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Dr. Yanira Cruz is the President and CEO of the National Hispanic Council on Aging. She focuses on providing a Latino perspective on public health and older adult/caregiver issues to increase policymakers and the public's understanding of the needs impacting vulnerable sectors of our society while encouraging the adoption of programs and policies that equitably serve everyone. To further these efforts, Dr. Cruz serves on the Board of Justice in Aging and American Society on Aging (ASA), and is a member of the Leaders of Aging Organizations (LAO). She is also a founding member of the Diverse Elders Coalition. Dr. Cruz was named one of the top 50 Influencers in Aging by Next Avenue.

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