

Quarterly Economic Forecast

HispanicBusiness[®]

The 1000

INFLUENTIALS

Spotlight on Thought Leaders

Key Cabinet Secretaries,
Midterm Impact

Election Front,
Voting with Anger

OCTOBER 2010 \$3.99

www.hispanicbusiness.com

Profiles

100 INFLUENTIALS

They are the movers and shakers of Big Business, Big Government, academia, the arts and entertainment. This year's 100 most influential Hispanics are having big impacts in boardrooms and classrooms; in government capitals and on the movie set of the latest action thriller.

Their stories are as wide-ranging as they are inspiring, but they are all tied together by one theme: Through hard work, they have realized the American Dream. And in the process they inspire us all.

THE CHICAGO CONTINGENT



1 | Edward Acevedo State Representative, Illinois House of Representatives

Edward "Eddie" Acevedo has served the Illinois House for 15 years, representing the 2nd District. He has sponsored and passed a number of bills since taking office, including the Safe Neighborhood Act, a \$500 tuition tax credit, a child firearm access prevention initiative, a low-cost insurance program for children and the Senior Citizen's Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.

2 | Sergio Acosta Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Law Firm

Mr. Acosta is an experienced criminal and appellate litigator and investigator. His cases have involved criminal civil rights, fraud, violent crimes, labor racketeering and domestic terrorism. During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, Mr. Acosta tried more than 25 jury trials in federal court and many appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.



3 | Anita Alvarez State Attorney, Cook County

Ms. Alvarez first joined the State's Attorney's Office in 1986, where she handled hundreds of felony cases ranging from homicides, narcotics and armed robberies to criminal sexual assault and domestic violence. After serving more than 22 years, she won the race for Cook County State's Attorney in August of 2007. She scored a dramatic upset by defeating five opponents in a hotly contested primary, and then soundly defeating her Republican challenger in the general election.

4 | David Arenas Reilly Partners, Chicago Office

Mr. Arenas has completed senior level executive searches for major corporate clients. Positions filled include Board of Directors, CEO, President and General Managers, as well as functional heads and directors including CFO, Treasurer, Controller, Financial Planning, Tax and Audit. His industry experience includes consumer financial services, corporate and investment banking, and insurance, industrial/energy, consumer and technology.



5 | Maribel Mata Benedict Partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Law Firm

Ms. Mata Benedict has worked on tax-exempt and taxable financings for municipalities, other governmental units, and governmental agencies as well as health care facilities, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations. She has served as bond counsel, underwriter counsel and borrower counsel. She also practices in the area of public finance tax law and arbitrage rebate. Ms. Mata Benedict is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the American Bar Association and Women in Public Finance.

6 | Ramon Cepeda Sr. VP and Managing Director

Mr. Cepeda works to build a portfolio of commercial real estate properties both locally and throughout 18 states. His focus is on Term and Bridge loans on industrial, retail, multifamily and office properties. Additionally, he serves as in-house commercial real estate adviser to private bankers throughout Illinois. Mr. Cepeda currently serves as a member of the board of Trustees of the National Museum of Mexican Art.