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Acting Governor Guadagno Presides Over Historic Swearing-In Ceremony in Trenton

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Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey Swears In New Executive Committee at State House

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Trenton, NJ – This afternoon, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno welcomed the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey (LLANJ) to Trenton and administered the Oath of Office to its newly-elected Executive Committee. The ceremony marked the first time an LLANJ swearing-in has been held in the State House.

"It seems fitting that the first female Lt. Governor should preside over the first State House swearing in of the LLANJ, and I am proud to share this special day with you," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "New Jersey's Latino population is a thriving and crucial part of our business community and is increasingly well represented in government. I thank the LLANJ's leadership, past and present, for uniting and serving on behalf of Latino organizations and residents in our state."

During the ceremony, Acting Governor Guadagno congratulated outgoing and founding LLANJ President Martin Perez, Esq., and thanked him for his years of leadership with the LLANJ. Following her remarks, the Acting Governor administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected committee members: Dr. Maria Teresa Montilla, President; Luis Vargas, Vice President; Paul Perez, Vice President; Ken Seda, Treasurer; and Angela Harrington, Secretary.

The LLANJ began in 1999, when four hundred Latino leaders from diverse organizations across New Jersey convened at Rutgers University to work toward the development of statewide initiatives beneficial to all. Since then, the organization has been committed to serving as a unified voice for the State's Latino community, regardless of national origin. Its mission includes empowering Latino communities to obtain political, economic, and social equity and unifying organizations to advocate for the rights of Latinos throughout the State.

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