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### **The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs Select New 2013-2014 Leadership**

AUSTIN, Texas – The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) recently concluded the BHCC 7th Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. The event was a three-day summit involving a wide-array of policy workshops, leadership development series and was home to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Latina State Legislative Caucus (LSLC) Summit on the first day of the convention. The conference marked one of the largest gatherings of Latino state legislative leaders to date and the event capped off the year for the organization's 2012 activities. The conference served as a great opportunity for some of the Latino communities' greatest state public leaders to come together to collaborate on a variety of social and policy issues affecting our nation and was, in large part, made a success by the hard work of the 2012 BHCC Conference Chair, Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez (D-MA).

Among the conference activities facilitated at the event, the BHCC welcomed in the new executive leadership during a ceremony announcing the newest members to join the BHCC executive board to fill positions vacated by outgoing executive members. The organization commemorated the occasion by first honoring the outgoing board members, BHCC Chair Sen. Ross Romero (D-UT) and BHCC Vice Chair Rep. Al Park (D-UT), by presenting them with plaques recognizing their hard work in leading the organization for the last biennium and ushered in the new executive board for the next biennium. "It has been a pleasure serving the organization for the last two years and I look forward to turning over the leadership to such an accomplished and respected group of Latino public leaders to continue to grow the organization in the years to come," said outgoing BHCC Chair Sen. Ross Romero.

The BHCC executive board was also expanded to five officer positions this year to serve over the organization going forward. Rep. Maria Antonia Berrios (D-IL) will serve as the new chair of the board, Sen. Martin Malave Dilan (D-NY) was vaulted from his previous position as treasurer to vice chair, Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez (D-MA) will serve as the treasurer, Assemblywoman Lucy Flores (D-NV) who served as the 2011 conference chair will assume the position of secretary, and Sen. Rene Garcia (R-FL) will serve as the organization's parliamentarian. The new board will serve as the official legislative leadership for the organization and will preside over the organization in this capacity for the next two years.

The BHCC members, staff and supporters are excited for the organization's newest leadership and look forward to the new board leading the organization for the next biennium. The perpetual growth and expanded reach of the organization will be a key theme as the newest leaders assume

their positions and the organization continues to pursue positive effects in the Latino community and supports the development of Latino state legislative leaders across the country.

### **About the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs**

The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization comprised of the current chairs and vice chairs of all state Hispanic caucuses, as well as the Hispanic legislators who serve as the chairs of their respective state legislative committees and or other state legislative leadership positions. The BHCC strives to provide a medium for Hispanic leaders to engage in substantive dialogue, as well as address pressing issues in the Hispanic community and the nation as a whole. If you would like to learn more about the BHCC please visit our website at [www.bohcc.com](http://www.bohcc.com) or contact Gabriel Sepulveda at (512) 275-1905, [Gabriel@bohcc.com](mailto:Gabriel@bohcc.com).

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