

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, **PART II**

CHALLENGES TO ARMENIA-DIASPORA RELATIONS

FRIDAY, **APRIL 20**, 2012 **7:30 PM**
ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH, ABAJIAN HALL
12-61 SADDLE RIVER ROAD, **FAIR LAWN**, NEW JERSEY*
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From the first rumblings of independence in 1989 to policy clashes on the Armenia-Turkey protocols, the pullout of the Lincy Foundation from Armenia and the alienation of diasporan investors and philanthropists, relations between the diaspora and Armenia appear to be more strained than ever. What are the consequences of a standoff? Can the diaspora meaningfully participate in the affairs of the homeland? What can be done collectively and individually to build new bridges of mutual respect and cooperation?

Policy Forum Armenia has issued a timely report on Armenia-Diaspora Relations that identifies key issues, distinguishes myths from reality, and examines perspectives from both sides. It will serve as the basis for a thought-provoking, solutions-seeking discussion with distinguished panelists.

GUEST SPEAKER

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PANELISTS

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Panel and **Q&A** Discussion to Follow

LIGHT **REFRESHMENTS**

ADMISSION: **FREE**

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