

Executive Committee:

“Our Latino Culture is American! We participate in all aspects that have built the United States upon Freedom, Liberty and Equality,” said **Al Zapanta, President, United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.**

Census Working Group:

“The census is the foundation of our democracy,” said **Arturo Vargas, Chief Executive Officer, NALEO Educational Fund.** “These recommendations would be a significant step toward securing a fair and accurate census as well as vital American Community Survey data that will help paint an accurate portrait of the nation so that government can protect civil rights, promote a strong economy, and provide vital services.

Civic Engagement Working Group:

“Mi Familia Vota is in the Latino community fighting to advance our policy priorities around immigration, health care, education, the environment, workers’ rights and voting rights,” said **Hector Sanchez Barba CEO and Executive Director of Mi Familia Vota.** “We are proud and excited to have helped craft NHLA’s critical policy priorities. We will work to mobilize our community behind these priorities and help elect leaders that implement them. This is of the utmost priority as we know that the current Trump administration opposes the majority of the priorities of NHLA.”

Civil Rights Committee:

“With white supremacy on the ascendency again in our country it is critically important to advance a civil rights and human rights platform on all fronts,” said **Juan Cartagena, President & General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF and Co-Chair of the NHLA Civil Rights Committee.** “This platform covers the challenging issues we face today and the NHLA is prepared to see these recommendations through.”

Criminal Justice and Mass Incarceration Working Group:

“Racial justice has been repositioned in the national debate in 2020 precisely because of the worst manifestations of abusive policing and criminal justice practices,” noted **Juan Cartagena, President & General Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF and Chair of the NHLA Criminal Justice/Mass Incarceration Working Group.** “Criminal justice, policing and drug policies have

- Alianza Americas
- American G.I. Forum
- ASPIRA Association
- AVANCE Inc.
- Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
- Farmworker Justice
- Green Latinos
- Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities
- Hispanic Federation
- Hispanic National Bar Association
- Hispanics in Philanthropy
- Inter-University Program for Latino Research
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- MANA, A National Latina Organization
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- Mi Familia Vota
- NALEO Education Fund
- National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives
- National Association of Latino Arts and Culture
- National Association of Latino Independent Producers
- National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc.
- National Day Laborer Organizing Network
- National Hispana Leadership Institute
- National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
- National Hispanic Council on Aging
- National Hispanic Environmental Council
- National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts
- National Hispanic Media Coalition
- National Hispanic Medical Association
- National Institute for Latino Policy
- National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
- National Latinx Psychological Association
- Presente.org
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devastating impacts on Blacks and indeed, all of our *gente* and they must be challenged in all of its iterations from the criminalization of our presence, the profiling and mass imprisonment of our bodies, the biased adjudication of our cases, and the denial of our rights after release from caged confinement. The NHLA platform in this area begins that process.”

Economic Empowerment and Labor Committee:

“Accounting for a \$2.3 trillion economy that will continue to grow, Latinos are integral to our nation’s economic prosperity,” **said Eric Rodriguez, Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy for UnidosUS.** “As we have seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, Latino workers are taking the lead in ensuring that our country remains fed, healthy, and moving forward. More than ever, it is in our national interest for policymakers to empower Latino communities with the resources and investments that have been afforded to previous generations of Americans.”

“The Public Policy Agenda calls for an end to the longstanding discrimination that denies farmworkers – the large majority of whom are Latino – the same employment-law rights and protections applicable to other workers,” **said Bruce Goldstein, President of Farmworker Justice and Co-Chair of the NHLA Economic Empowerment and Labor Committee.** “It also identifies many improvements in government programs that are important to the health and well-being of farmworkers and their families. Federal and state policies designate farmworkers as ‘essential workers’ for the nation’s food security during the COVID-19 pandemic but now must provide them with a greater measure of justice.”

Education Committee:

“It’s important that public discourse of the policy and programmatic concerns on Hispanic student success and Hispanic-Serving Institutions be included in party platforms,” **said Antonio R. Flores, President and CEO, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.** “The economic competitiveness of our nation depends in great measure on the educational attainment of the Hispanic community.”

Energy and Environment Committee:

“We are facing an existential climate emergency that must be addressed now and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda’s 2020 Hispanic Public Policy Agenda contains our most ambitious and comprehensive Environment & Energy positions to date,” **said Mark Magaña, Founding President & CEO of GreenLatinos, a national network of Latinx environmental and conservation advocates.** “Latinos in the United States and abroad are suffering the devastating impacts of extreme weather in increasingly polluted environments. We are working together with NHLA to deliver equitable and just solutions to protect the health of our communities and the planet.”

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said **Laura M. Esquivel, Vice President, Federal Policy and Advocacy, Hispanic Federation, and co-chair, NHLA Energy and Environment Committee.** “Race and poverty are some of the strongest predictors of environmental degradation in communities which, in turn, contribute to poor health outcomes. The NHLA 2020 policy agenda lays out a roadmap for comprehensive climate action, policies for building resilient communities, and centering impacted voices in the fight for environmental justice. We expect policymakers to listen – and to act.”

Government Accountability Committee:

“Now more than ever, we in this era of COVID-19 need career Hispanic Federal Executives at the table making solid informed decisions and recommendations that affect our Latino Community,” said **Al Gallegos, National President of the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives.**

“For the 2020 Agenda our focus was on making sure the federal government uses equity practices to achieve equality” said **NHCSL Executive Director Kenneth Romero, Co-Chair of NHLA’s Government Accountability Committee.** “The Committee reimaged hiring practices to take past systemic discrimination into account and improving the representation of Hispanics in the federal judiciary. We proposed fairness adjustments for urban poverty and other Census statistics. We underscored the value of Latinos and Latinas in our Armed Forces. And, we are ready to hold the next administration to account.”

Health Committee:

"Given the immense COVID-19 pandemic challenges faced by Latino families and workers this year, and the threat to losing the Affordable Care Act this fall, I applaud the NHLA on the release of its 2020 Policy Agenda and its Health Care Equity vision," said **Elena Rios, MD, President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association.**

Immigration Committee:

“The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 and the residual economic downturn has exacerbated various vulnerabilities faced by immigrants,” said **Frankie Miranda, President, Hispanic Federation and NHLA Immigration Committee co-chair.** “NHLA calls for the reversal of unprecedented policies that continue to deepen these inequities, including cruel treatment of migrants at the border, family separation that rips children from parents, heartless deportations, and unwarranted detention in deplorable conditions. The 2020 NHLA Policy Agenda lays out a roadmap for substantive reforms, including naturalization and integration, demilitarization at the border and the interior, and Administrative relief. We are committed to working with our partners to achieve these reforms and make our country a global beacon that respects human dignity and human rights.”

Latina Task Force:

"We are proud to stand with our NHLA members in releasing this comprehensive policy agenda," **said Patricia Tototzintle, CEO, Casa de Esperanza.** "Latin@ communities have historically contributed so much to the United States and deserve to live and work in healthy, safe, violence free environments."

LGBTQ Rights Task Force:

"After the massacre at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, NHLA formed the LGBTQ Rights Task Force," **said David M. Pérez, NHLA LGBTQ Rights Task Force Co-Chair and Senior Director, Hispanic Federation.** "In honor of those lives lost and the survivors impacted, NHLA pledged to ensure an inclusive policy agenda represents the needs of the more than 1.4 million LGBTQ Latinxs living in the U.S. As a result, the 2020 agenda includes LGBTQ Latinx inclusive recommendations for each policy focus area. We look forward to taking an inclusive Latinx agenda to public officials as we advance justice and equity for all."

"I'm proud that the 2020 Agenda includes the most comprehensive treatment of Hispanic LGBTQ issues in NHLA's history," **said Guillermo Mena, Co-Chair of NHLA's LGBTQ Task Force and Director of Legislation, Policy and Advocacy at NHCSL.** "Our task force reviewed every aspect of the Agenda from an LGBTQ perspective and made recommendations on almost all of them. The result is that candidates can draw on the 2020 Agenda to make more thorough diversity commitments and that the next administration now has a clearer roadmap to the important work of inclusion."

Media Committee:

"Representation of Latinx in the media and the entertainment industry is more important now than ever," **said Brenda Victoria Castillo, President & CEO of the National Hispanic Media Coalition.** "In a time where our communities are targeted with hate and bigotry, real and authentic stories in the mainstream about Latinx have the power to change hearts and bring us out of the shadows."

Puerto Rico Working Group:

"Puerto Rico deserves more than derision, discriminatory treatment and paper towels," **stated Juan Cartagena, President & General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF and Co-Chair of the NHLA's Working Group on Puerto Rico.** "All funds appropriated for its recovery must be released and a comprehensive plan for its long-term recovery is warranted. This platform initiates the way for that to happen."