

**PUERTO RICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Parity of Funds Forum:**  
**Puerto Rico Federal Funding Test Cases**  
**Vaello & Peña Martínez**  
Thursday, October 15 de 2020 / 3:00pm – 5:30pm  
Vía Zoom

**Preliminary Agenda**

- 3:00-3:05PM **Welcome Remarks**  
**Mr. Juan Carlos Agosto Martinez**, President and Chairman of the Board  
Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
- 3:05-3:20PM **U.S. Chamber of Commerce Presentation**  
**Mr. Neil Bradley**, Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- 3:20-3:30PM **Background and Basic Concepts**  
**Mr. Kenneth Rivera Robles, Esq., CPA**, President Legislation Committee  
Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
- 3:30-3:40PM **Economic Effects**  
**Mr. Javier Balmaceda**, Senior Policy Analyst on Puerto Rico, Center on  
Budget and Policy Priorities
- 3:40-4:20PM **Particular Comments**  
➤ **Test Cases: Mr. José Enrique Fernández**, President, US Citizens for Equal  
Protection  
➤ **Food Security: Mrs. Lillian Rodríguez López**, Spokesperson for Coalition for  
Food Security  
➤ **Health Parity: Mr. Roberto Pando Cintrón**, MCS Advantage & MCS Life  
President Executive, Medical Card System, Inc.
- 4:20-4:35PM **Reaction Panel**  
• **Mrs. Wanda Pérez Alvarez, Esq.**, Legal Affairs Director, Puerto Rico Chamber  
of Commerce  
• **Mr. Federico A. de Jesús, Esq.**, Founder and Principal of FDJ Solutions, LLC  
• **Mr. Christian G. Ramos**, Business Journalist, El Vocero de Puerto Rico
- 4:35-4:50PM **Hispanic Federation - A Perspective from Washington**  
**Mrs. Laura M. Esquivel**, Vice President, Federal Policy and Advocacy  
Hispanic Federation
- 4:50-4:55PM **Reaction from Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez (Video-presentation)**  
**Hon. Nydia M. Velázquez**, Representative for New York's 7th Congressional  
District and Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee
- 4:55-5:25PM **Analysis and Discussion: Where is this Going?**  
**Moderator: Mr. Eddie López, Esq.**, Political Analyst  
**Invited Panelists:**  
**Hon. Alejandro García-Padilla**, Former Governor of Puerto Rico  
**Hon. Carmelo Ríos**, Senator and Past President of the National Hispanic Caucus  
of State Legislators
- 5:25-5:30PM **Q&A and Closing Remarks**  
**Mr. Juan Carlos Agosto Martinez**, President and Chairman of the Board  
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