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PRESS RELEASE

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Nominations Open for Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Awards — *Awardees to be recognized at Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Festival* —

Miami Beach, FL — The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee is seeking nominations for the 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards by **Friday, August 3, 2018 at 5 p.m.** The Committee will select a winner in one of each of the following categories:

Individual- educator, public safety personnel, social service provider, artist, youth (under 18 involved in community service), adult contributing to the success of youth, and any Hispanic Miami Beach community.

Business- Business, Business Owner, or employee of a qualified business (must be 51%+ Hispanic owned)

Nomination forms are available at City Hall and downloadable by clicking [here](#). Online forms and can be submitted via e-mail to leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov or by mail to Leonor Hernandez, City of Miami Beach, Building Department Administration, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33139.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of Miami Beach honors those that have contributed positively to the Miami Beach community in their respective professional field and live or work in the City of Miami Beach. The nomination must include the nominee's full name, address, phone number, and an explanation on how the person has contributed to the Miami Beach community. Detailed nominations must be received by **Friday, August 3, 2018 at 5 p.m.** The awards will be presented during the Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Friday, October 12 at 6 pm. at North Shore Park 501 72 Street, Miami Beach, Florida, 33141.

The Hispanic Affairs Committee serves as an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the City Administration in respect to matters pertaining to the Hispanic community of the City Miami Beach. For more information, contact Leonor Hernandez, liaison to the Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee, at 305.673.7610 Ext. 6413.

Previous honorees include:

2002

Jorge M Gonzalez
David de la Espriella
Victor Diaz

2003

Eva Barreto
Liliam Lopez
Tanya Ludwig

2004

Raymond Adrian
Alfredo Gonzalez
Aida Marrero
Jorge Martinez

2005

Luis Alsina
Frank Carollo
Lupe Diaz
Marie Towers

2006

Maritza Ejenbaum
Michael Gongora
Daniel Morgalo
Kelly Villoch

2007

Kathy Abbate
Julio Blanco
Romero Britto
Nathalia Ramos
Dr KarmenChu Santana-Vega
Diana Susi

2008

Goldie James Maldonado
Magaly Madrid
Rafael Oviedo

Daniel Veitia
Goldie James Maldonado
Magaly Madrid
Rafael Oviedo
Daniel Veitia

2009

Armando Hernandez
Gabriel Paez
Howard Kaufman
Ines Flax
Pedro Martinez

2010

Elsa Urquiza
Luis Hernandez
Maria Acosta
Margarita Cepeda
Fernando Cid de Diego

2011

Ana Bolt
Becky Cohen
German Pena
Magnolia Martinez
Susan Riener

2012

Mark Causey
Bryant Del Toro
Samuel Karkassoni
Richard Martinez
Mara Mignardi
Bea Pernia

2013

Tanya Diaz
Joe Gato
Karpawich Family
David King

Jose Rafael Martinez
Herb Sosa

2014

Jessica Fuentes
Alejandro Llaneras
Lourdes Lopez
Willie Priegues
Carlos Rodriguez

2015

Jorge Garcia
Leonor Hernandez
Alexandra Oliva
Margueritte Ramos
Lawrence Rodriguez

2016

Elaine Soffer Siegel
Matti Herrera Bower
Gustavo Briand
Sylvia Carro
Zorilien Riveron
Juan Sanchez
Enrique Doce
Adonis Garcia
Unidad
The Miami Herald/El Nuevo
Herald and Executive Team

2017

Dr. Rosa Lemas
Chief Virgil Fernandez MBFD
Kevin Cobas
Melina Almodovar
Sammy Gonzalez
Lisett Fernandez-Montero
Officer Mariana Garcia MBPD
Ayuda, Inc.

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