

## **The Honorable Ana Sol Gutiérrez, Maryland State Delegate to accept the PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD at the Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala**

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Rockville, MD - The 2014 Steering Committee of the Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala (MCEHG) announces that will be the recipient of the "Public Service Award".

The Honorable Ana Sol Gutiérrez, Maryland State Delegate will be presented with the award during the gala celebration on September 18, 2014 to take place at The Fillmore Silver Spring, MD. Delegate Gutiérrez was elected as a Maryland State legislator in November 2002 and serves in the House Appropriations Committee. She was the first Salvadoran-American to be elected to office in the United States.

"We are delighted that Delegate Gutiérrez will honor us by accepting this award. She made History as the first Latina elected to serve in the Maryland House of Delegates and since she has worked incessantly on education issues to close the educational achievement gaps for Latino and other minority students, including the passage of the Maryland Dream Act. She has also worked tirelessly to protect immigrant, civil, and women's rights," said Claudia Canales, 2014 MCEHG Event Chair.

A chemist and computer systems engineer by profession, she was appointed in 1994 by President Clinton as the Deputy Administrator for Research at the U.S. Department of Transportation. She has worked for over 30 years in information technology in the private sector in major Information Technology (IT) firms, and is a recognized leader and role model for women in the fields of science and technology. She has twice been recognized among the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the USA" by Hispanic Magazine.

The Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala is a 100% volunteer-run event and 501c(3) organization committed to assisting Hispanic youth achieve a high level of education. Funds raised support the Maryland Hispanic Achievement Scholarship Program which provides financial assistance to Hispanic students enrolled in Maryland higher learning institutions.

The Executive's Hispanic Gala will serve to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations in Montgomery County and the State of Maryland.

To become a Sponsor, Donate or to Purchase Tickets, visit: [www.MontgomeryHispanicGala.org](http://www.MontgomeryHispanicGala.org)

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