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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Award Nominations Sought for Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Miami Beach, FL --** The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee seeks nominations for the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards by Friday, August 5 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 via the following link: <http://web.miamibeachfl.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=88393> (online form) and can be submitted via e-mail to [kgonzalez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:kgonzalez@miamibeachfl.gov) or by mail to City of Miami Beach, Office of Budget and Performance Improvement, 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 5 at 5 p.m. The awards will be presented during the Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 7 at North Shore Park.

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 of Miami Beach. For more information, contact Kate Gonzalez, liaison to the Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee, at 305.673.7020.

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

**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

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