

June 3rd, 2026

Office of the Mayor
City of New York
New York, NY



Dear Mayor Mamdani and Members of the Administration:

On behalf of New York City Puerto Rican Heritage, Inc., and the Puerto Rican community of New York City, we write in response to the City's decision to discontinue the Annual Puerto Rican Heritage Reception at Gracie Mansion.

While we respectfully disagree with this decision, our commitment to preserving this longstanding and meaningful tradition remains unwavering. For nearly three decades, this celebration has served as an important platform to recognize the contributions, achievements, history, and cultural legacy of Puerto Ricans throughout New York City.

In response, New York City Puerto Rican Heritage, Inc., together with community leaders, civic organizations, supporters, and stakeholders, has taken the necessary steps to ensure that this cherished tradition continues without interruption.

We are proud to announce that the Official Annual Puerto Rican Heritage Reception will take place on:

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Pacha NYC - 140 Stewart Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237

This reception will continue its longstanding mission of bringing together elected officials, community leaders, business professionals, advocates, educators, and residents in celebration of Puerto Rican heritage and the invaluable contributions of our community.

The continuation of this event demonstrates the strength, resilience, and unity of the Puerto Rican community. While the venue may have changed, our purpose, tradition, and commitment to serving our community remain stronger than ever.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the elected officials, community organizations, sponsors, and residents whose support has ensured the continuation of this important tradition. We respectfully urge the City to recognize the importance of maintaining and supporting longstanding cultural traditions that honor the diverse communities that have helped shape New York City.

Respectfully,

Martha Flores Vázquez
Mildred Martinez
Carmen Cruz

New York City Puerto Rican Heritage, Inc.

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