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Mayor Pro Tem Elba Garcia named top young elected official

Garcia identified by the Aspen Institute as a “true rising star” in American politics

Dallas, TX – Following an eight-month search involving input from over 1,000 business, political, and civic leaders, the Aspen Institute has identified Mayor Pro Tem Elba Garcia as one of the nation’s top young elected officials. The Institute also selected Dr. Garcia for a fellowship program honoring public leaders identified as “the true rising stars” of American politics

“I am honored to be among this esteemed group of upcoming leaders,” said Dr. Garcia. “I am especially proud that the panel recognized my ability to remain focused on the ideals that originally led me into public service.” Dr. Garcia shares this honor with 24 other elected officials from across the country.

Drawn from the ranks of federal, state, and local governments and representing 22 states, the Class of 2007 will form the third class of the Aspen-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership. Designed to bring together the very best of the nation’s emerging leaders, the program will address broad issues of democratic governance and effective public service. The group will convene late next month for a conversation centered on the underlying values and principals of a democratic society.

Aspen Institute President Walter Isaacson said the Rodel Fellows “represent the best hope for America’s future – upcoming leaders committed to working together for the common good.”

The Aspen Institute, founded in 1950, is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering enlightened leadership and open-minded dialogue. Through seminars, policy programs, conferences, and leadership development initiatives, the Institute and its international partners seek to promote nonpartisan inquiry and an appreciation for timeless values. The Institute is headquartered in Washington, DC, and has campuses in Aspen, Colorado, and the Wye River on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Its international network includes partner Aspen Institutes in Berlin, Rome, Lyon, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Bucharest, and leadership programs in Africa, Central American and India.

For more information on Rodel Fellows and the program, visit www.aspeninstitute.org/rodel

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