All In
East Harlem:
Better Together
Community
Partnership
Vision
Conference

Saturday, June 21, 2014 10am - 2pm

Silberman School of Social Work Building 2180 Third Avenue @ 119th Street New York, NY 10035



# Purpose of Today's Conference

Thank you for attending the All In East Harlem Community Partnership Vision Conference. Your participation will help make this day a success.

We believe this is the perfect time for this conference. There is a resurgence of interest in urban issues that we haven't seen for more than a generation, with renewed attention to neighborhoods like ours. Mayor de Blasio has appointed City commissioners with experience in and dedication to health and human service issues. He has issued new plans for affordable housing and increased services. Melissa Mark-Viverito's election to the position of Speaker also bodes well for El Barrio. Provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act call for community based prevention and care coordination, and major foundations understand the potential for comprehensive community strategies to impact a variety of concerns. Now, more than ever, it is important to strengthen community collaborations that can respond to these new opportunities.

Hunter College's move to our new East Harlem campus —housing the Silberman School of Social Work, the CUNY School of Public Health, the Center for Puerto Rican Studies and the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity—ushered in unique possibilities for partnership

between Hunter, the City University of New York, and the East Harlem/ El Barrio Community. Heeding lessons learned from other "town-gown" conflicts, our resources will be used effectively to strengthen rather than replace existing community institutions and collaborations.

Today's conference is designed to bring together a wide range of people who have a history of working to make positive change in East Harlem/ El Barrio. The purpose of this Conference is to have community leaders and community-based organizations recommend how Hunter and CUNY can best use our resources to strengthen existing community efforts. We ask you to determine priorities, choose strategies and solutions, and identify the stakeholders who must be involved in collaborative projects.

We call the effort that will launch today "All In East Harlem: Better Together." The title is meant to communicate three messages: that all in East Harlem are invited to participate; that all of us will work together toward common goals; and that we will put all our energy into this collaborative enterprise. So let's go "all out" as we go "all in" for this important community effort. We look forward to sharing this productive day!

#### 10:15 AM

## **Welcoming Remarks - Auditorium**

Jennifer J. Raab, President, Hunter College, CUNY

Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker, NYC Council

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Why Community Collaboration is Important Now **Dennis Rivera**, Community and Labor Leader

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Taking Baby Steps and Dreaming of the Future

Jacqueline B. Mondros, Dean, Silberman
School of Social Work at Hunter College

Instructions for Breakout Group Discussions

Edwin Meléndez, Director, Center for Puerto
Rican Studies, Hunter College

#### 11:00 AM

### **Breakout Group Discussions**

Economic & Workforce Development - Room 212

Arts & Culture – Room 214

Early Childhood - Room 215

Public Safety - Room 216

Youth & Schools - Room 217

Public Health & Healthcare - Room 218

Housing & Public Spaces - Room 219

Family Resilience – Room 220

Older Adults - Room 221

Food Access, Promotion & Affordability – Room 322

## 12:15 PM

## **Working Lunch - Room 115**

#### **Invited Elected Officials**

Congressman **Charles Rangel**Senator **José M. Serrano**Assemblyman **Robert J. Rodriguez**Manhattan Borough President **Gale Brewer** 

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Breakout Group Reports (5 minutes per group)

Building Consensus for Future Projects **Ayman El-Mohandes**, Dean, CUNY School of Public Health

Next Steps: Where do we go from here?

Jacqueline B. Mondros, Dean, Silberman
School of Social Work at Hunter College



"Good news—I hear the paradigm is shifting."

#### BREAKOUT SESSION FACILITATORS

Robert Abramovitz, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College

Maria Alejandro, Union Settlement Association

Judith Aponte, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing

Dorian Block, New York Academy of Medicine, Age-Friendly NYC

Carmen Brown, Education Department, Hunter College

Steve Burghardt, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College

Roger Caban, Community Artist and Resident

Christopher Cirillo, Lott Community Development Corporation

Evelyn Collazo, Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, Hunter College

Hector Cordero-Guzmán, School of Public Affairs Baruch, CUNY

**Kristin Ferguson-Colvin**, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College

Laura Fernandez, Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families

Nicholas Freudenberg, School of Public Health, CUNY

**Alberto Hernández**, Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, Hunter College

Carly Hutchinson, Harlem Health Promotion Center

Diana Johnson, New York Food Policy Center

Gess LeBlanc, Department of Educational Foundations, Hunter College

Devin Madden, Partnership for a Healthier New York City, Mount Sinai

David Nocenti, Union Settlement Association

Eri Noguchi, Association to Benefit Children

Michelle Paige, Union Settlement Association

Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Department of Urban Affairs and

Planning, Hunter College

**Daniel Reyes**, New York Common Pantry

Johnny Rivera, Harlem RBI

Lynn Roberts, School of Public Health, CUNY

Walter Roberts, Hope Community Inc.

Caitlyn Smith, New York Academy of Medicine, Age-Friendly NYC

Lew Zuchman, SCAN New York

## **Notes**

