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

TAMPA, Fla. – Representative Susan L. Valdés (D- Tampa) is continuing an initiative aimed at easing access to essential government documents for Puerto Rican citizens residing in the Tampa Bay area. On April 15th, Representative Valdés will host the <u>Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA)</u> at her district office, continuing a temporary setup to provide constituent services to the Puerto Rican community in Tampa.

This marks the fourth event of a concerted effort between **Representative Valdés** 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. The Government of Puerto Rico invalidated all Puerto Rican birth certificates issued prior to July 1, 2010, and is replacing them with more secure versions.

"Since our first event in December, we have served 60 individuals in obtaining their essential documents from Puerto Rico. I am proud to continue this partnership with PRFAA and ease access for our community," 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 Kissimmee, Florida. The initiative represents a significant step in extending these vital services to the Tampa Bay area.

The event is scheduled to be held at **Representative Valdés**' district office, located at 2221 N Himes Ave, Suite B, Tampa, FL 33607, on April 15th, 2024, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for placing orders. The orders will be processed and the official documents will be ready for pick up on April 19th. For more information regarding the services offered and to book an appointment please go the PRFAA's website:

https://prfaafl.simplybook.me/v2/ or by calling the district office at 813-673-4673.