

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

FRIDAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

12:00–1:30PM

MARIA HINOJOSA, The Futuro Media Group “Creating Trust and Opening Doors: One Journalist’s Story”

CAPITOL CENTER

Presiding: Rina Benmayor, *OHA Vice-President/President-Elect*

Introduction: Salvador De Lara, *Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta*

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Maria Hinojosa, an award-winning journalist and writer, gives national visibility to the human stories of our moment. She speaks to immigrants, undocumented workers, women activists, artists, students, youth, gangs, professionals, politicians, small business owners, corporate bosses, and victims of war, economic, and natural disasters. In sharing some of the stories she has gathered from widely divergent social and geographic contexts, Hinojosa offers personal reflections on the challenges of establishing trust, empowering voices, and representing people’s experiences. A Latina who crosses physical and cultural borders, she brings particular cultural understandings and moral responsibilities to her work as a gatherer, interpreter, and disseminator of stories.

Hinojosa is President of The Futuro Media Group, anchor of the weekly NPR program “Latino USA,” anchor of WGBH’s “One on One with Maria Hinojosa” and V-me’s “La Plaza: Conversaciones con María Hinojosa.” She was senior correspondent on “NOW, with David Brancaccio,” and is a continued contributor to PBS. She has garnered many awards and honors, including the Ruben Salazar Award from the National Council of La Raza, a lifetime achievement award in media from the Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors, and a Robert F. Kennedy award in radio for her reporting on the disadvantaged. Three times in the past decade *Hispanic Business Magazine* named her one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States. In 2001 she received an Emmy in recognition for her work covering the September 11th attacks in New York City.

For those not attending the luncheon, the program will begin at 12:45PM.

