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JUNE 1-4, 2026 • WASHINGTON, DC

MONDAY, JUNE 1

3:00 – 5:00 PM | **Hotel Registration and Summit Check-In**

*Courtyard by Marriott Washington
Downtown/Convention Center:
901 L Street NW, Washington
Hotel Lobby*

6:00 – 8:00 PM | **Welcome Reception**

Charter: 601 Massachusetts NW, Washington

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 AM | **Registration**

*Courtyard by Marriott Washington Downtown/Convention Center:
901 L Street NW, Washington*

7:45 AM | **Breakfast Buffet**

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8:00 AM – 10:30 AM | **Advocacy Training**

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10:45 AM – 11:30 AM | **Travel to Hill**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | **Plenary: Voices to Votes: Advancing Community Priorities in Congress**

Capitol Complex - Hart Senate Office Building Room 216

During this panel, staff from congressional offices and advocacy will discuss how they translate constituent priorities into actionable policy and legislative outcomes. Panelists will describe day-to-day processes of constituent engagement, agenda-setting, and bill drafting. Panelists will share strategies for effective advocacy and sustained communication with lawmakers. Attendees will gain practical insights into the channels and timelines that move local concerns to the hall of Congress.

MODERATOR

- **Jessica Orozco Guttelin**

PANELISTS:

- **Veronica Duran**, Chief of Staff - Senator Cory Booker
- **Monica Garay**, Executive Director - Congressional Hispanic Caucus
- **Josie Villanueva**, Principal, Health Lead Sector - Fulcrum Public Affairs

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | **Senate Advocacy Hill Visits**

Capitol Complex

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | **Reception on the Hill Honoring Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez**

*Capitol Complex -
Dirksen Senate Office Building Room G50*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM | **Grab and Go Breakfast**

*Courtyard by Marriott Washington Downtown/Convention Center:
901 L Street NW, Washington*

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM | **Travel to Hill**

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM | **House Advocacy Hill Visits**

Capitol Complex

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | **Travel to Hotel**

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM | **Full Group Lunch and Regional Reflections**

*Courtyard by Marriott Washington Downtown/Convention Center:
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2:45 PM – 3:45 PM | **Panel: Taking Federal Action in the Districts**

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All politics is local, and for advocates seeking federal change, district work is where national policy becomes real. This session will teach you how to leverage district-level engagement to influence federal policy and make measurable influence on Capitol Hill. You'll learn how congressional offices operate between Washington, DC and the districts.

MODERATOR

- **Diana Caba**

PANELISTS:

- **George Escobar**, Executive Director - We Are Casa
- **Guillermo Chacón**, Executive Director - Latino AIDS Commission
- **Alejandra Montoya-Boyer**, Vice President of the Center for Civil Rights and Technology - Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights
- **Drew Garner**, Director for the Broadband State Education Project - Benton Institute for Broadband and Society
- **TBD** - American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | **Democracy Presentation: "What Time Is It on the Clock of Democracy?"**

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The United States is facing its greatest political crisis in over a century. Yet there is a clear pathway to the success of a popular, pro-democracy movement that could drive a new period of revitalization. This presentation will break down these ongoing challenges and the path forward which depends on a major degree on the near-term actions of civil society - labor unions, advocacy groups, faith communities, and other local, state, and national organizations.

PRESENTER

- **Tarso Luis Ramos**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | **Closing Reception**

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6:30 PM – 7:30 PM | **Sunset Chat: Civic Engagement and Civil Society**

Individuals, families, and communities are growing increasingly interested in the political process, with Hispanic Federation polling showing that Latinos are particularly enthusiastic about civic participation. This panel will outline the essential role that nonpartisan, nonprofit community-based organizations can play in meeting the need for effective, timely, culturally relevant civic support within the communities they serve.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | **Hotel Check-out**

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8:15 AM – 8:45 AM | **Breakfast**

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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | **Weathering the Storm: Protecting your Nonprofit in 2026**

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This session is an interactive workshop designed for nonprofit leaders navigating funding uncertainty and shifting financial landscapes. Participants will assess funding vulnerabilities, explore strategies to diversify revenue and reduce costs, and learn from peers who have successfully adapted to major funding changes. Through practical activities and honest conversations, attendees will leave with new ideas, stronger connections, and greater confidence to lead through uncertainty.

PANELISTS:

- **Evelyn Ortiz**, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Mission Advancement - Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
- **Gisselle Martinez**, Co-Founder & Legal Director - Orlando Center for Justice
- **Marianne Martinez, Inc**, Chief Executive Officer - Vecinos
- **Sylvia Ganzo**, Del Sur Strategies

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | **Farewell Lunch and Survey Collection**

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