



## La Casa de la Herencia Cultural Puertorriqueña, Inc.

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Founder

### A MESSAGE FROM LA CASA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dear Respected Local Business and Community Leaders

As a unified Board of Directors of La Casa de la Herencia Cultural Puertorriqueña, Inc. we would like to thank you all for working with La Casa and the family of one of our most endeared local heroes, the late Otilio Diaz. Your outpouring of support for La Casa is a testament of what our people are capable of doing when we work together.

Although we deeply mourn our friend's loss, we can certainly find solace in knowing that our community can come together even in the worst of times.

We are happy to inform you all that our Board of Directors, the governing body of "La Casa", is already implementing the plans for development that our late director was involved in and trust that you, as fellow community organizations, will move forward in the commitment expressed to work with La Casa in our efforts to keep our culture alive and thriving, in El Barrio.

We have made great progress, taking positive steps forward in our efforts to assume La Casa's operations. Our president, and chairman of the Board, Eli Alvarado, has dutifully taken over the responsibilities of Executive Director until a suitable replacement can be carefully chosen. The Board has met several times, forming several committees that will bring forth a "new" La Casa.

This Board is enthusiastic about its plans for La Casa, and looks forward to continuing our work together in the community, keeping the doors of La Casa open for generations to come.

*"La Casa, es su casa"*

Yours sincerely;

The Board of Directors of  
La Casa de la Herencia Cultural Puertorriqueña, Inc.