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**Meeting with Houston Hispanic Community Leaders  
Biographies of Participants**

**Hon. Gene Green, U.S. Representative (D-District 29, Houston, TX)**

Congressman Gene Green began his service in Congress in 1993. A native of Houston, Congressman Green received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Houston. From 1973 - 1985, Green served in the Texas State House of Representatives and from 1985 - 1992, he served in the Texas State Senate. Congressman Green serves on the Commerce Committee and is an associate member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

**Hon. Mario Gallegos, State Senator (D-Galena Park, TX)**

Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990, and then elected to the Texas Senate in 1994, Senator Mario Gallegos was the first Hispanic from Houston to be elected to the Texas State Senate. Senator Gallegos has served on the Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Relations, State Affairs, and International Relations, Trade, and Technology committees of the Senate. Prior to his government service, he served for 22 years in the Houston Fire Department. Senator Gallegos served on the '96 Texas Adelante con Clinton/Gore Steering Committee.

**Carol Alvarado, Executive Assistant, Mayor Lee Brown (Houston, TX)**

Carol Alvarado is an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee. Currently, she is the executive assistant to Mayor Lee Brown and previously served as a congressional aide to Congressman Gene Green. Alvarado is very active in inner-city environmental issues.

**George Barbosa, Small Businessman**

George Barbosa is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Barbosa Group, Inc., the parent company of Executive Security (a security guard service), Burton's Antiques, and the Golden Eagle Uniforms. The Barbosa Group, a Hispanic-owned business established in 1983, participated in the Small Business Administration 8(a) Minority Enterprise Development Program from 1988 to 1997. Mr. Barbosa was selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce to represent Hispanic business owners at the 1993 National Conference on Small Business. Most recently, Mr. Barbosa was nominated Small Business Person of 1997 by the U.S. Small Business Administration. He and his wife, Gail Burton, have four children.

**Marc Campos, Consultant**

Marc Campos is the president and owner of Campos Communications, a public relations firm. He is also a political consultant to numerous Hispanic elected officials, including Democratic state and local campaigns for 25 years.

## **Participant Biographies**

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#### **Enrique Dovalina, General Counsel, League of United Latin American Citizens**

Enrique "Rick" Dovalina is a successful plaintiff's attorney and currently serves as general counsel of LULAC. He is seeking election as national president of LULAC which will be voted upon at their upcoming annual meeting, to be held in Dallas in late June.

#### **Hon. Jessica Farrar, State Representative (D-Houston, TX)**

Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1994, Representative Jessica Farrar holds a degree in Architecture from University of Houston.

#### **Hon. Sylvia Garcia, City Controller (D-Houston, TX)**

In November 1997, Sylvia Garcia won a five-way citywide election to become Houston's first Hispanic female city controller. In this post, Controller Garcia is the second highest ranking elected official in the nation's fourth largest city. Originally from Palito Blanco, Texas, she earned a degree in social work and government from the Texas Women's University in 1972. She also received her law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. In 1986, she received an appointment as a Municipal Court Judge and was appointed the Director and Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal Court System in 1987, becoming the youngest person, the first Hispanic, and the first woman named to this post.

#### **Hon. Al Luna, Attorney; Member, Harris County/Houston Sports Authority**

Al Luna is a former member of the Texas House of Representatives. Currently, he serves as the only Hispanic on the Harris County/Houston Sports Authority. Former Representative Luna served on the advance team for the 1972 George McGovern campaign and has worked with the President on Texas campaign events.

#### **Hon. Garry Mauro, Texas State Land Commissioner (D)**

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro was elected in 1982 and reelected in 1986, 1990, and 1992. A native of Waco, Texas, Commissioner Mauro graduated from Texas A & M University and received his law degree from the University of Texas Law School. The Commissioner is currently running for Governor of the State of Texas.

#### **Rick Noriega, Community Affairs, Houston Industries**

Rick Noriega is the Democratic nominee for State Representative in a predominantly Democratic district. Previously, Noriega was a governmental affairs staff member for Houston Industries. Currently, Noriega is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves.



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#### **Frumencio Reyes, Attorney**

Frumencio Reyes is a successful criminal defense and civil rights attorney. He has served on the MALDEF national board of directors and is a longtime Democratic party activist. Currently, Reyes serves on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

#### **Hon. Michael Solar, Attorney; Former Port Commissioner**

Mike Solar is a successful attorney in Houston and was formerly a Houston Port Authority commissioner. He serves on the Federal Reserve Board in Dallas and is a member of the board of directors of the Greater Houston Partnership.

#### **Hon. Gerard Torres, State Representative (D-Jacinto City, TX)**

Representative Gerard Torres was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1994. He previously served as a staff member for County Commissioner Jim Fonteno, the late Congressman Mickey Leland (D), and State Senator Mario Gallegos (D). Representative Torres also served on the '96 Texas Adelante con Clinton/Gore Steering Committee.

#### **Richard Torres, President and Chief Executive Officer, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

Richard Torres is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest Hispanic chambers nationwide. He has been a business owner and consultant for the past 15 years.

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