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**ITALIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS**

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress, formed in 1988, is a non-profit organization whose membership includes individuals active in Italian-American affairs in the tri-state area. Its purpose is to provide educational opportunities for Italian-American children, to support organizations and charities benefiting Italian-Americans and to support other programs and individuals with similar goals.

Since its inception, the congress has provided scholarships for qualified students, has responded through the media to anti Italian-American bias and has provided grants to other organizations for scholarships and Italian Studies programs.

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress is a not-for-profit corporation with IRS Sect. 501(C)(3) status.

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**ITALIAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS**

*The Tri-State  
Italian-American Congress*

*Dinner Reception  
in honor of*

*Zulema T. Wiscovitch  
Co-President and CEO,  
Associated Supermarket Group*

TUESDAY, THE 5TH OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

6:30 PM COCKTAILS

7:30 PM PROGRAM & DINNER

METROPOLITAN CLUB  
ONE EAST 60TH STREET (BETWEEN 5TH AVE. AND MADISON)  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

### *Honoree*

Zulema T. Wiscovitch

### *Honorary Chair*

Louis Vele, President, Courtesy Foods

### *Honored Guest*

His Excellency Ronald Hicks, Archbishop of New York

### *Dinner Chair*

Joe Garcia, Co-CEO, Associated Supermarket Group

### *Dinner Co-Chairs*

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## *Honoree* *Zulema T. Wiscovitch*



Zulema T. Wiscovitch is the co-President and CEO of Associated Supermarket Group (ASG), a company that provides retail solutions to independently owned and operated supermarkets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. These services and solutions include distribution, marketing, merchandising and store financing. ASG banners consist of Associated, Associated Fresh, Met, Met Fresh, Compare, Compare Fresh and Pioneer. These supermarkets, along with other banners serviced by ASG, exclusively carry the private brand Avenue A.

In December 2020, Zulema, together with co-President and CEO Joe Garcia and other investors, completed the acquisition of ASG from AUA Private Equity Partners. Before this management buyout, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of ASG, overseeing sales, finance, marketing and strategic planning.

Before joining ASG, Zulema was the executive director of the National Supermarket Association (NSA), a trade association representing 400 independent supermarkets along the East Coast corridor. Prior to her work at NSA, she spent 11 years at Anheuser-Busch, Inc., holding various regional marketing and corporate relations positions.

Earlier in her career, Zulema served as Vice President at Wiscovitch Associates, Ltd., a public relations and public affairs agency founded by her husband, Joseph Wiscovitch. The agency's marquee clients included Anheuser-Busch Companies, Columbia Pictures, and Pepsi-Cola, as well as high-profile political campaigns, including those of President Bill Clinton and Mayor Mike Bloomberg.

Currently, Zulema sits on the board of directors of the Food Industry Alliance of New York. She has previously served on several boards, including the executive board of the National Grocers Association, where she was honored with the prestigious Spirit of America Award—an award also received by former presidents George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford. In 2024, she was named "Person of the Year" by the Catholic Institute of the Food Industry. Her prior board memberships also include the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City and the Hispanic Federation.

Zulema is originally from Maracaibo, Venezuela, and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Administration from Rafael Urdaneta University. She resides in Manhattan's Sutton Place neighborhood with her husband Joseph and their son Anthony.