



2024 MAYOR'S HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARDS

Recognizing Outstanding
Volunteer Service
In the City of Houston

Deadline for Nominations:

Must be postmarked or electronically received by **Friday, September 6, 2024**

Return via U.S. Mail To:

City of Houston
Attn: Jackie Schuessler-Kimsey (MHHA)
901 Bagby, 3rd floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Or

E-mail: Jackie.schuessler-kimsey@houstontx.gov

Nomination Application About the Awards

PURPOSE

The Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards (MHHA) Committee seeks to recognize exemplary Hispanics who have made outstanding contributions toward improving the quality of life within the Houston Hispanic community.

The MHHA Committee will review nomination entries and select the most outstanding nominees to receive the 2024 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Awards. Mayor John Whitmire and City Council will salute the winners at Council session every Tuesday during Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15). All winners will be presented an award at the kick-off celebration.

2024 AWARD CATEGORIES

Arts in the Community – recognizes the contribution of an individual whose outstanding efforts have enriched and nurtured the creativity in the Hispanic community through Art programs. Art programs may include visual, music, dance, theatre and quilting/embroidery. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

Community Activist - recognizes the outstanding volunteer efforts of an individual dedicated toward improving and educating the Hispanic community thru public and community service. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

Education in the Community - recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to increasing educational opportunities in academic, healthy living, and sportsmanship, in the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

Healthcare - Recognizes an outstanding person who has increased awareness of healthcare issues affecting Hispanics in Houston and implemented specific projects leading to improvements. Nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the service provided by the nominee.

Youth Activist - recognizes a young Hispanic between the ages of 15—25 for outstanding work in the community through volunteerism. All community projects must demonstrate leadership qualities that inspire our youth to become the future leaders in the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

Lifetime Achievement - recognizes community leaders who have led a lifetime of community service in the Hispanic community. In addition to an application, nominations for this award must include a biography highlighting the services rendered by the nominee for which this award is to be presented.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- An individual currently engaged in **volunteer service** that improves the quality of life for Houstonians.
- Contribution and/or activity must have been performed in the city of Houston area for a minimum of one calendar year.
- Nominees are subject to background checks.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
- Award recipients will be asked to attend a recognition event during Hispanic Heritage month at Houston's City Hall.
- Award recipients may be asked to do media interviews
- Elected officials may not be nominated
- **Nominees must live inside Houston city limits and be eligible to vote in Houston municipal elections**

DEADLINE

Nominations must be emailed or postmarked no later than Friday, September 6, 2024 for consideration.

2024 NOMINATION

Please print clearly or type in the spaces below.



Category (choose only one)

- Arts in the Community
- Community Activist
- Education In the Community
- Healthcare
- Youth Activist
- Lifetime Achievement

INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE

(must live inside Houston city limits and be eligible to vote in Houston municipal elections)

Name: Richard Vara

Cell Phone: 832-453-0137 Other Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: judgevara@yahoo.com

NOMINATOR

Name: Christina Morales

Cell Phone: (713) 718-5915 Other Phone: _____

Home Address: 2901 Canal Street

City: Houston State: TX Zip: 77003

E-mail: christina.morales@house.texas.gov

Submit via Mail or email the completed form

- Nomination form (mandatory)
- Narrative statement or Letter of Recommendation (mandatory)
- Resume/Bio (mandatory)
- Other Supporting materials

All mandatory materials must be submitted, to be considered.

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