



## 2020 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Despite 2020 being an unprecedented year as we were faced with the coronavirus pandemic, the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs has remained committed to ensuring that all communities are afforded meaningful engagement and access to Nassau County government.



### A MESSAGE FROM NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE, LAURA CURRAN

As this year comes to a close I want to thank Nassau residents for their hard work and resiliency during one of the most challenging times of our lives. This has been a difficult year for so many families in our community and I am truly grateful for the strength of the people of Nassau County. We have learned in a new way how important it is to stick together as a community. I am pleased that our dedicated team at the Office of Hispanic Affairs continues to engage with the community and serve as a resource to our residents and a bridge to accessing County services. I hope you will continue to reach out for assistance. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



### A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMY FLORES

2020 has been an unprecedented year for residents across Nassau County. As we embark on a new year, we reflect on the importance of being a safe and secure resource for Nassau County residents. This year, the Office of Hispanic Affairs broadened our outreach mechanisms to ensure everyone has equal access to Nassau County government resources and information. We remain committed, and look forward to a continuing our engagement with the community, furthering our mission, and creating a healthy and prosperous 2021. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

## COVID-19 Response

In efforts of providing information and meaningful engagement for all, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran's administration has broadened the platforms of communication in both English and Spanish. A new SMS COVID text messaging feature was launched for residents to receive real time updates. Additional communication platforms include but are not limited to: our website, video, audio, social media, email, WhatsApp, local Spanish media such as Noticia and major Spanish language channels such as Telemundo and Univision.



Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran's,  
Press Conference in Spanish



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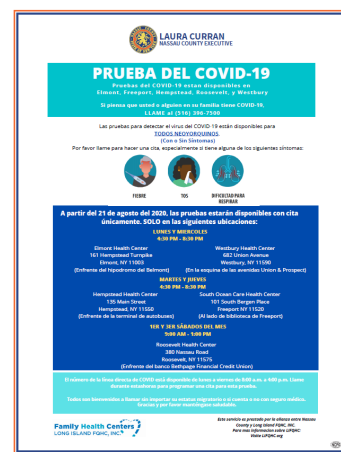
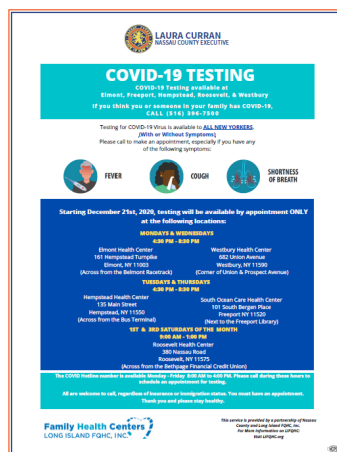
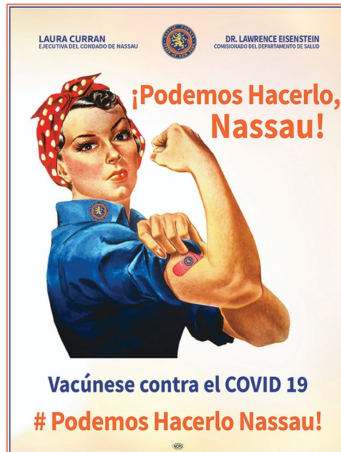
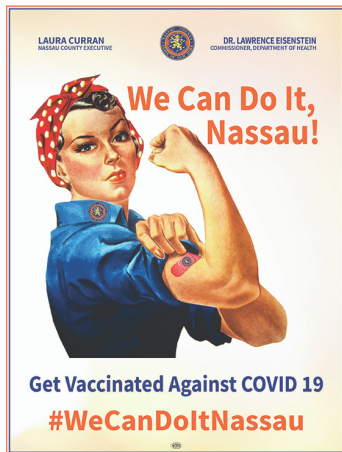


Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, informing Spanish speaking residents on the importance of getting vaccinated against COVID-19



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Under the leadership of Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, the Office of Hispanic Affairs continues to support Nassau County's efforts in strengthening methods of outreach to all communities in both English and Spanish. This includes critical moments of the coronavirus, in which we diligently worked to help disseminate information, and resources to everyone. Sharing information of testing available, informing and reassuring residents that everyone can get tested regardless of their immigration status or medical insurance and disseminating Nassau County COVID19 Emergency Response assistance made available for tenants, landlords, business owners, and families.



Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, at one of many food distributions



Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, and Nassau County Industrial Development Agency Chairman, Richard Kessel distributing Free PPE to local businesses



Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs team and volunteers at the Glen Cove Food Distribution



Loan Program PPE Giveaway

#### Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program

Nassau County is proud to launch the Boost Nassau Small Business Recovery Loan Program as part of the New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) announced by Governor Cuomo on May 22, 2020 to offer critical stabilization loans to Nassau's small businesses, MWBEs and non-profits hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nassau County's Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program

LAURA CURRAN  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE



#### Nassau County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

LAURA CURRAN  
EJECUTIVA DEL CONDADO DE NASSAU



#### Condado de Nassau Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler COVID-19





## NEW Legal Information Program Launched in Partnership with the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA)



Pictured: Honorable Linda Mejias, former President of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, Amy Flores Executive Director of the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs, and Silvana Diaz from Noticia.

As part of its mission to serve the community, the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs launched a new Legal Information Program in partnership with the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA). This program provides Nassau County residents a no cost, confidential consultation with a LIHBA bi-lingual volunteer attorney for legal information. The goal of this partnership is to ensure that Spanish speaking residents in need of legal information and resources can easily speak with a volunteer attorney for information. The Office of Hispanic Affairs works with constituents in completing a confidential intake form and a LIHBA volunteer attorney will then contact the constituent for a confidential consultation. This partnership provides constituents access to relevant and accurate information. \*

## Nassau County Department Collaborations



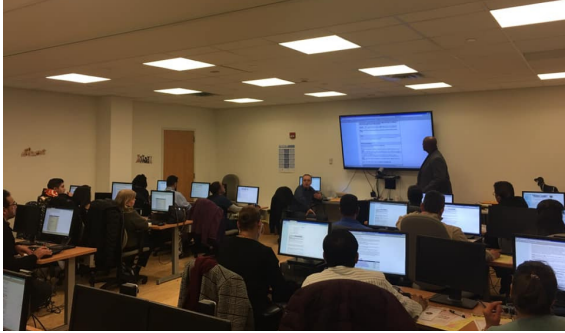
Pictured: Farrah Mozawalla, Executive Director of the Nassau County Office of Asian-American Affairs, Amy Flores, Executive Director of the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs, and Lionel Chitty, Executive Director of the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs

The Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs establishes relevant links for the Hispanic community and community-based organizations in collaboration with Nassau County departments. This includes but is not limited to the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs, and Nassau County Office of Asian American Affairs. In efforts of ensuring that all residents are informed about Nassau County services, our 3 offices hosted a series of "Collaborative Outreach" events at local libraries across Nassau County to provide bi-lingual information sessions on services and programming provided by our respective departments. Information included topics such as the Census, becoming a registered vendor with the County and becoming a U.S. Citizen.

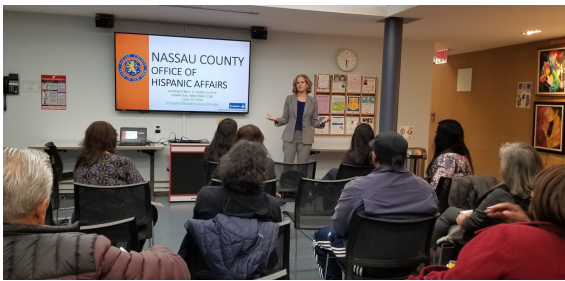
\*As part of its mission to serve the community, Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs is notifying the public of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA) and LIHBA's willingness to provide legal information to the public on COVID-19-related issues. LIHBA is an independent association and not a County agency. Legal information will be provided solely by LIHBA and its members upon receipt by LIHBA of LIHBA's intake form. The information provided by the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs, and any person or individual who responds to an inquiry is solely informational. It does not constitute legal advice and no attorney-client relationship is established. The intake process and the consultation are all strictly confidential.



## Nassau County Department Collaborations



Pictured: Nassau County Civil Service Commission team presenting Careers in Nassau County Government



Pictured: Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, at Glen Cove Library Collaborative Outreach Event



Pictured: Nassau County Minority Affairs Executive Director, Lionel Chitty, Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs Executive Director, Amy Flores, and Dr. Andrea Alt-Brutus Nassau County Director of Health Equity



Pictured: Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, and Executive Director Amy Flores with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County

In efforts of further diversifying our workforce and informing the community on understanding Nassau County's examination application process, our office co-hosted multi-lingual information sessions with the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, Office of Asian American Affairs and Office of Minority Affairs. Computer access was provided during these information sessions in efforts of providing all attendees the ability to have hands-on learning experience.

Amidst the pandemic, our office partnered with Dr. Andrea Ault-Brutus, Nassau County's Director of Health Equity, and Lionel Chitty, Executive Director for the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs, on a virtual event to discuss the effects of COVID-19 on our minority communities. This informative discussion encompassed ways of how to safe during the pandemic, where to get tested as well as common questions and concerns relevant to COVID-19. Click Here to watch a replay of the video: [COVID-19 Video](#)

In November, The Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs proudly partnered with the Nassau County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County to host a farmers market event at Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Hempstead. This event brought fresh healthy produce from local Long Island farms straight to the community and helped revitalize our local economy by giving back to our local farmers.

We look forward to hosting more collaborative events in 2021!



Pictured: Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, with Office of Hispanic Affairs Executive Director Amy Flores, Office of Asian-American Affairs Executive Director Farrah Mozawalla, and Office of Minority Affairs Executive Director Lionel Chitty





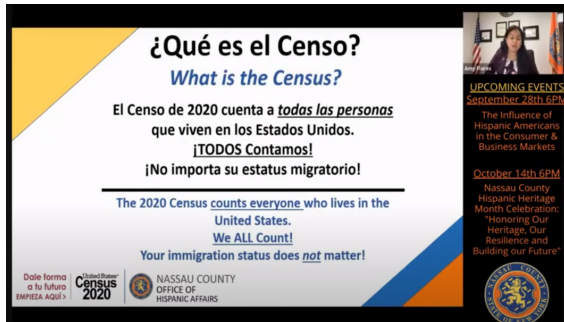
## Expanding Outreach Across Nassau County: NEW Mobile Office



Pictured: Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs' Program Coordinator, Yolanda Martinez, and Administrative Assistant, Estefany Ruiz, at Long Beach Public Library Mobile Office

This year, our office launched a new initiative, an Office of Hispanic Affairs Mobile Office. This new program allows us to engage with the community across Nassau County in partnership with local libraries and community centers. By broadening the reach, and engaging across Nassau County, the Office of Hispanic Affairs seeks to make every effort to provide information on resources and programming available to the community in a bilingual setting and within the comfort of each local community.

## Educational Workshops



Pictured: The Importance of the Census 2020

In efforts of furthering our mission, the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs hosted a variety of educational workshops, both virtually and in-person throughout the year. In person events included an educational forum on heart health and healthy eating with Mt. Sinai which also included blood pressure screenings at no cost to participants. A bilingual information session with PSEG LI and National Grid on financial assistance programs. A bilingual Census workshop on the importance of being counted in the Census, and available employment opportunities.



### LIHCC WEBINAR

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:  
Fidelis Care  
Informational Workshop &  
Open Enrollment

La Fuerza CDC  
Small Business  
Access to Capital

Nassau County Hispanic Affairs  
Services & Small Business Grants  
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CLICK HERE TO RSVP

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During the pandemic our office had to adjust to the "new normal" by expanding our educational programming via our virtual platform. This included participating in a webinar with the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to inform businesses about Nassau County resources and programming available. Resources covered included the Boost Nassau Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program, the Personal Protective Equipment Giveaway, the Restaurant Recovery Grant Program, and the Open Street Program for outdoor dining.

Pictured: Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Webinar on Nassau County Resources for Businesses



## Educational Workshops

alzheimer's association®  
**Annual Hispanic Symposium**  
*Presented in English followed by a Spanish program*  
**Friday, October 9, 2020**  
**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET**  
  
This event will be held over the Zoom platform.  
Join us using a computer or telephone. Registration is required.  
  
The symposium will educate professionals and caregivers about the impact and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in the Hispanic/Latinx community. The presentation will discuss challenges Spanish speaking families encounter with diagnosis, information learned through clinical trials and what are some activities we can do with a person living with Alzheimer's.  
  
**Keynote Speaker: Maria Carrillo, Ph.D.**  
Chief Science Officer at the Alzheimer's Association  
Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and all other Dementia in the Latinx Community: What we know and what we still need to learn through research  
  
**Speaker: Nellie Escalante, Senior Program Coordinator, Arts & Minds**  
How to improve quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's and all other dementia by engaging in art-centered activities.

Participating in the Alzheimer's Association Annual Hispanic Symposium to educate residents about the impact and prevalence of the Alzheimer's disease in the Hispanic community. In November, our office joined Legislator Debra Mulé, Legislator Kevan Abrahams, Nassau County District Attorney Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association for a webinar on Immigrant Rights. Constituents learned about the resources and services available through Nassau County, including our free legal information program in partnership with the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, and services offered through our office. We look forward to continuing and expanding our bilingual educational programming in 2021.

## Preserving our Culture



Pictured: The Theodore Roosevelt Legislative & Executive Building dome lit up in Green, White, and Red for Mexican Independence Day



Pictured: Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs team at our Dominican Independence Day event



Pictured: Nassau County Executive Laura Curran at our Dominican Independence Day event

In Nassau County, the Hispanic population is one of the fastest growing in the region composing 17% of the County's population. Celebrating Nassau County's diversity and preserving the Hispanic culture in Nassau County has given our residents the opportunity to celebrate the importance of keeping our culture alive and enriching others about our heritage, influence, and contributions Hispanics make in the United States and in Nassau County. We have celebrated through cultural events, Latin American Independence days and our month long celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Prior to the pandemic, the Office of Hispanic Affairs celebrated the Independence Day of the Dominican Republic at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building. Although this year was a little different and we couldn't celebrate the remainder of our cultural events in person due to the pandemic, we pivoted our celebrations by hosting various virtual events and honored these holidays and traditions with symbolic dome lightings of the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building.





Pictured: (left to right) Executive Director Amy Flores, Oscar Valle, Angelica Gomez, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Joaquin Lopez, Elmer Flores, and Sergeant Judy Arroyo (not pictured)



Pictured: Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum of Nassau County

This year, Nassau County's theme for Hispanic Heritage Month was: "Honoring our Heritage, Our Resilience and Building the Future". The diverse culture, and the resilience of Nassau County's Hispanic essential/frontline workers were highlighted throughout the month. In addition, a series of bilingual virtual events were streamed on various social media platforms. These events covered the importance of being counted in the Census, the influence of Hispanic Americans in the consumer and business markets, and building the future through voter education. In addition to these informative events, the public was invited to nominate Hispanic individuals who have contributed and made a difference in Nassau County, a first for this celebratory month. These exemplary individuals were recognized by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran in a small ceremony at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building.

Additional Hispanic Heritage Month collaborations included: Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center of Nassau County, the Cradle of Aviation Museum of Nassau County, and the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island.

## Empowering Our Diverse Communities through Integration Initiatives



Pictured: Executive Director, Amy Flores & Program Coordinator, Yolanda Martinez with constituents who applied and became U.S citizens through our office

The Office of Hispanic Affairs provides a platform of integration initiatives that assist and empower our diverse immigrant communities via education, partnership with community based organizations and other key stakeholders. This year, we hosted various bilingual workshops which include: voter education, immigrant rights and the importance of being counted in the Census. In addition to various information sessions, our office also provides direct services in assisting residents in Renewing their Permanent Resident Card (Form I-90) and applying for U.S Citizenship via the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.



## Holiday Toy & Book Distribution



Pictured: Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, with the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs team distributing toys and books to families in need

Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, and the Office of Hispanic Affairs concluded this year by hosting its Annual Holiday Event by organizing a toy and book distribution for families in need. We were happy to bring smiles to many children and families this holiday season.

*The Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs would like to wish you and your family a Happy & Healthy New Year!*

### Upcoming Events

**January 19, 2021 3:00PM - 4:30PM**

**The Basics of Alzheimer's in Spanish  
(Los Básicos del Alzheimer's en Español) in partnership with  
Alzheimer's Association  
[Click here to register](#)**

**January 26, 2021 3:00PM - 4:30PM**

**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia in English in  
partnership with Alzheimer's Association  
[Click here to register](#)**

**February 26, 2021 5:30PM - 7:30PM  
Dominican Independence Day  
A Virtual Celebration**