

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

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Maria Teresa Kumar is the founding President and CEO of Voto Latino and an Emmy-nominated contributor with MSNBC. In 2013, Elle named her one of the 10 most powerful women in Washington, DC. A dynamic community leader, Maria Teresa was named by Hispanic Business among the 100 most influential Latinos in America and by PODER Magazine as one of the 20 most influential Latinos under 40. Fast Company called Maria Teresa one of the top 100 Creative Minds for her work at Voto Latino, using technology, celebrity voices, media and youth themselves to empower a generation of young voters. Under her leadership, Voto Latino has become a key factor in national elections by directly registering over 225,000 new voters and influencing millions more through viral, celebrity-driven campaigns.

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