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## Role model for Latinas

**New West's Renata Kobek wants people to know the truth about Latina women**

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Sponsorship will also cover the cost of a custom-designed sash that will likely identify Kobek's representation of New Westminister. She leaves for Toronto on Aug. 19.

To vote for Kobek go to [www.misslatinacanada.com/home.html](http://www.misslatinacanada.com/home.html). Click on Preliminaries and then 2009 Delegates, scrolling down to Renata Kobek (New Westminister). She can also be contacted at [renatakobek@hotmail.com](mailto:renatakobek@hotmail.com) for sponsorship inquiries.

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