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DANR Board Names Victor Capellan The New President of the Dominican American National Roundtable

Washington, DC (February 21, 2007)



The Dominican American National Roundtable is pleased to announce that it has named Victor F. Capellan as its new President effective February 19, 2007. Mr. Capellan was elected by the majority of the national board of directors, whose geographic locations spread across 10 U.S. states and Puerto Rico. Mr. Capellan succeeds Hon. Cid Wilson whose term as

President is officially complete. Mr. Wilson informed the national board of directors that he would not seek re-election as President so that he can focus on civic obligations in his home state of New Jersey.

"I am deeply honored and blessed to have the opportunity to lead the Dominican American National Roundtable as we spread our mission of empowerment of Dominicans and Latinos across America," said Victor Capellan. "I would like to thank Cid Wilson for his tireless leadership over the last three years and I look forward to building on the strong momentum he has established in take the DANR to the next level of excellence. As the organization's first President, I was a witness to how the organization came together in 1997, from what was originally an idea to what is now a national reality today in the Dominican community. It pleases me to see how the DANR has grown over the last ten years. I look forward to working with the Dominican and Latino organizations and leaders as we continue to grow the DANR and address the many common issues facing our community in America."

"It has been a great privilege and experience of a lifetime to have served as President of the DANR and I look forward to continuing to serve on the national board of directors as well as on an advisory capacity to our new president, Victor Capellan," said Cid Wilson. "During my three years as President, I traveled over 100,000 miles and to over 30 U.S. states and Puerto Rico on behalf of the DANR which has resulted in unprecedented national unity among Dominican Americans. We have had some great successes in my term and as the organization looks ahead, there is much to be done. I strongly believe that Mr. Capellan and the new national board are the right leadership that will grow the organization to new heights on behalf of the Dominican community. Please join me in congratulating Victor Capellan as the new President of the DANR as well as our new leadership on the DANR National Board of Directors."

Victor Capellan is the Principal of EBC Bushwick High School for Public



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Service in Brooklyn, New York. Victor is serving in his third year as principal after his Associate Director position at the Office of New Schools in Central Headquarters of the New York City Department of Education.

Mr. Capellan was formerly the facilitator of the Student Registration Center with the Providence School Department and also served as Executive Director of the Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy in Providence, Rhode Island. He served on the boards of Rhode Island Hospital, the Providence Public Library, and chaired the board of the Rhode Island Housing Mortgage and Finance Corporation. He attended the University of Rhode Island where he earned a Bachelor Degree in Political Science. He also holds a Masters Degree in Human Development and Family Studies as well as a Master in Education from the University of Rhode Island.

Victor Capellan was born in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

The DANR announces the new 2007 National Board of Directors.

Executive Board

- ☐ Victor Capellan (New York) – President
- ☐ Luis A. Guzman (New Jersey) – 1st Vice President
- ☐ Everin Perez (Rhode Island) – 2nd Vice President
- ☐ Dora Maria Abreu (New York) – Vice President of Membership
- ☐ Oscar Herasme (New York) – Treasurer
- ☐ Victor Diaz (Connecticut) – Assistant Treasurer

NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD

- ☐ Jovanna Garcia (Rhode Island) – Secretary
- ☐ Joselin Mateo (Florida) – Assistant Secretary

NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD

Board of Directors (listed alphabetically)

- ☐ Muriel Alfonseca (Maryland)
- ☐ Aneiry Batista (New York)
- ☐ Saily Cabral (New York)
- ☐ **Juan Casimiro (Florida) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD***
- ☐ Alejandra Castillo (District of Columbia)
- ☐ Nurys De Oleo (New York) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD*
- ☐ Maria Teresa Feliciano (New Jersey) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD*
- ☐ Julissa Ferreras (New York)
- ☐ Hon. Julio Guridy (Pennsylvania) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD*
- ☐ Angelica Infante (New York) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD*
- ☐ Marianela Jordan (New York)
- ☐ Ana Medina (Massachusetts) *NEWLY ELECTED TO DANR BOARD*
- ☐ Nestor Montilla (New York)
- ☐ Rafael Nuñez-Cedeño, Ph.D. (Illinois)
- ☐ Andres Paniagua (Massachusetts)
- ☐ Jose Torres (Florida)
- ☐ Pura Vazquez (Puerto Rico)
- ☐ Jhomphy Ventura (Rhode Island)
- ☐ Cesar Vizcaino (New Jersey)
- ☐ Lourdes Washington (Maryland)
- ☐ Cid Wilson (New Jersey)

About the DANR

Established in 1997, The Dominican American National Roundtable is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to advocate for the empowerment of Dominicans in the United