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**Brooklyn District Attorney Announces Appointment of
First Latino Chief Assistant District Attorney
During Inaugural Celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month**

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson today announced appointment of Assistant District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, as his Chief Assistant District Attorney during his Office's inaugural celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

District Attorney Thompson said, "I am proud to announce the promotion of Eric Gonzalez as the Chief Assistant District Attorney – my second-in-command. With nearly 20 years of exemplary service to this Office, Eric is a dedicated, talented and hardworking prosecutor. I look forward to continue working with Eric to make our neighborhoods safer and stronger."

Gonzalez started his career at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in 1995 and made his way up the ranks in supervisory positions including Deputy Bureau Chief for the Criminal Court and Grand Jury Bureau and Chief of the Green Trial Zone. Gonzalez currently serves as Counsel to the District Attorney. He will assume his new duties in December.

Gonzalez said, "I would like to thank District Attorney Thompson for honoring me with this position. I am humbled by my appointment during our event which honors the contributions that Latinos have made to our society."

The National Hispanic Heritage Month event took place at The Forchelli Conference Center at Brooklyn Law School where the Speaker of the New York City Council Melissa Mark-Viverito was the keynote speaker.

A highlight of the event was a panel discussion, "The Unaccompanied Minor Crisis and The Effects on New York City" with Camille Mackler, Director of Training and Technical Assistance at the New York Immigration Coalition and Jojo Annobil, Attorney-in-Charge of the citywide Immigration Law Unit at the Legal Aid Society.

District Attorney Thompson said, "As Brooklyn DA, I'm honored to host my Office's very first National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. We celebrate with great pride, the beauty and importance of Latino heritage and culture, as well as the enormous contributions of Latinos to our great nation and the world."

The Chief of the Immigration Fraud Unit Maritza Ming said, "We are committed to community outreach and fraud prevention education so that immigrants can empower themselves and overcome the challenges and struggles they face on a daily basis."

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