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To whom it May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Claudia Ortega Hogue for the 2024 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards. Claudia is a remarkable leader and community advocate whose work has profoundly impacted our city and region. Throughout her career, Claudia has dedicated herself to championing civic engagement, social justice, and community empowerment. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious honor.

I first had the privilege of working with Claudia in the district office of Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, where I quickly recognized her relentless energy and commitment to serving others. Claudia's dedication is limitless, and her output is prolific. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she immediately sought ways to support the community, ensuring that no one was left behind in accessing critical information, resources, and medical care. Claudia's response to the pandemic was nothing short of extraordinary; she coordinated efforts across various sectors to ensure our community's needs were met in these challenging times.

I have also had the privilege of remaining friends with Claudia as she advanced in her career, watching her rise to the top of different organizations, most notably becoming the first Latina president of the League of Women Voters of Houston. Claudia's commitment to service is boundless—she is always finding new ways to contribute to the community, whether through leading organizations or grassroots efforts. There is no one else in Houston with such a genuine desire to improve the lives of those around her.

If you are reading this letter and have not had the chance to meet Claudia, please know that my words are not exaggeration. There are thousands in Houston who would echo my sentiments, and once you have the opportunity to meet her, you too will join that chorus of voices singing her praises.

I wholeheartedly recommend Claudia Ortega Hogue for the 2024 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards. Her unwavering dedication, leadership, and passion for community service make her an outstanding candidate for this recognition. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Thank you,

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