



**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FELIX W. ORTIZ  
CHAIR, CITIES COMMITTEE  
CHAIR, PUERTO RICAN AND HISPANIC TASK FORCE**

**Legislative Highlights for the Week Ending March 14, 2014**

**State Comptroller and Empire State Development CEO Meet with Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force on Economic Development**

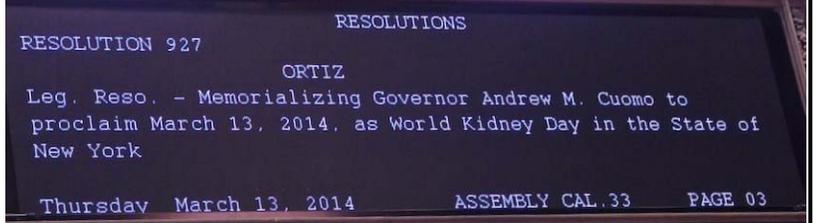
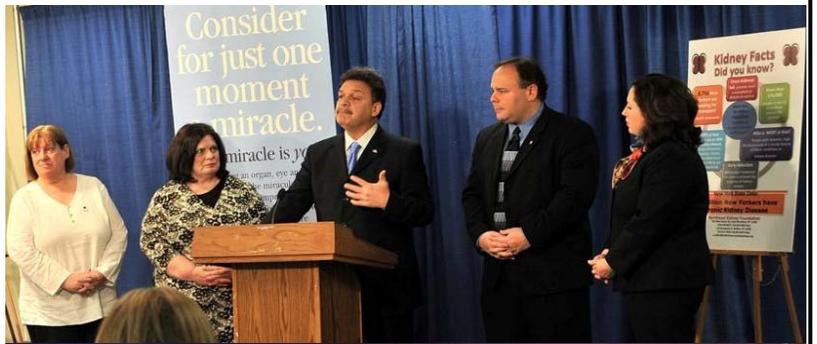


The Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force hosted two prestigious guests this week, State Comptroller **Thomas P. DiNapoli** and President and CEO of Empire State Development **Kenneth Adams**. Issues discussed included potential revenues for municipalities should the Dream Act become law and the NY Start-Up initiative to aid new small businesses.

**Ortiz Continues to Raise Awareness on Need for Organ Donors**



This week, the Assembly passed a resolution sponsored by Assemblyman Ortiz calling on Governor Cuomo to proclaim a World Kidney Day in the New York. Ortiz wants attention brought to the need for more donors to save lives.



**In Wake of East Harlem Explosion Ortiz Urges Support for a \$2 Billion Bond Act to Rebuild Aging Cities Infrastructures** *"We are investing in new industries, manufacturing and economic development growth in our cities. We must be just as committed to rebuilding antiquated infrastructure systems, to sustain communities and protect the safety of our citizens. The East Harlem tragedy must not be repeated. Government must support the needs of our cities by aiding in the rebuilding of dilapidated infrastructure, said Ortiz."*

**Cities Chair Ortiz Calls upon Mayor de Blasio to Protect Worker Safety**

Assemblyman Ortiz, Chair of the Committee on Cities sent a letter to Mayor de Blasio this week urging him to **take all precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of workers and residences, by asking for ongoing air quality testing, protective gear for worker lung safety and to open a One Stop Center.** The Center would have onsite counselors to help people address the devastating emotions that occur when a disaster of this magnitude takes lives. City employees including police, fire fighters, emergency personnel, utilities and all construction crews must be protected from the serious after effects of being exposed to air toxins while working to clean the debris.



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