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NPRC's Board of Directors elects new Executive Officers.

Washington, DC – The National Puerto Rican Coalition Inc. (NPRC) announces the election by proclamation of its new Executive Officers. The Board of Directors elected Miguel D. Lausell as Chair, Lydia Valencia as Vice Chair, Jaime Areizaga as Treasurer, and Albert Collazo as Secretary. Their one year terms will begin on January 1st 2010. The new leadership is committed to developing a five (5) year strategic vision for the organization and will be actively enlisting high profile/high impact leaders from the Puerto Rican communities on the mainland and the Island and engage them via a Puerto Rican Leadership Council.

“NPRC is the primary civil right non-partisan public policy organization representing the Puerto Rican community in Washington DC. The strength of our organization is our ability to advocate for our community on critical issues that affect our constituents like Healthcare Reform, Education Reform, Corporate Social Responsibility, Economic Development, and Voting Rights. The Puerto Rican community deserves a strong and active voice that is prepared to praise our collaborators and hold accountable our derailleurs.” said Miguel D. Lausell, new Chair Elect of the Board of Directors of the National Puerto Rican Coalition.

“Our board is strongly committed to the mission of the organization, this new leadership will help align the community’s need with the capacities of the organization in order to effectively produce much needed change.” said Rafael A. Fantauzzi, President & CEO of the National Puerto Rican Coalition. “I’m thankful to the past leadership for supporting and helping me steer the organization through tough times, now it is time to take our organization to the next level. “

NPRC’s current Board of Directors include: Lydia Valencia, Miguel D. Lausell, Soraya Rodriguez-Balzac, Jaime Areizaga, Albert Collazo, Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, Luis Bacó, Mario Acosta-Velez, Jeffrey Farrow, Norelie Garcia, Daniel Diaz, and Roberto Prats-Palerm.

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About NPRC

NPRC's mission is to systematically strengthen and enhance the social, political, and economic well-being of Puerto Ricans throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico with a special focus on the most vulnerable.