispanic owned businesses continue to grow, providing much needed jobs and opportunities for our residents. This board will address issues and challenges the Hispanic community faces and work with their leadership to move forward. Their success will have a significant impact on the social and economic future of Brookhaven."

The members of the Hispanic Advisory Board Committee are:

- Catherine Andrejack
- Elizabeth Custodio
- Dan DelValle
- Sonya S. Dungee
- Cora Feliciano

- Ulises Feliciano
- Miriam Garcia
- Lorena Gonzalez
- Joseph D. Lopez
- Jim Montes, Esq.
- Veronica Morante-Pendergast
- Ed Munoz
- Jose Nunez
- Abraham Valentin
- Victor Canales (aka Vic Latino)
- Eddie Rivera, Jr.

For more information about the Town's Hispanic Advisory Board, please call Diana Weir, Commissioner of Housing and Human Services at 631-451-6600.

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