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## **NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**BARRAGA: MEETING WITH LONG ISLAND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TABLE, MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK, AND NEW YORK COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE**



Shown in picture L to R- Martha Lopez, Make the Road New York; Thomas F. Barraga, Suffolk County Legislator (R-West Islip); Lorie Gallo, New York Communities for Change; Ana Chireno, Make the Road New York; Maria Magdalena Flores, Make the Road New York; Daniel Altschuler, Long Island Civic Engagement Table; Royetta Alston, New York Communities for Change; Brian Young, New York Communities for Change

Legislator Barraga recently met with representatives from the Long Island Civic Engagement Table, Make the Road New York, and New York Communities for Change. The Long Island Civic Engagement Table (LICET) is a new initiative to transform the culture of civic participation and government accountability in Long Island. LICET is led by Make the Road New York, New York Communities for Change, the Central American Refugee Center, and the Long Island Immigrant Alliance.

LICET's efforts centered on registering voters, educating voters, and ensuring that issues of concern to working-class communities of color came to the fore through community and candidate forums, training emerging community leaders, and mobilizing voters to the polls.

Make the Road New York (MRNY) has fought to ensure respect and dignity for immigrant, poor, and working class New Yorkers. From the early years they have worked to combine legal services, education, and community to improve the lives of low-income and immigrant New Yorkers.

New York Communities for Change is a coalition of working families in low and moderate income communities fighting for social and economic justice throughout New York State. By using direct action, legislative advocacy, and community organizing, NY Communities' members work to impact the political and economic policies that directly affect them.

For additional information on any of these groups please visit their websites at:  
[www.livicengagement.org](http://www.livicengagement.org); [www.maketheroadny.org](http://www.maketheroadny.org); or [www.nycommunities.org](http://www.nycommunities.org)