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*Comites de puertorriqueños en Hawaii y la celebración de la admisión de Hawaii con Estado 50  
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For Dr. Carrion

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At the regular meeting of the Puerto Rican Community Committee for Statehood Celebration held at the office of the Puerto Rican Civic Association of Hawaii, Incorporated, Thursday evening, May 14, 1959, a motion was made by Mr. Henry Pagan and seconded by Mr. Adolph Samuels that a Puerto Rican Community Council be organized to take the place of the Puerto Rican Community Committee for Statehood Celebration: This motion was carried unanimously.

The General Chairman of this Committee, Mr. Santiago C. Perez, then appointed Mr. Paul S. Troche as Chairman of the Committee to draft the proposed Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations for this new organization. Mr. Troche later appointed the Presidents of the four Puerto Rican organizations members of his Committee: They are as follow:

1. Mr. Santiago C. Perez, Pres., P. R. Civic Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.
2. Mr. Louis F. Perez, Pres., P. R. Ind't Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.
3. Mr. Louis Sanchez, Pres., P. R. Athletic Assn. of Hawaii
4. Mr. Aurelio M. Badiyo, Pres., Puerto Rican Social Club

The PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF HAWAII is an outgrowth of the Puerto Rican Community Committee for Statehood Celebration which was organized on February 27, 1959 at the office of the Puerto Rican Civic Association of Hawaii, Inc. The short history of the organization of this Committee follows:

In connection with the Governor's Committee for the year of the Island State; we, the members of the Executive Boards of the four Puerto Rican organizations at Honolulu have joined together to represent the Puerto Rican Community in the Grand Celebration and Entertainment which will take place when Hawaii becomes a state. The four organizations mentioned are the:

1. Puerto Rican Civic Association of Hawaii, Incorporated
2. Puerto Rican Independent Association of Hawaii, Incorporated
3. Puerto Rican Athletic Association of Hawaii
4. Puerto Rican Social Club

The organization of this body took place at a special meeting called by Mr. Santiago C. Perez, President of the Puerto Rican Civic Association of Hawaii, Incorporated at the office of his Association, Friday evening, February 27, 1959; The name of this new body was to be "THE PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR STATEHOOD CELEBRATION".

Mr. Santiago C. Perez called this special meeting after receiving a letter which was addressed to the five Puerto Rican organizations including the Kohala Puerto Rican Social by the Puerto Rican Social Club of Honolulu.

Officers of the four organizations mentioned were present at this meeting.

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The Directors of Heads of the Puerto Rican Community Committee for Statehood Celebration at the organization date (February 27, 1959) are as follow:

1. Santiago C. Pérez, General Chairman  
(President, Puerto Rican Civic Association of Hawaii, Inc.)
2. Aurelio M. Badiyo, Co-General Chairman  
(President, Puerto Rican Social Club)
3. Henry R. Rodrigues, Secretary and Treasurer  
(Corresponding Secretary, P. R. Civic Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.)
4. Louis F. Perez, Chairman of The Finance Committee  
(President, Puerto Rican Independent of Hawaii, Incorporated)
5. Louis Sanchez, Transportation  
(President, Puerto Rican Athletic Association of Hawaii)
6. Tanilau F. Dias, Manager  
(Vice President, Puerto Rican Social Club)
7. Paul S. Troche, Chairman of the Delegates Committee  
(Treasurer, Puerto Rican Social Club)
8. Mrs. Elaine Dang, Delegate  
(Secretary, Puerto Rican Athletic Association of Hawaii)
9. Raymond Pagan, Delégate  
(Vice President, Puerto Rican Independent Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.)
- ✓ 10. Joseph Santiago, Delegate  
(Recording Secretary, Puerto Rican Civic Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.)

This Committee was organized with one purpose in mind; and that is, to help the Governor's Committee and the Mayor's Committee in the celebration of Statehood.

By: Paul S. Troche, Chairman  
of The Committee to Draft The Cons-  
titution, By-Laws, Rules and Régu-  
lations for the contemplated Puerto  
Rican Community Council of The State  
of Hawaii--May 14, 1959.