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### **Representative Carlos Gonzalez to Lead the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus in the 191<sup>st</sup> General Court**



BOSTON — The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) will have a new Chairman as the body prepares for the 2019-2020 legislative session. Taking helm of the organization, Representative Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield) stated, “I am humbled and honored to serve as the new Chairperson and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance the causes that impact the communities we all represent.”

Representative Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield) comes into the role as he enters his third term in the legislature. Last session he served on the committee of Ways and Means, Community Development and Small Business, Technology and Intergovernmental Affairs and Global Warming.

“It was a distinct honor to serve as Chairman for our Caucus and I am thrilled to see that my colleague

will have the opportunity to experience that privilege as well,” said former MBLLC Chairman, State Representative Frank Moran (D -Lawrence). He continued, “I look forward to seeing Chairman Gonzalez continue the great work and tradition of this Caucus in creating a more just and inclusive Commonwealth for our communities of color.”

Chairman Gonzalez will lead the newest iteration of the Caucus as they welcome in three new legislators and one returning member. The bicameral Caucus was originally formed in 1973 by seven members and has grown to its current membership of the following 13 legislators:

Chairman Carlos Gonzalez (D – Springfield)  
Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (D - Boston)  
Representative Marcos Devers (D – Lawrence)

Representative Jon Santiago (D – Boston)  
Representative Jose Tosado (D – Chicopee)  
Representative Chynah Tyler (D – Boston)

Representative Nika Elugardo (D – Boston)  
Representative Russell Holmes (D – Boston)  
Representative Liz Miranda (D – Boston)  
Representative Frank Moran (D – Lawrence)

Representative Vargas (D – Haverhill)  
Representative Aaron Vega (D – Holyoke)  
Representative Bud Williams (D – Springfield)

*The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus is a group of state legislators seeking to define, highlight and analyze those issues and concerns affecting people of color in the Commonwealth. For more information, please visit: [www.mablacklatinocaucus.com](http://www.mablacklatinocaucus.com)*

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