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## **NMI DNC Members Head to Maryland for the Winter 2025 DNC Meeting**

Democratic National Committee members from the Northern Mariana Islands will be heading to National Harbor, Maryland, to participate in the Winter 2025 DNC Meeting scheduled for January 30 to February 1. Luella Marciano, Nola Hix, Michael White, and Jonathan Cabrera will be reconnecting with colleagues from across the country, and attending committee, caucus, and council meetings. Democrats across the country and in the territories are seriously pondering the future of the party as they reflect on election losses at the national and local levels. Thus, this meeting will also highlight the future direction of the national party as DNC members gather to elect the party's officers.

In 2019, former Democratic Party of the NMI Chair, Nola Hix spearheaded the evolution of the U.S. Territories Alliance. DNC members from the U.S. territories formed the U.S. Territories Alliance to advocate for the needs of democrats in the territories. This year, the Alliance, which includes DNC members from American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U. S. Virgin Islands, has committed to vote as a bloc for the Chair of the Democratic National Committee and will be publicly endorsing a candidate in the coming days. Candidates for DNC Chair include Quintessa Hathaway, Ken Martin, Martin O'Malley, Jason Paul, Faiz Shakir, Nate Snyder, Ben Wikler, and Marianne Williamson.

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, Chair Jonathan Cabrera and Vice Chair Luella Marciano will join other state and territory chairs and vice chairs at the Winter Meeting of the Association of State Democratic Committees (ASDC). At this meeting, they will vote for the officers of the ASDC and will follow up on discussions begun in Scottsdale, Arizona, following the November 2024 elections regarding how to continue fighting for Americans everywhere.

This past weekend, the U.S. Territories Alliance fully endorsed Nebraska Democratic Party Chair, and candidate for ASDC President, Jane Kleeb. This historic bloc vote consists of the Chairs and Vice Chairs from each of the five U.S. territories for a total of 10 votes.

"There is strength in numbers, and our collective power is now fully activated. I am looking forward to speaking to my stateside and territory colleagues," said Vice Chair Luella Marciano, "and learning what we can do as state party leaders to serve our people, to educate them about their rights as the current resident at 1600 Pennsylvania works very hard to dismantle those rights, and to encourage more people to get involved in the work of the Democratic Party at the local and national levels."

Follow the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands on Facebook for updates from the meeting as DNC members begin making their way to Maryland.

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