

PUBLIC POLICY FORUM 2008

THE HEAT COMES EARLY: CIVIL DISCOURSE IN A CONTENTIOUS YEAR

MARCH 6, 2008 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2168, CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration, coffee

9:15 a.m. Welcome: **Ma. Cristina C. Caballero**, President, Dialogue on Diversity, Convenor

Overview: **Rep. Xavier Becerra**, California

Bettie Baca, Mistress of Ceremonies for the Forum

9:30 a.m. HOUSING:

(in cooperation with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute)

Moderator: **Anna Alvarez-Boyd**, Director, HOGAR,
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

Rep. Joe Baca, California, Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Rep. Maxine Waters, California, Chair, Subcommittee on Housing and
Community Opportunity

Aracely Panameño, Director, Latino Affairs, Center for Responsible Lending

Nelson Merced, Director, National Initiatives and Applied Research,
NeighborWorks America

Discussant: **Alejandra; M. Loudon**, CHCI

Institutional Reforms

The current prospects for enlarging home ownership: changing strategies
for minority communities?

How are home owners now in distress to be rescued?

10:45 a.m. IMMIGRATION: Its Economic and Social Functions

The State of the Debate -- Demographic Profiles of American Society
and a Rational Legal Framework

John Trasviña, President, MALDEF

Brent Wilkes, National Executive Director, LULAC

The Newcomers: Do They Make an Economic Difference?
Directions of Their Economic Effects

Dr. Jeanne Batalova, Policy Analyst and Director, Data Hub,
Migration Policy Institute

11:45 a.m. EDUCATION:

The Youngest Learners; Triumph of the Book
The Urgency of Basic Literacy and Numeracy and
The Imperative of Advanced Skills
Legislative Prospects: High School and Higher Education
A Society's "Human Capital" Patrimony: how to Create,
Maintain, and Perpetually Renew it.

Rep. Rubén Hinojosa, Chair, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifetime Learning, and Competitiveness

Sarita E. Brown, President, Excelencia in Education, Hispanic Higher Education

Kathleen Leos, President and CEO, The International Institute for Literacy and Language Development

Reg Weaver, President, National Education Association

1:00 p.m. MIDDAY SESSION/LUNCH

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Raul Yzaguirre, Founder and President Emeritus,
National Council of La Raza, Professor, Center for Community Affairs and
Civil Rights, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona

Award presented by Rep. Hilda Solis, California

Keynote : **Sen. Robert Menendez**, N.J.

Congressional Round Table:

Policy Challenges for the Current Congressional Session
Challenges and Opportunities for a New Administration

Rep. Hilda Solis, California

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, Texas (invited)

Rep. Diane E. Watson, California

2:00 p.m. Principal Address: **Michelle Rhee**, Chancellor, D.C. Public Schools
Immoveable Objects? Rebuilding an Urban School System

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