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Keynote Speaker
Mr. Nicholas Vaca
Author, "Presumed Alliances"

Mistress of Ceremonies
Elleanor Jean-Hendley

Thursday, October 7, 2004
12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m.
Wyndham Philadelphia @ Franklin Plaza
17th & Race Street

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Nicolas G. Vaca

Attorney and Author of *The Presumed Alliance*

*Nicolas C. Vaca, is the author of *The Presumed Alliance: The Unspoken Conflict Between Latinos and Blacks and What it Means for America*, published by HarperCollins. Mr. Vaca is a graduate of Harvard Law School and also holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Vaca is a partner in the law firm of Vaca & Vaca, LLP, in Walnut Creek, California.*

*From February 2001 to February 2002, he was a visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley while still maintaining his law practice. Mr. Vaca is also a contributing writer to the *California Lawyer* and is currently a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Davis.*

As Latino and African-Americans increasingly live side by side in large urban centers, as well as in suburban clusters, the idealized concept of a "rainbow coalition" would suggest that these two disenfranchised groups are natural political allies. This notion is based on the presumption that there is a communality between the two groups that serves as the glue for forming political alliances on a mass level. In contrast to this theoretical approach stands the reality that there is little evidence of formal or even informal coalitions between Latinos and African-Americans.

Indeed, as the number of Latinos has increased dramatically over the last ten years, competition over power and resources between these two groups has led to antagonistic and uncooperative interactions. Many African-Americans now view Latinos because their growth in numbers, as a threat to their social, economic and political gains.

*Vaca examines the historical origins and contemporary manifestations of the conflicts/issues between Latinos and African-Americans in an engaging manner. Unlike other books authored by non-Latinos, *THE PRESUMED ALLICANCE* does not gloss over the unsettling reality that such conflict is not only real, but also normal, and in daring to raise the topic, is also fixable.*

Mistress of Ceremonies



Elleanor Jean Hendley

KYW-TV News

Elleanor Jean Hendley is an Emmy Award-winning television journalist with extensive leadership experience in education and youth development.

*Elleanor is the Education Reporter for CBS-3 TV Eyewitness News, (www.kyu.com) and the producer/host of the Emmy Award-winning *The Tribune* broadcast in the weekend morning news. Previously she was the producer/host of the award-winning *City Lights*, a weekly prime time show broadcast on CBS-3 TV for ten years, and a reporter and talk show producer/host at WHP-TV in Harrisburg, Pa.*

*During two years as a New Jersey public school teacher, Elleanor created an after-school dance program for girls that won numerous awards. Her commitment to youth has continued during, and in 1985 she founded Teenshop, Inc., (www.teenshop.org) a volunteer weekend program for girl students with goals. Teenshop, which has five chapters in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, California, has been nationally recognized for its innovative series of workshops, field trips, college tours, and community service. The program has been featured in *Youth Today*, *Ebony* magazine, and the *Los Angeles Times*, and the Ms. Foundation for Women cited Teenshop as a program that works for girls'.*

Active in the community, Elleanor's memberships include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Delaware Valley Links, , and Philadelphia's Mount Carmel Baptist Church. She's a founding member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of 100 Black Women and a charter member of Philadelphia Congress of the National Political Congress of Black Women.

Elleanor has received many awards for exemplary community service and excellence in broadcasting. They include national CEBA Awards, a Congressional Citation, Community Service Award from Westinghouse Broadcasting Corporation, and the Professional Achievement Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio and studied French at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Elleanor resides in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. In her leisure time she is a jazz piano student, avid doll collector, and accomplished seamstress.

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