



*“We are here for a reason—
everyone of us—to make a
contribution to bettering
the world. But you have
to have the heart to do it”*

-JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR

ABOUT HELEN DORADO ALESSI

Helen Dorado Alessi is the CEO of El Dorado Consulting, recent Trustee of Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and Executive Director of the Long Beach Latino Civic Association. Helen’s newest consulting assignment brought her to Herstory Writers Workshop and the Unitarian Universalist Large Grants Giving Program. Her dedication to her community has included long term leadership service to the City of Long Beach’s Planning Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Hurricane Sandy Community Redevelopment Council, and Hispanic Heritage Event Advisor. Her most recent assignments are on the Advisory Board Member of Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs and the Nassau County D.A.’s Hispanic Advisory Council. As a lifelong environmentalist, Ms. Dorado Alessi is proud to sit on the board of All Our Energy.

She is a devoted and active member of the larger philanthropic sector, and formerly the vice president at the Edwin Gould Foundation, the Corporate Philanthropy Manager at Toyota Corporation and served on the boards of Hispanics in Philanthropy and New York Philanthropy for six years. Dorado Alessi served as the senior vice president of The Early Years Institute and was a national fellow of the National Hispana Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership and Harvard’s Executive Program.

She has been proudly honored for outstanding community service and advocacy by the State of New York, Nassau County and the mayor of Hempstead. She was chosen as one of the Top 25 Advocates for Empowerment by The Hispanic Network and won Circulo de la Hispanidad’s Community Innovator and Leadership Award and Social Entrepreneur of the year by Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association. She has just been offered the inaugural class for Funding that Works: The Fundamentals of Talent-Investing."

Dorado Alessi is the daughter of Cuban and Puerto Rican parents, holds a master’s degree in Public Policy from Baruch College at CUNY, and has been a social justice activist most of her life. She is a proud wife, mother and grandmother and has lived in Long Beach, New York for 22 wonderful years.

She is currently writing her memoir “From Shore to Shore” through Herstory Writers Workshop where she has facilitated bilingual classes in the high schools of Wyandanch, Long Beach, Baldwin, Uniondale, Mineola, Central Islip, Westbury, Hempstead and LIU Post, Hofstra and Adelphi as well as Long Beach St. John’s Lutheran Church, and Yaphank Jail. Her latest writing workshops through Herstory has led her to assisting Foundations in Arkansas, San Francisco and Nicaragua.