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Representative Susan Valdés Opens Doors for Puerto Rican Citizens to Access Vital Documents in the Tampa Bay Area

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Susan L. Valdés (D-Tampa) is spearheading an initiative aimed at easing access to essential government documents for Puerto Rican citizens residing in the Tampa Bay area. On December 15th, 2023, **Representative Valdés** will host the [Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration \(PRFAA\)](#) at her district office, inaugurating a temporary setup to provide constituent services to the Puerto Rican community.

This event marks the launch of a concerted effort between Representative Valdes and PRFAA. The PRFAA temporary office will offer assistance in obtaining vital documents, including birth, marriage, death, and Administration for Child Support (ASUME) certificates, as well as drivers records, and apostille services, streamlining the process for those in need.

“I am delighted to extend the facilities of my office to PRFAA, ensuring easier access for Puerto Ricans to obtain their necessary government documents. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens and deserve convenient access to these fundamental services. I’m proud that I can assist with that,” said **Representative Valdés**.

Building on PRFAA’s commitment to serving Puerto Ricans across the United States, this collaboration echoes the recent establishment of their full-time office in Orlando, Florida. The initiative represents a significant step in extending these vital services to the Tampa Bay area.

“We thank Representative Susan Valdés, from Tampa's 64th district, for this great initiative for the Puerto Rican community in Tampa,” said Mayra Ramos Miró, regional director of PRFAA, Florida. Both the representative's office and our office share a deep commitment to the well-being of the Puerto Rican community, recognizing the importance of unity and support. This collaboration exemplifies our shared values, emphasizing the importance of community and collaboration between

governments."

Additionally, the executive director of PRFAA, Luis Dávila Pernas, expressed, "These service activities expand our reach and closeness to the Puerto Rican community in Florida, this being the state with the highest concentration of Puerto Ricans in the American nation. These events allow us to address the unique challenges that the growing Puerto Rican population faces on a daily basis. I thank Representative Valdés for her commitment and for allowing us to continue bringing these services of great importance to all Puerto Ricans."

The event is scheduled to be held at **Representative Valdés'** district office, located at 2221 N Himes Ave, Suite B, Tampa, FL 33607, on December 15th, 2023, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information regarding the services offered and to book an appointment please go the PRFAA's website: <https://prfaafl.simplybook.me/v2/>.

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