

# Campaign for Fair Latino Representation

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### **Still at the Margins: Latinos Under the De Blasio Administration**

According to the release of the first official diversity data on the New York City municipal workforce under Mayor Bill de Blasio, Latinos, the largest population of color in the city, continue to be significantly underrepresented two years into his administration. [An analysis of these data by the National Institute for Latino Policy \(NiLP\)](#) documents a city government characterized by racial segregation along Black/White lines with Latinos and Asians remaining at the margins.

“The persistence of underrepresentation of Latinos in NYC government hiring under a self-described ‘progressive’ administration calls into serious question whether a de Blasio ‘progressive’ agenda includes racial justice,” observes Javier A. Nieves, Chair of the Campaign for Fair Latino Representation. “With Latinos making up 29% of New York City’s population yet continuing to comprise [a mere 12% of New York City government appointments](#),” he points out, “one can conclude it does not.”

It has been more than a year when on November 17, 2014 the Campaign held its first press conference to denounce the underrepresentation of Latinos in the De Blasio Administration. Over 200 protestors joined this action held on the steps of City Hall by the group.

Mayor de Blasio’s failure to address the well documented, systemic municipal employment discrimination facing Latinos is a major indictment of his mayoralty. “One cannot purport to address income inequality while at the same time playing a causal role in sustaining of it,” stated Dr. Luis O. Reyes, the Campaign’s Secretary-Treasurer.

Latinos remain the most economically unequal in New York City. Being barred from a historical avenue from which to move into the middle class ensures that this entrenched racial and economic marginalization will continue. [One study found](#) that being closed off from municipal employment costs the Latino community and aggregate of 1.5 billion in lost annual salary income. “Mayor de Blasio’s ongoing refusal to address this basic civil rights issue is a betrayal of authentic progressive values and is sure to have political consequences,” Nieves concluded..

The Campaign for Fair Latino Representation is a citywide coalition of volunteers formed in 2014 to promote the full participation of Latinos in New York City government. For further information, visit <http://www.latinorepresentation.org>.