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## **Carlos Mariani Rosa**

### ***Executive Director, Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. (MMEP)***



Carlos Mariani Rosa was named executive director of Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. (MMEP), in 1997. Prior to joining MMEP he served as director of Hispanic Ministry for the Minnesota Council of Churches and as interim director for the Minnesota Hispanic Education Program. A recognized leader in the nonprofit and public sectors, he has spent more than 25 years advocating on behalf of communities of color.

Over the years Mariani Rosa has been active in several community-based organizations and has served on the boards of the St. Paul Children's Initiative the West Side Health Clinic Capital Campaign Committee. Mariani Rosa currently serves on the boards of the Rainbow Research and Minnesota Council on Economic Education. He is also a founding member of the Saint Paul Foundation's "El Fondo" Endowment Committee.

Elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1990, Mariani Rosa is currently serving his ninth term representing Saint Paul district 65B. He was recently named chair of the E-12 Education Policy Committee and is a member of the National Conference of Hispanic State Legislators. His efforts in the House have focused on issues which greatly impact urban and minority communities including: education, public transit, housing and economic development.

Mariani Rosa graduated from Macalester College with a major in History and is a recipient of Macalester's "Alumni Distinguished Citizen Award." He was a Mondale Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey Institute and a U.S. delegation member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders exchange to Argentina and Uruguay.

In 1993, he received the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action, and was also recognized by the Jobs Now Coalition, receiving their "Courage of Conscience Award" for work on behalf of low-income immigrant communities. Mariani Rosa has also been recognized by Literacy Minnesota for outstanding advocacy as a legislator.