



Guide to the Olga A. Méndez Senatorial Papers



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Senator Olga Méndez speaking in the Senate chamber in Albany, circa 1986

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Abstract: New York State Senator (1978-2004) and first Puerto Rican woman elected to a state legislature in the continental United States. Senate district included East Harlem, parts of the South Bronx, Roosevelt Island and Washington Heights. Collection spans her 13 consecutive terms in the Senate, documenting her legislative functions and constituent service, as well as her leadership and advocacy on behalf of Puerto Ricans, Latinos and other underserved communities. Collection also serves as rich documentation of the realities and aspirations of the individuals, communities and neighborhoods she represented. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, legislative files, subject files, press releases and clippings, newsletters, reports, publications, artifacts, posters, photographs, and audio and video recordings.

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Nota de resumen: Senadora del estado de Nueva York (1978-2004) y la primera mujer puertorriqueña en ser elegida para una legislatura estatal en los Estados Unidos. El distrito senatorial incluía East Harlem, partes del sur del Bronx, Roosevelt Island y Washington Heights. La colección comprende sus 13 términos consecutivos en el senado, documentos sobre su función legislativa y servicio constituyente, así como su liderazgo y defensa en nombre de los puertorriqueños, latinos y otras comunidades necesitadas. La colección también proporciona valiosa documentación sobre las realidades y aspiraciones de individuos, comunidades y vecindarios que ella representó. Este material incluye correspondencia, memorandos, registros legislativos, archivos de temas, comunicados de prensa y recortes de periódicos, boletines, informes, publicaciones, reliquias, carteles, fotografías, y grabaciones de audio y video.

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OLGA ARAN MÉNDEZ (1925-2009)

Biographical Note:

Olga Aran Méndez was born February 5, 1925 in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. One of eight children, she was raised on the island in a middle-class and highly-educated family. Her mother, Ursula García Fernández (b. 1894), was heir to a substantial family fortune along with her three sisters; she passed away when Olga was nine years old. Olga's father, Gonzalo Aran Soler (d. 1948), was a Clerk of the Court. His family, the Arans, were among the first French families to immigrate to Puerto Rico in the 19th century. In 1950, Méndez received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Universidad de Puerto Rico, afterwards teaching high school chemistry on the island.

In 1958, the decade of the largest migration of Puerto Ricans to New York City, Olga joined two of her sisters already living in El Barrio (East Harlem). She continued her education at the Teacher's College at Columbia University, where in 1960 she received a Master's degree in Psychology. In the late 1960s, she worked on a longitudinal study with renowned children's psychologists, Dr. Alexander Thomas and Dr. Stella Chess, and also as a research psychologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In 1968, while affiliated with the New York University Medical Center, she co-published an article entitled "Class and Ethnic Differences in the Responsiveness of Preschool Children to Cognitive Demands." In the 1970s, she became a doctoral candidate in Educational Psychology at Yeshiva University, and successfully defended her dissertation in 1975.

The plight of Puerto Ricans in New York City, particularly those in poverty, appalled Méndez upon her arrival to the city. She herself experienced housing discrimination and protested being asked to take a literacy test when registering to vote. According to Méndez, her commitment to activism began after an experience at a New York City clinic in 1960. After witnessing clinic staff maltreat a Puerto Rican woman who could not speak English, Olga intervened as a translator. Regularly thereafter, El Barrio mothers asked Méndez to act as a translator on behalf of their children, to prevent them from being transferred to special education classes for lacking English proficiency. Méndez continued dedicating much of her time and energy to social justice issues, particularly as they intersected with education and political representation.

Nota biográfica:

Olga Aran Méndez nació el 5 de febrero de 1925, en Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Proveniente de una familia con ocho hijos, fue criada en la isla y en el seno de una familia de clase media con muy buena educación. Su madre, Ursula García Fernández (b.1894) heredó una sustanciosa fortuna familiar al igual que sus tres hermanas. La madre falleció cuando Olga tenía 9 años de edad. Su padre, Gonzalo Aran Soler (fallecido en 1948) fue Secretario Judicial. La familia Aran, fue de las primeras familias de inmigrantes francesas que llegaron a Puerto Rico en el siglo XIX. En 1950 Méndez obtuvo una licenciatura en ciencias de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, posteriormente enseñó química en una escuela de secundaria de la isla.

En 1958, la década de mayor migración de puertorriqueños hacia la ciudad de Nueva York, Olga se mudó con dos de sus hermanas que ya vivían en El Barrio (Este de Harlem). Ella continuó sus estudios en la escuela de maestros de la Universidad de Columbia, donde obtuvo un Master en psicología. A finales de 1960 trabajó en un estudio longitudinal con los destacados psicólogos de niños Dr. Alexander Thomas y Dr. Stella Chess; también trabajó como sicóloga de investigación en el Albert Einstein College of Medicine. En 1968, mientras se enrolaba en el New York University Medical Center, co-publicó un artículo titulado "Differences in the "Class and Ethnic Differences in the Responsiveness of Preschool Children to Cognitive Demands." En la década de 1970 se convirtió en una estudiante de doctorado en sicología de la educación en Yeshiva University y defendió exitosamente su tesis en 1975.

La difícil situación de los puertorriqueños en Nueva York, en particular de los menos favorecidos, llamó la atención de Méndez a su llegada a la ciudad. Ella también sufrió de discriminación de vivienda y protestó al ser preguntada para tomar el examen de alfabetización cuando se registraba para votar. Según Méndez, su compromiso con el activismo comenzó después de pasar por una experiencia en una clínica de Nueva York en 1960. Después de ser testigo de como el personal de una clínica maltrataba a una mujer puertorriqueña que no hablaba inglés, Olga intervino como traductora. Luego, y en forma regular, las madres de El Barrio le pidieron a Méndez el actuar como traductora en representación de sus hijos para evitar que fueran transferidos a una escuela de educación especial por una falta de

Prior to her election to the New York State Senate in 1978, Olga's posts included Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Child Welfare; founder and director of the Parent-Child Center in the South Bronx (1968-1970); assistant professor and director of the Puerto Rican Studies Department at the State University of New York, Stony Brook; and an elected member of Community School Board District 4 in East Harlem (1977). She also helped create the Committee for a Fair Education for public schools in Brentwood, Long Island; was a consultant for bilingual-bicultural education; created the first Spanish branch of the League of Women Voters; was Vice President of the Puerto Rican Association of Women Voters; launched numerous voter registration drives throughout the country; and volunteered with organizations that promoted good government and fair and sound public policy. In 1972, Méndez attended the Democratic National Convention as a delegate committed to liberal candidate George McGovern, marking the start of her political career. She went on to be an elected delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1980, 1984 and 1988, when she had the honor of nominating Reverend Jesse Jackson as candidate for President.

Olga's first marriage was to Rafael Perez, which lasted five years. Shortly thereafter she married Anthony (Tony) Méndez, a politically active lawyer from a well-respected East Harlem family. He was the son of Antonio Méndez, the first native-born Puerto Rican to become District Leader of a major political party in New York City. He was based in the Caribe Democratic Club, along with his son and Olga's brother, Freddie Aran, who was also a Democratic Party District Leader. In 1970, Olga's husband was tragically murdered; she never remarried nor had children. Olga admired Antonio Méndez as a father figure as well as for his activism on behalf of the Puerto Rican community. The 1960s-1970s witnessed the rise of the second generation of Puerto Rican leaders, such as Herman Badillo and Robert Garcia; however, the role of Puerto Rican women in politics was still relegated to the grassroots level. Aided by her involvement with the Méndez family, Olga became steeped in El Barrio's political scene. In the late 1970s she became an East Harlem District Leader.

In 1978, Democratic Congressman Herman Badillo resigned his congressional seat when appointed Deputy Mayor by Ed Koch. New York State Senator Robert Garcia ran in a special election to fill Badillo's seat, creating a vacancy in the Senate. Garcia's district encompassed East Harlem, parts of the South Bronx, Washington Heights and Roosevelt Island, and was considered to be the poorest in the state. In April

conocimiento del idioma inglés. Méndez continuó dedicándole gran parte de su tiempo y energía al tema de justicia social, especialmente a aquellos relacionados con la educación y la representación política.

Antes de ser elegida como senadora del estado de Nueva York en 1978, Olga ocupó cargos como Comisionado adjunto del the Bureau of Child Welfare; fue fundadora y directora de the Parent-Child Center en South Bronx (1968-1970); profesor adjunto y directora del Departamento de Estudios Puertorriqueños en the State University of New York, Stony Brook, y miembro electo de la Junta Escolar de la Comunidad el Distrito 4 en East Harlem (1977). También ayudó a crear el Committee for a Fair Education for public schools en Brentwood, Long Island. Fue consultora en educación bilingüe, creó la primera sucursal española de League of Women Voters, fue vice presidenta de Vice President of the Puerto Rican Association of Women Voters, lanzó numerosas campañas para la inscripción de votantes en todo el país y fue voluntaria de organizaciones que promovieron el buen gobierno y una equitativa política pública. Méndez asistió al Democratic National Conventions como delegada comprometida con el candidato liberal George McGovern, que marcó el inicio de su carrera política. Ella pasó a ser delegada electa para las convenciones nacionales demócratas de 1980, 1984 y 1988, cuando tuvo el honor de nominar al reverendo Jesse Jackson como candidato a presidente.

El primer matrimonio de Olga fue con Rafael Pérez y la unión se mantuvo solo por cinco años. Poco después se casó con Anthony (Tony) Méndez, un abogado políticamente activo y de una respetada familia de East Harlem. Fue hijo de Antonio Méndez, el primer nativo puertorriqueño en convertirse líder de distrito de un partido político importante en la ciudad de Nueva York. Instaló su sede en el Club Democrático Caribe, junto con su hijo y el hermano de Olga, Freddie Aran, que fue también líder de distrito del Partido Demócrata. En 1970 el marido de Olga fue trágicamente asesinado y ella nunca se volvió a casar ni tampoco tuvo hijos. Olga admiró a Antonio Méndez como una figura paterna, así como por su activismo en favor de la comunidad puertorriqueña. Las décadas de 1960 y 1970 fueron testigos de la aparición de la segunda generación de líderes puertorriqueños como Herman Badillo y Robert García. Sin embargo el papel de la mujer puertorriqueña en la política estaba aún relegada a nivel de bases. Ayudada por la familia Méndez, Olga llegó a compenetrarse con la escena política de El Barrio. A finales de 1970 se convirtió en un líder de

1978, Méndez won a special election to succeed Garcia with 89% of the vote, becoming the first Puerto Rican woman elected to a state legislature in the continental United States. For 13 consecutive terms she was elected to represent the 30th Senatorial District changed to the 28th in 1992 after re-districting – with high percentages of the vote.

Méndez first took office in the aftermath of a serious economic recession, which was particularly hard-hitting in New York City. Budget cuts had reduced or eliminated funding for many social programs, disproportionately affecting black and Latino communities and leading to historic neglect of New York City's most impoverished neighborhoods, particularly East Harlem and the South Bronx. In the early 1980s, 93% of households in East Harlem were on public assistance. Throughout the 1980s, Méndez railed against the Reagan administration's fiscal conservatism, which further reduced funding for welfare and social programs, as poverty, homelessness and hunger were acute issues for her district. Known for her dedicated constituent service, Méndez fought to secure funding for district organizations providing services in the areas of education, job training, mental health, early childhood development, daycare, teenage pregnancy, parks and recreation, drug abuse and prevention, HIV/AIDS, as well as for senior citizen and rape crisis centers.

Olga's inauguration to the New York State Senate, standing alongside Robert Garcia, Herman Badillo, and Mayor Ed Koch. Albany, November 1, 1979.

In the late 1970s, towards the end of the women's liberation movement, Méndez became an outspoken advocate for women's rights, attending the First National Conference of Women in Houston as a delegate in 1977. Olga's first election was at a time when still relatively few women occupied positions of political power. As Senator, she broke with stereotypes and made a name for herself amongst her predominantly male colleagues as a bold, outspoken and shrewd politician. Throughout her career she would champion women's issues, particularly healthcare, rape law reform and domestic violence.

Some of her legislative achievements included securing an increase in the state's minimum wage, introducing legislation that provided basic rights to migrant farm workers, gaining bipartisan support for affordable housing and economic development initiatives in her district, and negotiating the passage of legislation creating the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC), which allowed for increased resident participation in island operations. She also

distrito de East Harlem.

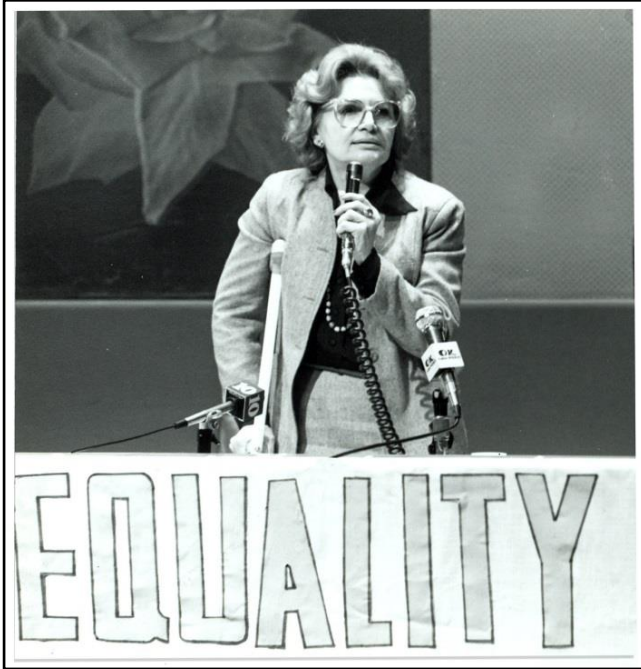
En 1978, el congresista demócrata Herman Badillo renunció a su escaño en el Congreso porque fue nombrado Subalcalde por Ed Koch. El senador del estado de Nueva York Robert García ganó en una elección especial y reemplazó a Badillo, creando una vacante en el Senado. El distrito de García comprendía el East Harlem, partes del sur del Bronx, Washington Heights y Roosevelt Island; fue considerado como uno de los distritos más pobres del estado. En abril de 1978 Méndez ganó una elección especial, con el 89% de los votos, para suceder a García y se convirtió en la primera mujer puertorriqueña en ser elegida para una legislatura estatal en todo el territorio de Estados Unidos. Fue elegida durante 13 periodos consecutivos para representar al Distrito 30 en el Senado; cambió al Distrito 28 en 1992 después de una redistribución de distritos y con altos porcentajes de votación.



Inauguración de Olga en el Senado del Estado de Nueva York, de pie junto a Robert García, Herman Badillo y el alcalde Ed Koch. Albany, 1 de Noviembre., 1979

Méndez asumió su primer mandato en una época afectada por una grave recesión económica y fue particularmente impactante en la ciudad de Nueva York. Los recortes presupuestales habían reducido o eliminado los fondos para muchos programas sociales y afectaron de manera desproporcionada a las comunidades afroamericanas y latinas, conduciendo a un histórico descuido de los barrios más pobres de la ciudad, sobre todo el East Harlem y el sur del Bronx. A principios de la década de 1980 el 93% de los hogares en el East Harlem contaban con asistencia pública. Durante toda la década de 1980, Méndez criticó la política fiscal conservadora de la administración Reagan, la cual reducía aún más la financiación de los programas sociales y de bienestar, como la pobreza, la falta de vivienda y el hambre fueron problemas graves para su distrito. Conocida

advocated for Rockefeller drug law reform, combating the asthma epidemic, closing chemical waste incinerators in the Bronx, bilingual/bicultural education, rectifying the undercount of Puerto Rican/Hispanic communities in the census, and ending the U.S. Navy bombing on Vieques.



Olga Méndez speaking at a National Organization for Women (NOW) rally in Albany, 1982.

In 1985, Méndez resigned from the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus in response to the rejection of Herman Badillo's candidacy for Mayor by a coalition of the city's black politicians. She also claimed that the caucus largely represented black over Latino interests. In 1987, Latino members of the New York State Legislature created the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, a legislative body to focus on Latino issues in the state. In 1988, their first annual Somos Uno Conference was held in Albany. In March 1989, Méndez was chosen to chair the Senate Democratic Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.

Her committee assignments in the Senate included service on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Consumer Protection, Education, Finance, Health, Housing, Construction and Community Development, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Rules, Transportation, and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Méndez was Ranking Minority Member of the Social Services Committee and Chair of the Senate Labor Committee, serving also on the Senate Minority Task Forces on Women's Issues, Women in the Courts, Welfare Reform,

por su dedicado servicio constituyente, Méndez luchó para garantizar la financiación de las organizaciones de distrito que prestaban servicios en las áreas de educación, capacitación para el trabajo, salud mental, desarrollo de la infancia, guardería infantil, embarazo adolescente, parques y recreación, abuso de drogas y prevención, VIH/SIDA, así como para los centros de crisis por violación y los centros de la tercera edad.

A finales de 1970, hacia el final del movimiento de liberación de las mujeres, Méndez se convirtió en una firme defensora de los derechos de la mujer, participando como delegada en el First National Conference of Women en Houston, en 1977. La primera elección de Olga ocurrió en un momento en que relativamente pocas mujeres ocupaban posiciones con poder político. Como senadora, ella rompió con los estereotipos y se hizo de un nombre entre sus colegas, predominantemente masculinos, como una política audaz, sincera y sagaz. Durante toda su carrera Méndez fue una defensora de todos los asuntos relativos a la mujer, en particular en el cuidado de la salud, reforma penal sobre violación y violencia doméstica.

Algunos de sus logros legislativos incluyen la obtención de un aumento en el salario mínimo del estado, introducción de una legislación que proporcionó derechos básicos a los trabajadores agrícolas migrantes, ganó el apoyo bipartidista para iniciativas de vivienda accesible y desarrollo económico en su distrito, y negoció la aprobación de la legislación que creó the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) que permitió una mayor participación de los residentes en las operaciones de la isla. También abogó por las leyes Rockefeller de drogas, luchó contra la epidemia de asma, el cierre de las incineradoras de residuos químicos en el Bronx, la educación bilingüe y bicultural, la rectificación del conteo de las comunidades puertorriqueñas e hispanas en el censo demográfico, y apoyó el fin del bombardeo de la Marina de Estados Unidos en la isla de Vieques.

En 1985 Méndez renunció al comité legislativo afroamericano y puertorriqueño, en respuesta al rechazo de la candidatura de Herman Badillo para alcalde por una coalición de políticos afroamericanos de la ciudad. También ella afirmó que el comité favorecía ampliamente los intereses de los afroamericanos sobre el de los latinos. Dos años más tarde los miembros latinos de la legislatura del estado de Nueva York crearon el grupo de trabajo puertorriqueño/hispano para desarrollar una agenda legislativa enfocada en asuntos latinos y en 1988 realizaron en Albany su primera conferencia Somos

Affordable Housing, Child Care 2000 and the Joint Temporary Task Force on Farmworker Issues. In 1984, she was elected Secretary of the Senate Minority Conference and in 1993 was unanimously chosen as Chairperson of the Minority Conference; she was the first Puerto Rican woman to hold these posts. Additionally, she attended the White House Conference on Families (1980) and was appointed by Mario Cuomo to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Hispanic Affairs (1983).

Olga was diagnosed with breast cancer in the early 1990s, and underwent a mastectomy in 1993. She became a committed and outspoken advocate for breast cancer awareness and education, and in 1994 she cofounded First Saturday in October with Josephine Mercado. The organization focused on breast health education and awareness among New York City Latinas, a high risk group due to late detection. They launched outreach campaigns throughout the city, in collaboration with community based organizations and breast health care providers.

After the 2000 census, Méndez's district changed from a primarily northern Manhattan district to one with nearly 60% of its residents in the Bronx, which led to intense rivalries between candidates from the Bronx and those from Manhattan. In December 2002, Méndez switched her party affiliation and joined the Republican Party, a bold move given that her district was heavily Democratic. Claiming she was always a strong liberal, she stated the realignment was an effort to win her district more resources, funds and access in a Senate controlled by Republicans since the 1970s. She had also endorsed and supported Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani. The switch prompted several Democrats to challenge her in the 2004 general election, and she was ultimately defeated by Bronx City Councilmember José M. Serrano.

Méndez won numerous awards and commendations for her service to the people of New York state and her advocacy on behalf of ethnic, racial, and gender equality, including: the United Organizations Woman of the Year (1978); Hispanic Legislator of the Year (1979); the Operation Push National Citizenship Award; the Hunter College Presidential Medal of Honor (1994); the Humanitarian Award from the Latino Coalition for Fair Media; Lifetime Achievement Awards from the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation and the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force; and the Good Government Leadership Award from the Fiorello La Guardia Good Government. Award-winning artist, Constance del Vecchio Maltese, included Olga in her *American Women* portrait series

Uno. En Marzo de 1989 Mendez fue elegida para presidir el grupo de trabajo puertorriqueño/hispano demócrata en el Senado.

Durante sus años en el senado del Estado participó en múltiples comité, entre ellos: servicio de comercio, desarrollo económico y pequeña empresa, protección al consumidor, educación, finanzas, salud, vivienda, construcción y desarrollo comunitario, salud mental y deficiencias del desarrollo, regulaciones, transporte, y alcoholismo y abuso de drogas. Méndez fue miembro minoritario del Comité de servicios sociales y presidenta de la Comisión de trabajo del Senado, sirviendo también en los grupos de trabajo sobre asuntos de la mujer en la minoría del Senado, mujeres en los tribunales, la reforma del sistema de bienestar social, vivienda asequible, cuidado del niño 2000 y el grupo de trabajo conjunto temporal sobre asuntos de trabajadores agrícolas. En 1984, fue elegida secretaria de la conferencia de la minoría en el Senado y en 1993 fue elegida por unanimidad como presidente de la minoría en el Congreso; Méndez fue la primera mujer puertorriqueña en ocupar estas posiciones. Además, asistió a la conferencia sobre la familia en la Casa Blanca (1980) y fue designada por Mario Cuomo al Comité asesor del gobernador para asuntos hispanos (1983).

A principios de 1990 Olga fue diagnosticada con cáncer de mama y se sometió a una mastectomía en 1993. Se convirtió en una comprometida y firme defensora de la educación y concientización del cáncer de mama. En 1994 fue cofundadora, junto con Josephine Mercado, de la organización Primer sábado de octubre, la cual se enfocó en la educación de la salud de la mama y la conciencia sobre este tema entre las latinas de la ciudad de Nueva York; un grupo de alto riesgo debido a la detección tardía de esta enfermedad. Realizaron campañas de divulgación en toda la ciudad en colaboración con organizaciones de base comunitarias y proveedores de cuidados de salud de la mama.

Después del censo del 2000 el distrito de Méndez cambió de un distrito principalmente al norte de Manhattan, a uno con casi el 60% de sus residentes en el Bronx, lo que dio lugar a intensas rivalidades entre candidatos del Bronx y los de Manhattan. Méndez cambió su afiliación partidaria en diciembre de 2002, y se unió al Partido Republicano, una medida audaz tomando en cuenta que su distrito era fuertemente democrático. Asegurando que ella siempre fue un liberal firme, declaró que este realineamiento era un esfuerzo para ganar más recursos, fondos y acceso a su distrito, en un senado controlado por los republicanos desde la década de 1970. Ella también apoyó y respaldó al gobernador

with a portrait entitled *The Senator*, featuring Olga characteristically and impassionedly speaking at a public rally. In 2005, an East Harlem apartment building for low income families located at 91 East 116th Street was named in her honor.

For most of her life in New York City, and until her death in 2009 at age 84, Olga resided at 1215 Fifth Avenue in El Barrio. As both a legislator and community leader, Olga Méndez is considered a true pioneer, celebrated and honored as a symbol of hope and inspiration for the Puerto Rican and Latino communities of New York.

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Pataki y al alcalde Giuliani. Este cambio hizo que varios demócratas la desafiaran en las elecciones generales de 2004, siendo derrotada finalmente por el concejal de la ciudad del Bronx José M. Serrano.

Méndez ha obtenido numerosos premios y reconocimientos por su servicio a los habitantes del estado de Nueva York y por su defensa en nombre de la igualdad étnica, racial, y de género, incluyendo: the United Organizations Woman of the Year (1978), Hispanic Legislator of the Year (1979), el Operation Push National Citizenship Award, el Hunter College Presidential Medal of Honor (1994), el Humanitarian Award del Latino Coalition for Fair Media, Lifetime Achievement Awards del New York City Health and Hospital Corporation y el Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, el Good Government Leadership Award del Fiorello La Guardia Good Government. La premiada artista Constance del Vecchio Maltese incluyó a Olga en su serie *American Women* portrait con un retrato titulado "*The Senator*" (La senadora) mostrando las características y pasión de Olga hablando en un acto público. En 2005, un edificio de apartamentos para familias de bajos ingresos en East Harlem, situado en 91 East 116 Street, fue nombrado en su honor.

Olga, quien vivió la mayor parte de su vida en Nueva York, y hasta su fallecimiento en el 2009 a la edad de 84 años, residió en 1215 Fifth avenue, en el Barrio. Como legisladora y líder comunitaria Olga Méndez es considerada una verdadera pionera, celebrada y honrada como un símbolo de esperanza e inspiración para las comunidades puertorriqueñas y latinas de Nueva York.

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Scope and Content:

The senatorial papers of Olga Méndez (1925-2009) span the years circa late 1960s-2004, with the majority concentrated between 1978 and 2004. This collection chronicles her career as New York State Senator (1978-2004) from the 30th district (changed to the 28th in 1992), which included East Harlem, parts of the South Bronx, Roosevelt Island and Washington Heights. Méndez represented what was considered to be the poorest district in the state, which also had a significant Puerto Rican and Latino demographic. The papers document her legislative functions and constituent service, as well as the realities and aspirations of the individuals, communities and neighborhoods she represented.

Collection materials are largely textual, including correspondence, memoranda, legislative files, publications, reports, newsletters, meeting minutes and press clippings. The collection also contains photographs, artifacts, posters, and audio and video recordings. The folders are arranged alphabetically with items in chronological order.

The collection is arranged into the following series and subseries:

- I. Biographical and Personal Information**
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Alcance y contenido:

Los documentos senatoriales de Olga Méndez (1925-2009) comprenden los años alrededor de finales de 1960 y hasta 2004, la mayoría concentrados entre 1978 y 2004. Esta colección documenta su carrera como senadora del estado de Nueva York (1978-2004) del distrito 30 (cambiado al 28 en 1992), que incluía el East Harlem, partes del sur del Bronx, Roosevelt Island y Washington Heights. Méndez representó el que fue considerado el distrito más pobre del estado y que tenía también una considerable presencia demográfica de puertorriqueños y latinos. Los documentos certifican sus funciones legislativas y de servicio constituyente así como realidades y aspiraciones de los individuos, comunidades y vecindarios que Méndez representó.

Los materiales de la colección son mayormente textos e incluyen correspondencia, memorandos, documentos legislativos, publicaciones, informes, boletines, actas de reuniones y recortes de periódicos. También se encuentran fotografías, reliquias, carteles, y grabaciones en audio y video. Los documentos están ordenados alfabéticamente con secciones en orden cronológico.

La colección está dividida en las siguientes series y subseries:

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 - 3. Registros legislativos**
 - 4. Grupo de trabajo puertorriqueño e hispanico**
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 - 1. Cintas de audio**
 - 2. Fotografías**
 - 3. Cintas U-matic**
 - 4. Cintas VHS**

Access Points / Términos de Acceso:

Name / Nombres

Ferrer, Fernando, 1950-
Garcia, Robert, 1933-
Méndez, Olga Aran, 1925-2009
Serrano, José E., 1943-

Subject Organizations / Nombres Corporativos

Community Planning Board No. 11 (Manhattan, New York, N.Y.)
East Harlem Business Capital Corporation
First Saturday in October
Harlem Community Development Corporation
Harlem Urban Development Corporation
Local Development Corporation del Barrio, Inc.
New York City Districting Commission
New York City Housing Authority
Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation
South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation
Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation

Subject Topics / Temas

AIDS (Disease)--Patients--Services for--New York (State)--New York
Breast--Cancer--United States--Prevention
Community development, Urban--New York (State)--New York
Community mental health services--New York (State)--New York
Education, Bilingual--New York (State)--New York
Enterprise zones--New York (State)--New York
Hispanic Americans--Mental health services--New York (State)--New York
New York (State). Legislature. Assembly. Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
New York (State). Legislature. Senate. Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force. Joint Temporary Task Force on Farmworker Issues
Plebiscite--Puerto Rico
Protest movements--Puerto Rico--Vieques Island
Puerto Rican families--New York (State)--New York--Social conditions
Puerto Rican women--Political activity--New York (State)--New York
Puerto Rican women--United States--Biography
Puerto Ricans--Housing--New York (State)--New York
Puerto Ricans--New York (State)--New York
Puerto Ricans--New York (State)--New York--Biography
Puerto Ricans--New York (State)--New York--Politics and government--20th century
Puerto Ricans--New York (State)--New York--Social conditions
Puerto Ricans--Political activity--United States

Subject Places / Nombres Geográficos

Bronx (New York, N.Y.)--Economic conditions
Bronx (New York, N.Y.)--Politics and government
East Harlem (New York, N.Y.)--Economic conditions
East Harlem (New York, N.Y.)--Politics and government
East Harlem (New York, N.Y.)--Social conditions

Roosevelt Island (New York, N.Y.)
South Bronx (New York, N.Y.)--Social conditions
Washington Heights (New York, N.Y.)

Document Types / Tipos de documentos

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Artifacts / Artefacto
Articles / Escritos
Audiovisual materials / Material audiovisual
Clippings / Recortes de periódicos
Correspondence / Correspondencia
Memoranda / Memorandos
Minutes/ Actas de reuniones
Notes / Notas
Photographs / Fotografías
Publications / Publicaciones
Speeches / Discursos

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1977-2004)

This small series contains awards, certificates and plaques, honoring Olga's long career as a public servant and legislator. Also included are several career sketches, a program from her inauguration to the New York State Senate (1979), materials relating to the portrait of Méndez by artist Constance del Vecchio Maltese, assorted handwritten notes, an inscribed poster from the First National Conference of Women in Houston (1977), and some other biographical and personal materials.

Serie I: Información biográfica y personal (1977-2004)

Esta pequeña serie contiene premios, certificados y placas reconociendo la larga carrera de Olga como servidora pública y legisladora. También incluye varias reseñas de su trayectoria, un programa de su inauguración en el Senado del Estado de Nueva York (1979), materiales relacionados con el retrato de Méndez realizado por la artista Constance del Vecchio Maltes, variedad de notas escritas a mano, un cartel inscrito del First National Conference of Women in Houston (1977), y otros materiales biográficos y personales.

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1	1-2	Awards and certificates, 1978-1979, 1981-1984, 1986, 1988-1994, 1996-2004, ca. 1970s-1980s
	3	Awards lists and correspondence, ca. 1980s-1990s, 1989, 1990, 2001, 2004
	4	Biographical information, ca. 1960s, 1978, 1992, 1999, 2000, 2004
	5	Career sketches, ca. 1993, 1998, 2002, 2004
	6	Handwritten notes, ca. 1980s-2000s
	7	Medical information, 1997, 2001
	8	New York State Senate – Inaugural program, 1979
	9	New York State Senate – Senator's dinner seating chart, 1988 May 17
	10	Portrait by Constance del Vecchio Maltese, event invitation and program, 1995
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OS 1		Awards and certificates, 1977, 1983-1984, 1991, 1997, 2001-2002
OS 2		Plaques and medals, 1978, 1986, 1988-1989, 1993, 1996-1997, 2001, 2003
FF95		First National Women's Conference poster, 1977

Series II: Administrative Files (1977-2004)

This series contains administrative files, primarily from her district offices. They contain records relating to staff, scheduling, district office leases, stationary, business cards, contact lists, directories, resumes, general office operations and backup files on diskettes. Also included are several nameplates which appeared on her desk and office door, as well as official stamps bearing her signature.

Serie II: Archivos administrativos (1977-2004)

Esta serie contiene documentos administrativos provenientes de sus oficinas de distrito. Contienen registros relacionados con el personal de oficina, programación, alquileres de las oficinas de distrito, papelería, tarjetas de visita, listas de contactos, directorios, currículums, operaciones generales de oficina y copias de seguridad de los archivos en disquetes. También se incluyen varias placas que aparecieron sobre su escritorio y la puerta de la oficina, así como sellos oficiales que llevan su firma.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	11	Annual statements of financial disclosure, 1989, 1992, 1997, 2000
	12	Appointment Schedules – Cerezo, Lillian, 1997-2000
	13	Appointment Schedules – Méndez, Olga, 1995-1997
	14	Appointment Schedules – Senate District 30, 1992 March 3
	15	Banquet agreement, 1985

16-17	Business cards (others), ca. 1980s-2000s
18	Business cards, stationary and templates (Méndez), ca. 1980s-2000s
19	Caribe Democratic Club, Inc., payments, 2001
20	Contact lists, 1987, 1991, 1996, 1998, ca. 1980s-1990s
21	Directories, 1977, 2003-2004
22	Directory listings, 1996, 1999
23	District maps and information, ca. 1980s-1990s, 1992
24	District Office – Annual inventories, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1995, ca. 1995
25	District Office – Case intake, 1997-1999
26	District Office – Case intake, housing, 1989-1993, 1996, 2002
27	District Office – Lease, 656 West 181st Street, 1993
28	District Office – Lease, 87 East 116th Street, 1997, 2001, 2003
29	Internship, Lorena de la Garza Evia Garza, 2001-2003
30	Job openings, 1998-1999
31	Legislative reimbursements, 1995, 1997-2002, 2004
32	Mailing list labels, ca. 1990s
33	Office Administration, 1988-1990, 1992-2004, ca. 1980s-1990s, 2004
34	Parking and traffic violations, 1998-1999, 2000, 2004
35	Personnel, 1988
36	Personnel – Cerezo, Lillian, correspondence, 1998 August-September
37	Personnel – Reyes, Raul, 2001-2004
38	Personnel – Vidro, Jorge, 1995-1998, ca. 1990s
39	Postage meter, 1980-1982, 1984-1985, 1988, 1990, 1993-1994, 1998, 2004
40-43	Resumes, 1990-2004, ca. 1980s-1990s
44	Supply request forms, 1993-1995
45	Telephone records, 1989, 1993-1994, 1998, 2001-2003, 2004

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OS 4	Backup files (45 diskettes), 1989-2002, 2004, 2006, ca. 1990s-2000s
OS 6	Nameplates (3), ca. 1970s-2000s
OS 2	Rolodexes (2), ca. 1970s-2000s
OS 3	Rubber stamps (2), ca. 1970s-2000s

Series III: Correspondence Files (1978-2004)

This series contains incoming and outgoing constituent and general correspondence, outgoing letters of recommendation, incoming thanks and congratulations, invitations to events, as well as letters received by Méndez and redirected to the appropriate legislator. The files are arranged chronologically. The constituent files are particularly noteworthy as they chronicle the needs of her district, including individuals, families, organizations and businesses. The correspondence also documents actions taken by the Senator and her staff on behalf of constituents. The “Thank You Letters” are also noteworthy, as they document various instances of the Senator’s advocacy and aid on behalf of constituents.

Serie III: Archivos de correspondencia (1978-2004)

Esta serie contiene correspondencia recibida y enviada de los electores en general, cartas de recomendación enviadas, cartas de agradecimiento y felicitaciones, invitaciones a eventos, así como cartas recibidas por Méndez y redirigidas a los respectivos legisladores. Los documentos están organizados cronológicamente. Los archivos de los electores son particularmente destacables ya que documentan las necesidades de su distrito, incluyendo vecinos, familias, organizaciones y negocios. La correspondencia también documenta las acciones tomadas por la senadora y su personal en representación de sus electores. Las cartas de agradecimiento son también importantes ya que certifican varios momentos de defensa y ayuda que la senadora realizó en nombre de sus electores.

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2	1-3	Incoming – Cards, 1989, 1991-1992, 1997-1999, 2004, ca. 1990s-2000s
	4	Incoming – Congratulations, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994-1998, 2000, 2002
	5-17	Incoming – Constituent, 1987-2002, ca. 1980s-1990s
3	1-4	Incoming – Constituent, 2003-2004
	5-16	Incoming – General, 1981-1982, 1984, 1986-2000, ca. 1980s-1990s
4	1-6	Incoming – General, 2001-2004
	7-16	Incoming – Invitations, 1990-1994, 1996-2000, 2002-2004 May 19
5	1-4	Incoming – Invitations, 2004 May 20-September
	5-7	Incoming – Thank you letters, 1987-2004, ca. 2000s
	8-17	Outgoing – Constituent, 1978, 1983, 1988-2003
6	1	Outgoing – Constituent, 2004
	2-5	Outgoing – General, 1987-1988, 1990-2004
	6-8	Outgoing – Recommendations, 1990, 1992, 1994-2004
	9-11	Outgoing – Wrong legislator, 1988-1989, 1995-2004

Series IV: Elections (1978-2003)

This small series contains information and materials relating to her first political campaign in 1978, as well as several of her re-election campaigns. Series includes campaign endorsements, fundraising information, completed oath of office forms, campaign flyers and literature, as well as a statement by Méndez about her switch to the Republican Party in 2002.

Serie IV: Elecciones (1978-2003)

Esta pequeña serie contiene información y material relacionado con su primera campaña política en 1978, así como de varias de sus campañas de reelección. También incluye campañas de adhesión, información sobre recaudación de fondos, formularios completos de juramentación, volantes e información de campaña, así como también una declaración de Méndez sobre su cambio al Partido Republicano en el 2002.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
6	12	Campaign endorsements, 1990, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002
	13	Committee to Re-Elect Senator Olga Méndez, invitations and treasury payments, 1993, 1997
	14	Election campaign, 1978
	15	Election polling sites, 1994
	16	Fundraiser letters, outgoing, 1995, 1998
	17	Fundraiser list, correspondence, 1989-1992
	18	New York State Board of Elections – Oath of Office forms, 1990, 2000
	19	New York State Board of Elections – Olga Méndez vs. Felix Rosado, 1994, ca. 1996, 2000
	20	Re-election campaigns, 1992, 1995, ca. 1990s
	21	Re-election primaries, 2000
	22	Switch to Republican Party, Méndez statement and White House letter, 2002-2003

Series V: Legislative Files (1970-2004)

This series documents Olga's work as a legislator in the New York State Senate, and has been arranged into four

Serie V: Archivos legislativos (1970-2004)

Esta serie documenta el trabajo de Olga como legisladora del Senado de Nueva York y ha sido

subseries: 1. Legislation, 2. Legislative Correspondence, 3. Legislative Record, and 4. Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.

Subseries 1 primarily includes legislation, resolutions and proclamations introduced by Méndez. Legislation introduced by Méndez has been arranged by senate bill number, followed by a brief description of the bill. Taken together, these files – while only available from approximately 1985-1989 – document her legislative initiatives and offer a snapshot of the issues she championed. It also contains files from the Senate Minority Finance Committee. Subseries 2 contains correspondence between Olga and her colleagues in the Senate and Assembly. Subseries 3 documents Olga's voting record in the Senate as well as member initiatives, which list her apportionment of state funds to different organizations in her district. Subseries 4 contains files pertaining to the New York State Senate-Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force. However, the bulk of materials on the Task Force can be found in the Audiovisual Series.

organizado en cuatro sub-series: 1. Legislación, 2. Correspondencia legislativa, 3. Registros legislativos, 4 Grupo de trabajo puertorriqueño e hispánico.

Subserie 1 contiene principalmente proyectos legislativos, resoluciones y proclamaciones presentadas por Méndez. La legislación presentada por Méndez ha sido organizada por el número del proyecto del Senado, seguida de una breve descripción de la ley. En su conjunto, los archivos, aunque solo estén disponibles desde aproximadamente 1985 a 1989, documenta sus iniciativas legislativas y ofrece un panorama de los asuntos que ella defendió. También contiene archivos del comité de finanzas de la minoría del senado. La subserie 2 contiene correspondencia entre Olga y sus colegas en el Senado y la asamblea. La subserie 3 incluye el registro de votación de Olga en el Senado, así como iniciativas de los miembros que lista su distribución de los fondos del Estado para diferentes organizaciones en su distrito. La subserie 4 contiene archivos relacionados con el Senado y el grupo de trabajo de la asamblea puertorriqueña e hispánica. Sin embargo, la mayor parte del material del grupo de trabajo se puede encontrar en la serie de audiovisuales.

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6	23	Finance Committee – Appropriations for community-based organizations, 1992	
	24-27	Finance Committee – Correspondence and memoranda, 1984, 1988, 1991-1993, 1995-1998, 2000, 2002	
	28	Finance Committee – Governor and mayor nominations, 1996	
	29	Finance Committee – Joint budget hearing, 1998	
	30	Finance Committee – Miscellaneous, 1990-1992, 1996, 2001-2002	
	31	Finance Committee – Summary of executive budget, 1997	
	32	Hearings – Medicaid and health, 1997	
	33	Hearings – Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse audits, 1994	
	7	1	Legislation – A. 8586, Request for Physician Profiling, 1998
		2	Legislation – Affordable housing, 1997
		3	Legislation – Car service, 1990-1991
4		Legislation – Casino gambling, 1997-1998	
5		Legislation – Drafts, ca. 1980s, 1992-1993, 1997, 2004	
6		Legislation – Family day care, 1990-1992	
7		Legislation – Méndez, Olga, ca. 1980s-1990s, 1999-2000, 2003-2004,	
8		Legislation – Miscellaneous, 1984, 1989, 1990-1992, 1996-1997, 2002-2003, ca. 1990s	
9		Legislation – Mitchell-Lama, 1999-2000, ca. 2000	
10		Legislation – Roosevelt Island, 1984-1985, ca. 1984	
11		Legislative highlights, 1994, 1997	
12		Legislative proclamations, official, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2001-2004	
13		Legislative Resolutions – AMAS Repertory Theatre, Eubie Blake School and Cultural Center, 1985-1988, ca. 1980s	
14		Legislative Resolutions – ASPIRA 25th anniversary, 1985, 1987	
15-16		Legislative Resolutions – General, 1981, 1983, 1987-1991, 1993, 1998-1999, 2003	
17		Legislative Resolutions – Hageman, Leola, 1970, 1982, 1985, 1988	

18-20	Legislative Resolutions – Official, 1981, 1985-1992, 1994, 1996, 2000-2001
21-24	Legislative wrap-up report, 1993, 1996, 2001-2002
25	Minority Task Force on Affordable Housing, 1987-1989
26	Minority Task Force on Rental Housing, 1984, ca. 1984

Senate Legislation by Bill Number

27	S. 0033, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, 1987-1988
28	S. 0178, Temporary State Commission to Study and Evaluate Housing in Harlem, 1987
29	S. 0264, Bilingual and Bicultural Instruction in Correctional Facilities, 1987
30	S. 0342, Joint Diseases North General Hospital, 1983, 1985, 1987
31	S. 1501, Collection of Statistical Information on Ethnic Prison Populations, 1989
32	S. 1504, Lead Poisoning in Young Children, 1979, 1985, 1987
33	S. 1505, Exempting School Textbooks and Workbooks from Sales Tax, 1985, 1987, 1989
34	S. 1506, Housing for Families with Disabled Children, 1981, 1987
35	S. 1507, Rent Deductions for Tenant Repairs, 1987
36	S. 1508, Sharing and Integrating Facilities and Personnel, 1979, 1985, 1987
37	S. 2030, Sanitary Working Conditions for Farmworkers, 1985, 1987
38	S. 2193, Puerto Rican/Latino Business Development Center, 1992
39	S. 2452, Elections Availability of Mail Registration Forms, 1986-1987
40	S. 2453, Emergency Telephone Access, 1987
41	S. 2454, Occupational Safeguards and Computer Equipment, 1985, 1987
42	S. 2455, Multilingual Providers of Care, 1987
43	S. 2456, Disqualification to Contract with State, 1987
44	S. 2457, Hispanics and Alcoholism, 1987
45	S. 2496, Day Care Services, 1987
46	S. 2497, Expunging of Certain Records of Youth Crimes, 1987
47	S. 2586, Collection of Statistical Information on Ethnic Prison Populations, 1987, 1989
8	1 S. 2650, Affirmative Defense of Entrapment, 1982, 1987
	2 S. 2651, Rehabilitation Programs for Female Inmates, 1979, 1985-1987
	3 S. 2652, Increasing Penalties for Rape, 1987, 1989-1990
	4 S. 2770, Sale, Repair and Servicing of Products for the Disabled, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987
	5 S. 2771, Computation of Economic Loss, 1987
	6 S. 2772, Multiple Dwelling Laws and Fire Insurance Policy, 1987
	7 S. 2804, Enforcement of Money Judgments, c. 1987
	8 S. 2805, United Nations Plaza Hotel, 1987
	9 S. 2840, Reasonable Charges by Telephone Corporations, 1979, 1981-1982, 1985
	10 S. 2912, Availability of Coin Telephones to Migrant Laborers, 1979, 1981, 1983
	11 S. 3062, Bilingual/Bicultural Instruction in Correctional Facilities, 1975, 1979-1980, 1983
	12 S. 3137, Generic Drug Guide for Consumers, 1987
	13 S. 3166, Public Utility Corporations Board of Directors, 1987
	14 S. 3273, Homesteading, 1985-1987
	15 S. 3311, Higher Education Institutions Elevators to Contain Braille, 1985-1986
	16 S. 3390, Amend Family Court Act and Domestic Relations Law, 1985
	17 S. 3391, Award of Counsel Fees with Willful Nonpayment of Support, 1985
	18 S. 3392, Definition of Marital Property, 1985
	19 S. 3749, Office of Lieutenant Governor, 1984-1985
	20 S. 3794, Collection of Statistical Info on Ethnic Prison Populations, 1987
	21 S. 3795, Hospitals to Provide Language Interpreters, 1987
	22 S. 3796, Maternity Care, 1987
	23 S. 3898, Spofford Juvenile Center, 1984-1985, 1987
	24 S. 3987, Reconvey Property to Macedonian Church, c. 1985
	25 S. 4015, Utilization of Minority Contractors in Capital Projects, 1979, 1981
	26 S. 4016, Fair Credit Reporting, 1987

27	S. 4230, Office of Lieutenant Governor Vacancy, 1989
28	S. 4231, Emergency Telephone Access, 1989
29	S. 4617, Certification of Incorporation, 1985
30	S. 4906, Reconvey Property to Pedro Febres Sanchez, 1985-1986
31	S. 5090, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, 1987
32	S. 5323, Failure to Maintain Services to Tenants, 1985
33	S. 5654, Reconvey Property to Bernardo and Luisa Contreras, c. 1986
34	S. 6455, Discrimination on Basis of National Origin, 1987
35	S. 6456, Burden of Proof in Discrimination Cases, 1987
36	S. 6457, Education Law Amendment, Discrimination Claims, 1987
37	S. 6458, Discrimination on Basis of National Origin, 1987
38	S. 7573, Roosevelt Island Tramway, 1986
39	S. 7952-B, Retirement Benefits for RIOC Employees, 1988
40	S. 8584, Installation of Intercommunication Systems, 1985-1986

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	46	Memoranda – Minority Program, interest group legislative programs update, 1995
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	8	Farmworker issues, 1987-1988, 1994-1995
	9	Farmworker issues, report, 1995
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	11	Internships and scholarships, ca. 1990s, 1993, 1996
	12	Internships and scholarships, requests, 1996-1997

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OS 6 Banner, ca. 1990s
OS 1 Council of New York City Proclamations, 1991, 1997

Series VI: Organizations (1962-2004)

This large series contains files of organizations that Méndez worked with and advocated for, including for-profit and non-profit businesses, schools, hospitals and medical centers, as well as civic, community, cultural, governmental and political organizations. Of particular note are the files on the Community Boards, particularly Community Board 11, the New York City agency representing East Harlem. As an elected official, Senator Méndez and her staff served on the Community Boards of her district, and these files contain reports, committee files and meeting minutes, offering valuable insight into local community issues, particularly land use, zoning and economic development. Also notable are the files on the Harlem Community Development Corporation, Local Development Corporation del Barrio, First Saturday in October and the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, which Olga helped to create. Taken together, the organizational files serve to document the realities and aspirations of the neighborhoods Méndez represented.

Serie VI: Organizaciones (1962-2004)

Esta amplia serie contiene archivos de organizaciones con las que Méndez trabajó y defendió, incluyendo empresas con fines de lucro y no lucrativas, escuelas, hospitales y centros médicos, así como organizaciones cívicas, comunitarias, culturales, gubernamentales y políticas. Es de notar los archivos de las juntas comunitarias, en particular la de la junta comunitaria 11, la agencia que representa East Harlem. Como funcionaria electa, la senadora Mendez y su personal sirvió en las juntas comunitarias de su distrito y estos archivos contienen informes, documentos y actas de reuniones del comité, ofreciendo valiosa información sobre temas de la comunidad local, sobretodo en el aprovechamiento de la tierra, zonificación y desarrollo económico. También cabe resaltar los documentos de Harlem Community Development Corporation, Local Development Corporation del Barrio, First Saturday in October y the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, el cual Olga ayudó a crear. En su conjunto, los archivos organizativos sirven para documentar las realidades y aspiraciones de los vecindarios a los que Méndez representó.

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	15	116 Street Block Association – General, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2002-2004
	16	1199 SEIU, 2002
	17	155th Street Development Corporation, Polo Grounds Plaza Mall, 1998
	18	23rd-25th Precinct Gladiators, Inc., 1991-1992, 1995-1998, 2002, ca. 1990s
	19	40th Precinct Community Council, Community Crisis Summit, 1991 Oct 9
	20	ACAB Corporation and Affiliates – Baca, Eddie, 2002-2003
	21	ACAB Corporation and Affiliates – La Marqueta Urban Design Proposal, 2001
	22	Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation, 1990-1991
	23	African Development Association, 1992, ca. 1992
	24	Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter, 1988-1991, 1998
	25	AMAS Repertory Theatre, Inc., 1981, 1988-1989, c. 1980s
	26	American Institute of Vernacular Jazz Dance, capital project proposal, 2002
	27	Apple Training Center, 1996, ca. 1996
	28	Argus Community, Inc., 1987-1988, 1991-1992
	29	Armory Community Advisory Board, meeting, 1995 December 8
	30	Asphalt Green, 2003
	31	ASPIRA of New York, Inc., 1992-1993, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2003
	32	Astoria Generating Company, testimony, 2002
	33	Aztech Hudson Development Group, ca. 1990s
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This series contains a diverse collection of topical files relating to people, issues and events, as well as numerous clippings, community newsletters, reports and publications, all offering insight into Méndez’s district and interests over time. Of particular note are the files on Puerto Rico, such as those on tax code Section 936, the Union Carbide factory environmental disaster in Yabucoa, the controversial U.S. Navy presence on Vieques, the Puerto Rican political prisoners, and the

Serie VIII: Archivo de temas (1977 – 2004)

Esta serie comprende una colección diversa de documentos de actualidad relacionados con personas, asuntos y eventos, así como diversos recortes de periódicos, boletines de la comunidad, informes y publicaciones. Todos ofrecen una visión del distrito de Méndez y los intereses del distrito a lo largo del tiempo. Destacan los documentos sobre Puerto Rico como los impuestos sobre el Código de la Sección 936, el desastre ambiental de the Union Carbide factory en

political status plebiscite in 1991. The files on the 1991 plebiscite shed light on the controversy of stateside participation in the vote. Puerto Rican elected officials, including Méndez, organized hearings in New York City about the plebiscite, and the files document the positions and analysis of the issue by Méndez and others. Also noteworthy are the files on breast cancer, bilingual education, the census, the 100th Street Bus Depot, AIDS, the East Harlem market La Marqueta, Harlem RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), East River Plaza and Economic Development Zone legislation in East Harlem. As the representative of Roosevelt Island, Méndez's files on island affairs are also valuable, as they document the unique concerns of island residents, particularly housing.

Yabucoa, la controversial presencia de la marina de Estados Unidos en Vieques, los prisioneros políticos de Puerto Rico y el plebiscito en 1991 sobre su estatus político. Los archivos sobre el plebiscito de 1991 arrojan una luz sobre la controvertida participación de Estados Unidos en la votación. Los funcionarios puertorriqueños electos, incluyendo a Méndez, organizaron audiencias en la ciudad de Nueva York sobre el plebiscito. Los documentos indican la posición y análisis sobre el tema que tuvieron Méndez y otros. También son dignos de mención los archivos sobre el cáncer de mama, la educación bilingüe, el censo, la parada de autobús de la calle 100, el SIDA, el mercado de East Harlem La Marqueta, Harlem RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), East River Plaza y la ley Zona de Desarrollo Económico en East Harlem. Como representante de Roosevelt Island, los archivos de Méndez relacionados a los asuntos de la isla también son muy valiosos ya que documentan la mayor preocupación de los residentes de la isla, en particular sobre el tema de la vivienda.

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This series has been arranged into four subseries, according to format: 1. Audiotape Cassettes, 2. Photographs, 3. U-matic Cassettes, and 4. VHS Cassettes.

All subseries contain significant materials on the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Taskforce, primarily documentation of hearings and annual conferences. Subseries 1 contains several PSAs created by Méndez relating to breast cancer awareness, rape awareness and voter registration. Subseries 2 comprises a substantial collection of photographic prints and negatives. The "Constituent Visits" files contain photographs of the Senator in Albany with various constituent groups, typically either in her office or the lobby of the capitol building. Also significant are the "Conferences and Speeches" files, which document Olga's participation in various rallies, hearings and conferences. There are also a number of subject files, documenting Olga's participation in specific events, such as the Puerto Rican Day Parade, as well as files of Olga with politicians and notable individuals, including Herman Badillo, Hugh Carey, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson, Mario Cuomo, George Pataki, Hillary Clinton and Charles Rangel. The "New York State Senate Chamber" files contain photographs of Olga in the Senate Chamber, either delivering speeches or working in her Senate seat. Many of the photographs from the 1970s and 1980s were taken by photographer Luis Martinez. Subseries 4 contains several interviews with Méndez.

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Esta serie ha sido organizada en cuatro subseries de acuerdo al formato: 1. Cintas de audio, 2. Fotografías, 3. Casetes u-matic, 4. Cintas VHS.

Todas las subseries contienen material importante sobre el grupo de trabajo puertorriqueño/hispano, principalmente documentos de audiencias y conferencias anuales. La subserie 1 contiene varios anuncios de servicio público creados por Méndez y relacionados con la concientización sobre el cáncer de mama, el abuso sexual y el derecho al voto. La subserie 2 contiene una colección considerable de fotografías impresas y negativos. Los archivos de "Visitas de los constituyentes" contienen fotografías de la senadora en Albany con varios grupos constituyentes, ya sea en su oficina o en el vestíbulo del Capitolio. También son importantes los archivos de conferencias y discursos, el mismo que documenta la participación de Olga en varias reuniones, audiencias y conferencias. También hay un número de archivos de temas documentando la participación de Olga en eventos específicos, como el desfile puertorriqueño, archivos de Olga con notables figuras y políticos incluyendo Herman Badillo, Hugh Carey, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson, Mario Cuomo, George Pataki, Hillary Clinton y Charles Rangel. Los archivos de la Cámara del Senado del Estado de Nueva York incluyen fotografías de Olga en la cámara del senado, dando discursos o trabajando en su banca en el Senado. Muchas de las fotografías son de los años de 1970 a 1980 y fueron tomadas por el fotógrafo Luis Martinez. Subserie 4, contiene varias entrevistas con Méndez.

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