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NYCHA BOARD MEMBER LÓPEZ JOINS PRESIDENT OBAMA AT WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION FOR JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT

*JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR, FIRST LATINA ON THE COURT,
GREW UP IN NYCHA'S BRONXDALE HOUSES*

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Board Member Margarita López represented Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and the 408,000 residents and staff of the nation's largest public housing authority at today's White House reception celebrating the confirmation of Justice Sonia Sotomayor's appointment to the United States Supreme Court. Justice Sotomayor, who grew up in Bronxdale Houses, is the first Latina and first NYCHA resident, and the third woman to hold this honor.

"Every time I perform my work I think of each child living in our developments, all of whom deserve the same opportunities she has had," Commissioner López said. "It is an honor to have been invited to this special event to represent the Mayor and the New York City Housing Authority. I am proud to represent our collective belief that public housing creates great leaders and productive members of our society," López added.

Despite humble beginnings, Justice Sotomayor went on to blaze trails at two Ivy League universities, served as a prosecutor and corporate lawyer, and then 17 years as a district and appeals court judge.

When she was confirmed by the Senate last week, NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea noted, "Justice Sotomayor's life story is not just a NYCHA success story, but a true American one. Justice Sotomayor is a role model for all of NYCHA's youth and her appointment demonstrates that there are no limits to their future success."

Chairman Rhea and the NYCHA Board expressed immense pride for Justice Sotomayor and is grateful to her for holding the NYCHA name up high.

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