



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Town Board

FROM: Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Supervisor

RE: Latino Advisory Committee

DATE: January 16, 2026

The attached draft resolution would establish the East Hampton Town Latino Advisory Committee for calendar year 2026 and appoint the initial membership.

The purpose of the committee is to create a consistent, non-partisan forum for communication and community-informed input so that Latino residents have clearer, more accessible pathways to engage with Town government and so the Town Board can receive feedback on issues affecting quality of life, access to services, economic stability, and civic participation.

The resolution also identifies departmental and Town Board liaisons to support coordination and to ensure that recommendations are communicated clearly to the appropriate Town offices while maintaining the committee's advisory role.

If the Town Board is supportive, this resolution will be on for adoption at the Thursday, January 22, 2026 meeting.

**East Hampton Town Board**

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Michael Hansenwww.ehamptonny.gov**DRAFT**

Meeting: 01/22/26 06:00 PM

DOC ID: 34067

RESOLUTION (ID # 34067)

Create and Appoint Members to the Latino Advisory Committee - 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board is committed to ensuring that Latino residents have equitable access to Town information and services, meaningful opportunities to participate in civic life, and a consistent voice in local decision-making, and that participation is accessible regardless of language, immigration status, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to create the Latino Advisory Committee (LAC) as a structured, non-partisan advisory body that elevates Latino voices within the Town of East Hampton and ensures those voices are meaningfully considered in local decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Latino Advisory Committee shall be to:

Build trust between the Town and the Latino community by creating safe, accessible, and transparent pathways for communication, education, and civic engagement, particularly for individuals and families who may feel excluded or vulnerable under the current national political climate.

Through consistent dialogue, public accountability, and community-informed recommendations, support policies and practices that strengthen the Town of East Hampton as a whole, recognizing diversity as a source of resilience, stability, and shared growth; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Latino Advisory Committee are to:

Advise the Town Supervisor and Town Board on issues that directly affect the quality of life, safety, and economic stability of Latino residents in East Hampton.

Increase trust and civic participation by educating the Latino community about how local government works through accessible, bilingual communication and outreach.

Promote equitable access to Town resources, information, and services, particularly for immigrant and mixed-status families.

Serve as a consistent channel for community-informed recommendations, with clear follow-up and public accountability.

Support economic fairness within the Town by identifying barriers and enforcement gaps that disproportionately impact Latino workers and business owners, while affecting the broader local community.

Collaborate thoughtfully with Town departments, advisory boards, and community organizations while maintaining the committee's independence and non-partisan role.

Create leadership development opportunities that prepare Latino community members for long-term civic engagement and service beyond the committee itself; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby creates the East Hampton Town Latino Advisory Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Latino Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members for calendar year 2026:

Louise Bergerson

Loring Bolger

Kathy Byrnes

Priscila Dominguez

Alyson Follenius

Erika Garcia

Jon Lopez

Rosa Lourenco

Yesenia Quichimbo

Susan Retzky

Juan Roldan

Johanna Sanchez

Kenny Sanchez

Leslie Schnur

Anna Skrenta

Human Services Department Liaison: Spanish Speaking Case Manager Liliana Rodriguez

East Hampton Town Police Department Liaison: Police Officer Daniel Munoz

Town Board Liaison: Supervisor Kathee Burke-Gonzalez