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### **José Linares and Teresa Ruiz in Conversation with Guy Sterling at the Newark Public Library**



On Wednesday, September 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. the Newark Public Library will host local author and historian Guy Sterling in conversation with notable Newarkers José Linares and Teresa Ruiz as part of its continuing series Newark Lifetimes: Recollections and Reflections.

José Linares, United States District Judge for the

District of New Jersey, was born in Havana, Cuba, and grew up in Newark's North Ward. He attended Jersey City State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then earned his J.D. degree from the Temply University School of Law. Linares spent the early years of his legal career working at the New York City Department of Investigation and in private practice. He served as a Judge on the Essex County Superior Court from 2000 to 2002. In 2002, he was appointed to his current position, hearing civil and criminal cases at the U.S. Courthouse in Newark.

Teresa Ruiz, currently serving as a New Jersey State Senator for the 29th District, representing Newark and Belleville, was born in Newark and attended Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. She attended Drew University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She worked at the North Ward Center, and was a founding member of the Robert Treat

Academy. In 2007, she was the first Latina elected to the New Jersey State Senate, and has served as the Assistant Majority Leader since 2010. She also serves as the chair of the Education Committee in the State Senate and as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo.

Guy Sterling is a former *Star Ledger* reporter and the author of *The Famous, the Familiar, and the Forgotten: 350 Notable Newarkers*.

The program will be held in Centennial Hall on the second floor of the Main Library at 5 Washington Street in Newark.

Also, on view before and after the program, on the Library's Third Floor Gallery, is the exhibit *Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal*, which takes viewers on a journey through Newark's rich history from its founding by the Puritans in 1666 to the present day, and chronicles events that have not only shaped the city and the state, but the nation as well. Curated by librarian Thomas Ankner, the exhibit cases are filled with unique images from the Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and the Special Collections Division. A dual arrangement of the cases provides both chronological and thematic approaches to the city's people, places, architecture, politics, institutions and education.

The program and exhibit are free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email [rsvp@npl.org](mailto:rsvp@npl.org).

The exhibit, which is supported by the New Jersey Historical Commission, runs through December 31, 2016, and is on view during regular Library hours.

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