

State of New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy

Readout of Meeting Between Governor Phil Murphy and Governor Ricardo Rosselló

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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO – Governor Phil Murphy today visited Governor Ricardo Rosselló of Puerto Rico at La Fortaleza, the Governor's residence in San Juan. During the meeting, the two discussed a number of issues including:

- **Continued Collaboration Between NJ and PR:** Puerto Rico is still recovering from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, which made landfall on the island in September of 2017. After the hurricane hit Puerto Rico, New Jersey launched the New Jersey Commission on Puerto Rico Relief to determine ways to help those impacted. During today's visit, Governors Murphy and Rosselló discussed a potential visit to the island from the commission and pledged continued support. Potential areas of collaboration include the island's power grid and energy future and educational assistance.
- **Working with the Federal Government on Continued Recovery:** The New Jersey Puerto Rico Commission has been actively working with our Congressional Delegation for additional federal disaster relief packages to support Puerto Rico. As part of New Jersey's ongoing commitment to Puerto Rico's recovery, Governors Murphy and Rosselló also discussed the need to continue advocating for emergency assistance from FEMA. Other federal areas of concern for Puerto Rico include health care and food assistance for residents through the Affordable Care Act, especially in light of the potential expiration of disaster funds that has the island facing a potential "fiscal cliff." Additionally, the two discussed replenishing the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP), a federal food assistance program for Puerto Rico.
- **Organized Labor:** In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, organized labor from New Jersey continues to focus on helping Puerto Ricans rebound. Unions including LiUNA continue looking to work with Governor Rosselló and to start down the path of rebuilding in a professional and proactive manner that benefits the island, its residents and the administration's goals.

Información Sobre la Reunión del Gobernador Phil Murphy y el Gobernador Ricardo Rosselló Nevares

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO - El gobernador Ricardo Rosselló Nevares y el gobernador Phil Murphy de New Jersey se reunieron esta mañana en la Fortaleza. Durante la reunión, Rosselló Nevares y Murphy hablaron acerca de:

- **La comisión de New Jersey de Puerto Rico:** La isla continúa recuperándose del paso de los huracanes Irma y María. Después del paso de los huracanes, New Jersey formó la comisión para estipular la ayuda necesaria para los damnificados. Durante esta reunión, los gobernadores hablaron sobre otra visita de la comisión.
- **Continuando Trabajar con el gobierno federal para la recuperación:** La Comisión de Puerto Rico de New Jersey ha estado trabajando activamente con la Delegación del Congreso tratando de conseguir ayuda

federal para apoyar a Puerto Rico. Como parte del compromiso continuo de Nueva Jersey con la recuperación de Puerto Rico, los gobernadores Murphy y Rosselló hablaron de lo necesario que es la continuada asistencia federal de FEMA. Otras áreas de preocupación federales para Puerto Rico incluyen asistencia médica y de nutrición para residentes a través de la Ley de Atención Asequible (ACA, por sus siglas en ingles), especialmente a la luz de la posible expiración de los fondos para desastres que tiene la isla frente a un potencial "precipicio fiscal". Además, los dos discutieron el tema. Programa de asistencia nutricional (NAP, por sus siglas en ingles), un programa federal de asistencia alimentaria para Puerto Rico.

- **Sindicatos:** Tras el paso del huracán María, sindicatos de New Jersey se han centrado en ayudar a los puertorriqueños a recuperarse. Sindicatos incluyendo LiUNA continúan buscando el apoyo del gobernador Rosselló para comenzar el proceso de reconstrucción de manera profesional y proactiva para el beneficio de la isla, de sus residentes y de los objetivos de la administración.

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