

# ALMUERZO DE LA RED DE EMPRESARIOS Y MUJERES PROFESIONALES DE LA CAMERA DE COMERCIO DE PUERTO RICO

Mujer sin Barreras: Tu Trayectoria es tu Carta de Triunfo



# MI ABUELA, ABUELO, MADRE Y PADRE



# LA FAMILIA VELEZ







One of the largest and longest established Latino construction firms in New York







- Established over 43 years
- Over \$2B in completed work





# MAKING MY OWN EARLY PATH



# PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & CHALLENGES





# BALANCING WORK AND HOME LIFE



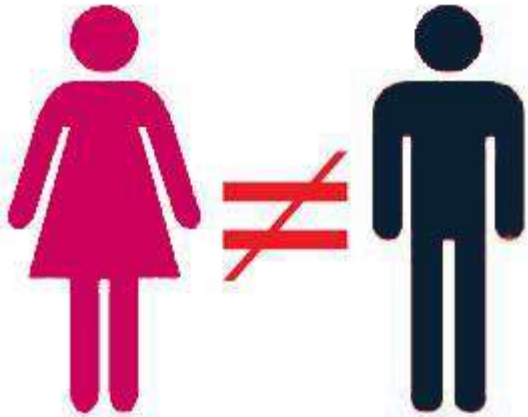


# MY TOP TEN LIST OF BUSINESS PRACTICES

1. Every single day, do something to create or expand your business
2. Join associations and business groups that support what you do
3. Network, network, network
4. Don't put all your eggs in one basket
5. Keep track of trends in your chosen field – stay ahead
6. Know your field – be passionate about it
7. Stand up and speak out. Bring about change.
8. As women, give 110% at all times
9. Embrace the fact that you are a woman!
10. Do not be afraid of discomfort or anxiety! It is a personal growth moment.

# INCOME INEQUALITY AFFECTS LATINO FAMILIES

**"Gender equality is not a woman's issue, it is a human issue. It affects us all."**



LATINAS IN NY ARE PAID JUST .54 CENTS FOR EVERY DOLLAR PAID TO WHITE/NON-HISPANIC MEN



# IS IT POSSIBLE TO PERFECTLY BALANCE WORK AND FAMILY LIFE?



ENJOY WHAT YOU DO!







# GO OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE





# DON'T MISTAKE POLITENESS FOR LACK OF STRENGTH

—SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

