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Milly Silva is one of the highest-ranking Latina labor leaders in the nation. In 2013, she was the Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor of New Jersey, becoming the first standing labor leader in memory to seek statewide office and part of the third all-female gubernatorial ticket in the nation’s history. Ms. Silva currently serves as executive vice president of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, the nation’s largest healthcare union, representing over 400,000 healthcare workers in five states and Washington, DC. She is responsible for directing union activities in New Jersey and New York and has mobilized frontline healthcare workers to win contracts that include living wages and quality health insurance for caregivers and their families. Ms. Silva has been featured on major regional and national news outlets including CNN, Univision, The New York Times, The Star-Ledger, and NJTV, and is a guest columnist for NJ Spotlight.