



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Lorena Borjas

Lorena Borjas is a well-known activist and Latina transfeminist, an immigrant of Central American roots and proudly Mexican.

Ms. Borjas was born on May 29, 1960 and studied public accounting in Mexico City. On May 10, 1981, she made the decision to emigrate to the United States. Here, she explored new horizons, which gave way to new opportunities that allowed her to move forward with her life as a Translatina woman.

In September 1998, Ms. Borjas became actively involved as a volunteer with the following organizations: AIDS Center of Queens County – ACQC; Hispanic AIDS Forum; and the Latino Commission on AIDS, where she fights for the promotion and defense of human rights for LGBT communities (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual).

Dedicated to her cause, and as part of her ongoing commitment to the LGBT communities, Ms. Borjas began promoting and focusing aid on transgender women, Latina sex workers, and people co-dependent on alcohol and psychotropic substances. Since then, her efforts and leadership on these issues have impacted and influenced various spaces of the Latinx LGBT community.

On April 27, 2012, Ms. Borjas opened her own organization, The Lorena Borjas Community Fund. The Fund was created in order to alleviate the needs experienced by members of the Latinx LGBT community who had a legal case or who were imprisoned unjustly. The Fund covers the payment of a bond less than \$7,000.00.

Ms. Borjas continues to participate and represent the transgender community in local, national and international events.

***Lorena Borjas was selected as a
2019 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Jessica Ramos.***

