



Welcome to the Southern California Chapter of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW SoCal). We are women of the Puerto Rican Diaspora in Southern California. Dr. Anaida Colón-Muñiz is the current president of our chapter.

A Message from Southern California Chapter President

It is my honor to represent the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women in Southern California as President. Our members reside primarily in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties. While we have a small chapter, our civic, educational, cultural and philanthropic impact has been significant, especially over the last 5 years. Our efforts branch from affirming and celebrating our Puerto Rican culture and the education of our youth, to reaching out to assist Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria, the earthquakes, and the current health crisis during the Covid 19 pandemic, despite the challenges we face locally.

Our signature annual event, "De Mujer a Mujercita," focuses on our members mentoring Latina girls, young women, and their mothers, thereby opening opportunities for education, future careers, and for them to aspire to reach their highest goals and potential. We also raise funds to award two scholarships to Puerto Rican and other Latina college students each year. Other local events connect us to our culture, while helping us to serve civically. These include lectures and presentations, cultural workshops, and preparing and celebrating our favorite meals and drinks. One of our best fundraisers has been our now locally known NACOPRW SoCal Coquito, which is in demand each year. These fundraiser activities and others have allowed us to contribute to Puerto Rican schools, senior citizen facilities, food kitchens, and medical facilities. In the midst of debates on racism in the United States, our chapter co-sponsored a widely viewed outstanding panel of Afro Boricuas who shared their diverse experiences related to race. During the 2020 celebration of the centennial of women's right to vote, we participate with Vision 2020 in this national celebration, while remembering the great efforts of Puerto Rican women suffragists. Please visit our website for updates and information about our ongoing activities www.nacoprwsocal.org.

In our effort to maintain the important legacy of our national organization on a local level, NACOPRW SoCal Chapter, and our outstanding board, with Marjorie Patton, Gloria San Miguel, Sonia Lamas, and Dr. Marie Nubia Feliciano, continues to work towards the empowerment of Puerto Rican/Latinx women and youth, to support our heritage, and to give from our hearts, in the tradition of our beloved Island.

Un Abrazo Boricua,

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