

Dear Members and Friends of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Southern California Chapter,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our organization, where we celebrate and promote the rich heritage and contributions of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in our society. We are a non-profit organization with members from various parts of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego Counties.

As President of the Southern California chapter, I am honored to lead a group of dedicated and passionate women who are committed to our mission: *preserving our heritage and rights through mentorship and leadership for a better tomorrow.*

In the 25 years since its founding in 1998 the Southern California chapter has made a significant impact on our community, from mentoring Latina girls and awarding scholarships to providing support for Puerto Ricans in the aftermath of natural disasters and the current health crisis. Our fundraising efforts have enabled us to contribute to schools, senior citizen facilities, food kitchens, and medical facilities in Puerto Rico and the United States. Each year we generate funds with our popular event “NACOPRW SoCal Coquito Workshop.” This signature fundraiser engages our members into making the traditional Puerto Rican holiday drink and generating money for our many programs.

NACOPRW SoCal is also focused on educating our members and the community about our civil rights, developing leadership skills, and preserving and promoting our cultural heritage. We organize a range of educational, social, and cultural events that help to disseminate and promote awareness of the Puerto Rican culture and establish ties with other Puerto Ricans to maintain our ethnic identity. During the last two years of the Covid 19 pandemic we moved to a virtual platform and created many events like “Y Tu Abuela: A Conversation on Blackness in Puerto Rico”, and the art show “Boricua Women Artists in the Diaspora”. We invite you to visit our website at nacoprwsocal.org to learn about our chapter, read our [newsletter](#), “Nuestras Voces”, and enjoy our online recorded [events](#).

I am honored to lead an outstanding board, including Marjorie Patton, First Vice-President, Nilsa J. Thorsos, Second Vice-President, Marie Nubia Feliciano, Secretary, and Sonia Colón Lamas, Treasurer. We are working to create relevant events that will continue to empower Puerto Rican/Latinix women and youth and to also celebrate what unites us all: our love and respect for our beloved Island, and our desire to continue giving back to our local Southern California communities.

Un abrazo Boricua,

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