



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## 2010 Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, Asian Caucus Weekend

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The Caucus has continued as an effective political alliance that has consistently given all minorities, middle-class, the poor, and working people a real voice in state government. It has been a vital component of the State Legislature since its creation. From the onset, the Caucus' main goal has been to unite African-American and Hispanic legislators as a powerful force in the State Legislature. The founders were determined to use their voting power and numbers, no matter how small, to ensure their constituents, the under-privileged people of New York State, were represented. Since then, the Caucus has grown to be one of the most influential legislative bodies in state government today. Currently, Caucus members

represent one third of the majority conference within the New York State Assembly and hold the most significant leadership roles in the New York State Senate.