



*NHMC's VP of Policy & Legal Affairs Appointed to FCC Diversity Committee
Jessica González Joins Select Group of Media and Telecommunications Leaders*

PASADENA—(NHMC – Sep 29, 2011)—The National Hispanic Media Coalition, [NHMC](#), is pleased to congratulate its VP of Policy and Legal Affairs, Jessica González, on her appointment to the Federal Communications Commission's Diversity Committee, as announced today.

The mission of the Federal Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age -- AKA "Diversity Committee" -- is to advise the FCC on policies aimed to enhance diversity in media and telecommunications. The main focus of the Diversity Committee will be to promote universal broadband access by historically disadvantaged people, as well as to further their employment in the workforce of the telecommunications and related industries.

"In addition to being a talented legal advisor, Jessica is deeply committed to evening the playing field and enhancing opportunities for not just Latinos, but all disadvantaged people in our society. Her dedication to and passion for NHMC's work has generated many fruits to the Latino community. Her appointment with the FCC reaffirms NHMC's work as a whole and it will be an important opportunity to advance our mission on many fronts," asserts Alex Nogales, President and CEO of the National Hispanic Media Coalition.

Jessica executes NHMC's national priorities before the federal agencies and in Congress and leads NHMC's legal and policy work. She is responsible for developing NHMC's legal internship program to create more training opportunities for Latino law students and as a former educator this project is close to her heart. Jessica has testified before the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and in Congress. Additionally, she played an instrumental role in drafting the historic Memorandum of Understanding between Comcast Corporation and the Hispanic Leadership Organizations. Jessica also serves NHMC as spokesperson for public policy related issues. Before joining NHMC, Jessica was a staff attorney and clinical teaching fellow at Georgetown Law's renowned Institute for Public Representation (IPR), where NHMC was one of her clients.

At IPR Jessica also represented other consumer, civil rights and public interest organizations before the FCC, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and in the Courts of Appeal. While in law school, Jessica clerked at the Media Access Project in Washington, DC, and prior to law school she was a public high school teacher in Los Angeles, California. Jessica holds an LLM degree from Georgetown Law. She earned her JD at Southwestern Law School, where she was on the *Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas* and the *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*, and her BA in Communication Studies and Spanish from Loyola Marymount University. She is licensed to practice law in California and the District of Columbia. Jessica is Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Media and Democracy Coalition.

As Member of the FCC Diversity Committee Jessica Gonzalez will join a group of distinguished media and telecommunications professionals, among them, Andy Schwartzman from Media Access Project, Corie Wright from Free Press, Chanelle Hardy from National Urban League, David Honig from Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, Maxie Jackson from National Federation of Community Broadcasters, Dr. Nicol Turner-Lee from Joint Center on Political and Economic Studies and Karen Narasaki from the Asian American Justice Center. Barbara Kreisman, Carolyn Fleming Williams, and



Nicole McGinnis, will serve as Designated Federal Officers. To access the full list of members please see the FCC's release [here](#).

Public Participation

Diversity Committee meetings will be open to the general public. The first meeting has been scheduled for December 6, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. Information about the Diversity Committee can be found at www.fcc.gov/DiversityFAC.

About NHMC

The [National Hispanic Media Coalition](http://www.nhmc.org) is a non-partisan, non-profit, media advocacy and civil rights organization established in 1986 in Los Angeles, California. Its mission is to improve the image of American Latinos as portrayed by the media, increase the number of American Latinos employed in all facets of the media and telecommunications industries, and advocate for media and telecommunications policies that benefit Latinos and other people of color. Learn more at www.nhmc.org.

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