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### A Message from the El Paso County Democratic Party Chairman, Glenn Maya

Fellow Democrats:

This will be such an exciting year. Eight years ago we elected Barack Obama to the White House. Let's take a moment and recall the feeling of pride and excitement he created for our party and nation. Hope and optimism took over that evening and rather than chanting "Yes We Can," we yelled out "Yes We Did!"

Within those eight years, President Obama changed this nation to benefit all. Our economy continues to grow with record breaking numbers, we are better respected across the world, equality for the LGBT community expanded, and most important, more people have access to health insurance more than ever. While we still have more work to do, regardless what the right wing pundits claim, President Obama will be remembered as a President, who made lasting change for America.

You might wonder why I chose the picture of President Obama leaving after his victory speech in Grant Park in 2008 to be the cover of this year's banquet program. Every time I see this picture, I remember what we, as a party, have accomplished in the last eight years. Some of our precinct chairs, elected officials, and even some of our Hall of Fame inductees became involved because of the President in 2008, including myself. While his time is about to end as our commander-in-chief, we have the opportunity to continue his legacy by getting out the vote for our **NEXT Democratic President in November.** 

Also, I am not returning as your Chairman later this year. I want to thank everyone who has assisted our party during my tenure especially after my stroke. This was one of the best experiences in my life, and I could not serve our party without your support these two years. My mom Rose and I are grateful for all that you have done for us. Finally, I wish Iliana Holguin success as our next County Chairwoman. Since the beginning of my term, she was such an important person who helped put this party back together in 2013.

Finally, congratulations to this year's inductees to the El Paso County Democratic Party Hall of Fame. We had numerous qualified nominees and the committee reviewed, discussed and debated each and every nomination. We all acknowledge it was difficult to make the final decisions. As honorees you may feel that other individuals may have contributed more to the party, this humility is the reason you were chosen. Democrats like you who are caring, giving and demonstrate our Democratic values deserve to be in our Hall of Fame. This year's inductees serve as role models for others as they possess the enthusiasm, grit and commitment that is needed to turn TEXAS BLUE.

Glenn "Butch" Maya

Chairman, El Paso County Democratic Party



### 2016 HALL OF FAME

I.	Welcome	Felipa Solis Mistress of Ceremonies
II.	Presentation of Colors	Sheriff Department Color Guard
III.	National Anthem	Teresa Vazquez
IV.	Pledge of Allegiance	
V.	Invocation	Bishop Alexander L. Brown
VI.	Recognition of Dignitaries	Secretary Iliana Holguin
VII.	Message from Chairman	Chairman Glenn "Butch" Maya

### Dinner

### VIII. Presentation of Chairman Awards

### IX. Hall of Fame Induction

Sebastian Martinez by Michael Apodaca Rep. Joe Moody by Judge Bill Moody

JoAnn Robles by Noel Rosenbaum

Senator Jose Rodriguez by Queta Fierro

Isela Castañon Williams by Antonio Casey Williams

Ruth Williams by Donald L. Williams

X. Introduction of Keynote Speaker

XI. Keynote Address Pete Gallego

X. Benediction Bishop Alexander L. Brown

XII. Closing Felipa Solis



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### 2016 HALL OF FAME



Thank you for attending and sponsoring this year's event.
We also congratulate our Chairman Glenn Maya for his years
of service to our party. Thanks, Butch!

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and Ramona "Monchi" Torres

Silent Auction: Angie Garcia



### PETE GALLEGO

### Keynote Speaker

Like many American families, Pete's family started out in a small town and through hard work and sacrifice fought its way into the middle class. Pete Gallego's roots in Alpine, Texas go back to the early 1880's. In 1917, his grandparents opened a small family restaurant. That restaurant taught him many lessons, one of the most important being the value of hard work. Pete's dad was a proud WWII veteran who refused any veteran's benefits because he believed his military service was just a matter of meeting his obligation to his country. He worked in his restaurant every day. Pete's mom took a job as a state employee and did everything she could to support three children and help make ends meet.

Pete Gallego graduated from high school in 1980 and from Sul Ross in 1982. Finishing college in two years while balancing three jobs wasn't easy by any means but as Pete has said, "We were raised to be hard workers." After graduation, Pete went on to earn a degree from The University of Texas School of Law.

His first job after graduating from law school was to serve as an assistant attorney general before heading back to Alpine to serve as a local felony prosecutor. It was an excellent job, but he was frustrated to learn that the Texas prison system was too often a revolving door prisoners sometimes serving only one month for each year of their sentence. One day on his drive back home from Huntsville after dropping off a prisoner, Pete received a call from the Upton County Sheriff. Imagine his surprise when he got back to Rankin and found the

prisoner he'd delivered had already been released.

Pete's parents saw firsthand how frustrated he was with the system as it existed and convinced him to pursue change by running for the state legislature. And so he did. Pete was 28 years old when he was elected to the Texas House to represent West Texas.

Two weeks after his first primary win in 1990, Pete married the most beautiful and wonderful woman he ever met, María Elena. They have been married for 24 years and are the proud parents of a ten-year-old son Nicolás.

In the state legislature Representative Gallego was able to get a lot done by sticking to two simple guidelines: (1) always put the needs of the people he represented ahead of any political concerns (or, as Speaker Pete Laney used to say "Vote your district") and (2) always be willing to work with anyone to solve a problem, regardless of party affiliation. Pete used his experience as a prosecutor to write laws to make them tougher on criminals, including passing Texas' "Life Without Parole" law and creating the state's DNA database which helps make sure the guilty are convicted and the innocent are set free. Pete also concentrated on helping victims of crime, including victims of domestic violence. He also proposed legislation to cut taxes for many small businesses in Texas and fought for the natural gas tax exemption, an industry that provides jobs to many families in the district. He worked to increase investments in public education, took on insurance companies on behalf of disabled children and helped build roads, schools and other buildings across southwest Texas. Pete also helped neighborhoods get their first-ever access to water. Pete helped bring about other reforms in our criminal justice system and provided support for Texas veterans. As a son of the border region, Pete knew even in the Legislature that our border was the front door to Texas; so, he worked on strengthening trade, securing our border, and investing in infrastructure.

His days in the Legislature were rewarding. Pete was deeply honored to receive many accolades and awards like being named to Texas Monthly's list of Ten Best Legislators or having an elementary school in Eagle Pass named Pete Gallego Elementary. He loved having the trust and confidence of the people he worked for. At the same time, he was honored to also have the trust and confidence of his peers, both Republicans and Democrats.

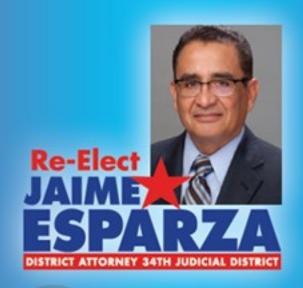
Pete's job in the Legislature was to lead people to common ground, to bring people together to reach a good result. However, as he looked at how Congress operated and tried to talk to his own congressman, Pete found himself feeling the same frustration that bothered him as a young prosecutor. He was able to make a difference in Austin. It didn't make sense to him that in D.C., the U.S. Congress could never reach a good result - or any result at all. Pete thought for sure Congress needed a dose of small town values and common sense and felt he could do a better job than some of the people in Washington.

In 2012, Pete made his first run for Congress. It took a lot of help from a lot of people, but by doing what he has always done, working hard and working together, **Pete won!** For someone used to getting things done, Congress was a big change, but Pete refused to give up the work ethic and morals that got him there. In fact, when the government shut down, he immediately sponsored a bill prohibiting Congress from accepting a paycheck because he did not think anyone deserves to get paid when they're not doing their job. With regards to the people who've been in Congress for a while, that didn't make him any new friends.

While in Congress, Pete focused on helping our men and women in uniform and our veterans, as well as our seniors and children. Our country has made commitments to people like his father who served in World War II and who have formed and forged our country. Pete believes that we must keep those commitments to our veterans and our elderly. At the same time, he feels we must be sure to pass on to our children a strong nation full of the same dreams and opportunities our parents provided us.

Today, Pete is a father, husband, son and brother. Family, Pete believes, has made him the man he is, and it's still the most important thing in his life.

# CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES!







# SEBASTIÁN MARTÍNEZ Y TREVIÑO

An immigrant to El Paso from Pecos, Texas, Sebastián had been an active Democrat since 1959 when he joined the Texas Western Democrats and participated in the campaign to elect John F. Kennedy. His first voting experience required him to obtain a Poll Tax when he was 21 years old, and that vote was cast by mail since he was a registered voter in Pecos, County of Reeves.

His first taste of the beautiful ambient of the people of El Paso was in the summer of 1956 when the parish of Santa Rosa de Lima in Pecos sent him to do volunteer work for Father Rahm, who was director of Our Lady's Youth Center in South El Paso. That experience always drew him back to El Paso.

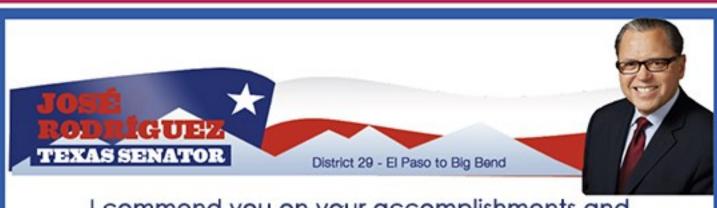
His parents, Elígio and Julia Treviño de Martínez, were his early mentors in politics. They helped register people to vote in Pecos. Their success was such that the Republican Party investigated those successful efforts. One of his early El Paso Democratic mentors in the art of grassroots politics was Mrs. Josephina Ramirez, a Democratic dynamo who spearheaded voting in El Paso County. The enthusiasm of working with the people in South El Paso and the Mission Valley, rapt Sebastián to serve as her driver and helper in organizing the elderly for the Democratic Party below the freeway in the effort of 1960. Another mentor was County Judge Woodrow Bean, who showed Sebastián how to sue the County Democratic Chair for not following party rules. Sebastian is a zealous supporter of parliamentary procedures.

#### A shortened list of accomplishments:

- Bachelor of Science: Sul Ross (1963); Master of Arts: UTEP (1970); Legal Secretary Certificate UTEP (2010).
- Member Texas State Board of Examiners for Teacher Education 1975-79: Education Writer: Bill of Particulars on Sexism and Equality in Public Schools.
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); First Elementary Teacher to serve as NCATE evaluation member 1978. Advocate for minority recruitment.
- Recipient as a team of George I Sanchez Award NEA for Human Relations in the field of desegregation 1974.
- Founding member Mexican American Democrats; Member: Tejanos Paso del Norte; Black El Paso Democrats.
- Commendation letters for Unity Efforts in El Paso County from President Bill Clinton, Texas Governor John Connelly, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, Congressman Ron Coleman, Gail Stark, President El Paso Women's Political Caucus; Campaigner of the Year, 1990 El Paso Democratic Party.
- Founding participant of Mobile Early Voting first started in El Paso in 1990.
- First elected Democratic Precinct Chair in 1972: a service of 41 years and still going strong; elected delegate from Precinct, County and State: 1992 Committed Bill Clinton to NYC National Convention.
- Original Founding of redistricting lines for El Paso County, 1978, City of El Paso, El Paso County Community College, and El Paso Independent School District.

Sebastián is most proud of being a contributing member of the Southern Poverty Law Center, (20 Years), and the Martin Luther King Wall of Remembrance. He is an active protestant for Trabajadores sin Fronteras, Cesar Chavez, Dreamers, Occupy El Paso and where he sees discrimination and intolerance.

Sebastián owes, with humble gratitude, to his parents, Elígio and Julia Treviño de Martínez and brothers and sisters all that he is attributed to have accomplished.



I commend you on your accomplishments and dedication to the Democratic principles and values.

Congratulations to my fellow 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Sebastian Martinez
State Rep. Joe Moody
JoAnn Robles
Isela Castañon Williams
Ruth Williams

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### Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez 65th Family Distict Court

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### JOE MOODY

Joe Moody represents Texas's District 78, a mixed urban and rural district covering swaths of northern El Paso County. He is a lifelong El Pasoan and a second-generation public servant. His father, District Judge William Moody, and his mother, El Paso school teacher Magdalena Morales-Moody, taught Joe the value of community service and respect for the laws of Texas. In 2011, Joe was married to Adrianne Riley, and in 2014, they welcomed their first child, William.

Joe returned to the 84th Session of the Texas House of Representatives after serving in the 81st and 83rd Legislatures. During those sessions, Joe served on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, the Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee. He was also tapped by the Speaker of the House to work on the Select Committees on Criminal Procedure Reform and Healthcare Education and Training and the Joint Committee on Human Trafficking. His work focused on fighting to ease the burdens on soldiers returning home and on a variety of criminal justice topics, including domestic violence and stalking issues, smart-on-crime initiatives like graffiti diversion, and efficiency measures designed to make the most of our limited criminal justice resources.

During the 84th session, Joe returned to the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee as vice chairman, where he continued to advocate for the rights of crime victims and promote smart criminal justice responses, including major marijuana policy reform. Joe remains one of the most respected voices on criminal justice in the House. He also served on the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee and the General Investigating and Ethics Committee during this session, and was recently chosen as the vice chairman of the House Select Committee on Mental Health, which is aimed at improving mental health resources and outcomes throughout the state.

At the close of his first session, Joe was awarded Freshman of the Year by two non-partisan groups: the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA). His efforts have continued to be recognized by TDCAA, which gave him their Law and Order Award the past two sessions, and by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, which named him Representative of the Year last session.

Outside of the Legislature, Joe is an attorney. He served as a prosecutor for many years at the El Paso County District Attorney's Office before entering private practice, where his focus has been probate and estate planning as well as criminal defense. He is a partner at the Law Offices of Neill & Moody, P.C.

### El Paso County Democratic

### 1985

Lorenzo Alarcon

Hon. Woodrow Beam Sr.

Ruth Graham

Marie S. Howe

Travis Johnson

Aurora Mata

Hon. Rogelio Sanchez

Hank Sitgraves

Hon. R.E. Thomason

Hon. Pablo Torres

Robbin L. Washington

Joe Yarbrough

#### 1989

Lupe Bain

Don Beardsworth

LaNelle Boling

Hon. Alica Chacon

Russell B. Denham

Harry K. Gilford

Hon. Polly Harris

Billie Mac Jobe

Hon. Luis Lopez

Hon. Paul Moreno

Jane Pemberton

Socorro Rodriguez

Hon. Richard Telles

Attorney General Jim Mattox

Governor Ann Richards

#### 1987

Judge Albert Armendariz

Maria Teresa Aranda

Luz Carpio

Rae Gilmore

Salvador Lopez

George McAlmon

Marie Prichard

Hon. George Rodriguez Sr.

Dr. Malvin Straus

Ambassador Raymond L. Telles

Leona Washington

Kathy White

#### 1991

Angela Aceves

W. Barton Boling

Carlos Carrasco

Jesse Carrasco

Hon. Joe Christie

Aldolfo Fernandez Jr.

Andrew Hudson

Alfonso Franco Kennard

Malcolm McGregor

Hon. Maxine Silva

Gerard Washington

Wayne Windle

#### 1993

Congressman Ron Coleman

Mike Dipp

Jose Kennard

Chairman Danny Mena

#### 1996

Hon. Lolly Ambrose

Chairman Tom & Carolyn Diamond

George Harbison

Gloria Ramirez

State Senator Peggy Rosson

Ruben & Lucy Salcido

Hon. Gilbert Serna

Bill Sparks

Al & Ramona "Monchi" Torres

### Party Hall of Fame Members

1999

Nino Anchondo Juan Aranda Jr. Hector Arellano Betty Boncser Marcelo Campos

Lottie Cody Blanche Darley

Mary Gallardo Delgado

Chairwoman Carmen Duarte James Fitzgerald

James Fitzgerald Richard Marshall

State Rep. Nancy & Will

McDonald

R. Esther Montoya Ramon & Dora Moreno

Bob Neill

Virginia Valencia

Congressman Richard White

2007

Yolanda Clay Daniel Duarte Angie M Garcia Donald L Williams

2011

Guillermo "Memo" Acosta Porfirio Alvarado "Chalo" & Sofia Garcia Rick Gutierrez Carolina Reyes Senator Tati Santiesteban Speaker Nancy Pelosi 2001

Chariman Danny Anchondo Hon. Delia Briones

Delia Camacho Ceci Carpio Jan Engels

Chole Galvan Delia Gonzalez

Chairwoman Mary Bowles

Grijalva

Ramy Martinez

Luis Mata Pee Wee Mier Jose R. Parra Ester Perez Louis Reinhardt

Susie Shelton Lupe Weaver Dorline Wonciar

George Ybarra

2009

Veronica Reyes Cintron

Donald L Kirkpatrick JoAn C Lopez

Pattielee Pinon Hon. Jim Scherr

Chariman Ken Sutherland

2003

Hon. Dolores Briones

Hermi Brown

Mayor Raymond Caballero

Sandra Chiquito

Chairwoman Queta Fierro

Michael Flores

Hon. Victor Flores

Juan Chacho Gonzales

Tito Gonzales

Hon. Elvia Hernandez

Otis Hopkins

Maria Guadalupe Ibarra

Henry Irigoyen

Sandra & Beatriz Martinez

Hon. Larry Medina

Judge William Bill Moody

Jesus Chuy Reyes

Congressman Sylvestre Reyes

Judge Lupe Rivera Hon. Belen Robles

Rosalba Saenz

Santos Super Sanchez

Rita Sarinana Sonya Saunders

Senator Eliot Shapleigh

**Bobbie Telles** 

Hon. Raymond Telles

Alice Wood

2013

Michael Apodaca Kathy Coronado

Hon. Hector Bernal

Irene and Robert Hernandez

Hon. Robert White

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### What It Means to Be a Democrat

Democrats stand for Hope, Equal Opportunity, and Fair Play. These are the values Texas Democrats personally share and the values with which we define our economic and social policies. Texas Democrats aim to build a stronger state and nation while promoting a prosperous economic climate. We strive to create an atmosphere where hard working Texans can enjoy the benefits of their labor and where our children will have every opportunity to achieve their highest aspirations.

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Membership in The Westside Democrats of El Paso is open to all Democrats.



### **Sheriff Richard Wiles**

Congratulations to the 2016 El Paso County Democratic Party Hall of Fame Inductees.

Thank you for your generous commitment of time, support and inspiration to our Democratic efforts.



Sebastian Martinez State Rep. Joe Moody Senator Jose Rodriguez

Jo Ann Robles Isela Castañon-Williams Ruth Williams



### JO ANN ROBLES

Jo Ann G. Robles is a native El Pasoan and long-term member of the El Paso County Democratic Party. A graduate of Jefferson High School, Robles attended Sul Ross University briefly before opting to pursue a career in the entertainment industry, in the field of comedy. Robles secured a position as branch manager and subsequently district

manager with the largest independently owned family entertainment company in the nation and remained with the company for 15 years. She currently works in the pharmaceutical industry and is a full-time student.

Her involvement with the El Paso Democratic Party began in 2004 when she was on the steering campaign of the El Pasoans for Kerry campaign under the leadership of the late Honorable Erasmo Andrade and Rick Bolanos. Ms. Robles came to understand the importance of volunteerism and civic duty. It is her firm belief that we all bear a responsibility to our nation and the democratic process. Since then Robles has become a fixture within the Democratic Party and gone on to volunteer for numerous political and social awareness campaigns. Whether it be washing dishes at the annual spaghetti/enchilada dinners, assembling floats or helping on election days. Ms. Robles' willingness to help the Democratic Party is unwavering.

Ms. Robles served as the precinct chair for precinct 27/29 from 2005 to 2014. In 2004, Ms. Robles attended her first Democratic State Convention and served as a delegate to the next four consecutive conventions. She has previously been a member of the Mexican American Democrats, Westside Paso Del Norte Tejanos, Eastside Democrats and Black Democrats. Ms. Robles. She is currently a proud member of the Westside Democrats. She served as sergeant at arms for the Westside Tejano Democrats under the Honorable Joe Delgado before chairing the organization from 2010 to 2012.





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### JOSE RODRIGUEZ

José Rodríguez was elected in 2010 to represent Texas Senate District 29 (SD 29), which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border.

Before his election to the Texas Senate, Sen. Rodríguez served as the El Paso County Attorney for 17 years. During his tenure, he established an unparalleled record of achievement, improving public safety, enhancing legal services to protect vulnerable citizens, promoting education, increasing County revenues and funding for jobs and economic development and strengthening community health and environmental quality.

That high level of service to his community continues today as a member of the Texas State Senate. Sen. Rodríguez is a staunch advocate for those in need. He has proven himself an effective voice for SD 29, sponsoring more than 150 bills during his three sessions in the Texas Senate. This includes legislation addressing education, health care, economic development, renewable energy, criminal justice reform, public safety and the courts, ethics and government transparency and veterans. Of note, Sen. Rodríguez sponsored legislation transforming the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso from a branch of the Lubbock—based health sciences center to an independent, standalone university component of the Texas Tech University System. He also drafted a series of bills to address cheating and accountability in standardized testing in our schools.

His hard work and tenacity on the Senate floor have gained him numerous accolades, including being named "Freshman MVP" by *Capitol Inside*, "Legislative Hero" by Texas Access to Justice Foundation, "Best of Senate" by the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, "Advocate of the Year, Elected Official" by the Texas Association for Education of Young Children, "Texas Women's Health Champion" by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Champion of Equality" by Equality Texas, "Legislator of the Year" by the Family Law Foundation, "Senate Legislator of the Year" by Texas Nurse Practitioners and the "2015 TABE Joe J. Bernal Community Service Honoree" by the Texas Association for Bilingual Education.

Sen. Rodríguez currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus (SDC). He is also as a member of the following Senate Committees: Education, Health & Human Services; Nominations; Veteran Affairs & Military Installations;, and Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs. Before leading the SDC, he served as Chairman of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus for nearly two years.

In addition, Sen. Rodríguez serves as one of only five U.S. Presidential appointees on the 10-member Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission—North American Development Bank (BECC—NADB). This Board has distributed \$2.6 billion in loans and grants for over 200 BECC—certified infrastructure projects on both sides of the border.

He is also a long—time member of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Board of Directors. He is currently Chairman of the Border Legislative Conference (BLC), which is a joint program of the Council of State Governments (CSG) West and its regional partner in the South, the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), and comprised of legislators from the 10 American and Mexican states bordering the U.S.—Mexico border.

The son of migrant farm workers, Sen. Rodríguez, was born in Alice, Texas. From an early age, he worked in fields throughout the country to help support a family of nine. The first in his family to attend college, he received his undergraduate degree from Pan American University in 1971 and his law degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University in 1974. Since 1983, Sen. Rodríguez and his family have made their home in El Paso, where they have been deeply involved in civic, economic development, and human rights activities.



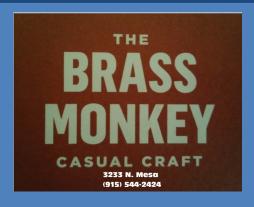


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### To the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees

## Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!



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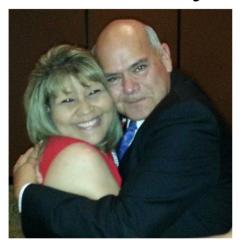
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### To Chairman Glenn Butch Maya and the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees



Thank You for all your hard work and dedication to our El Paso County Democratic Party!



### CONGRATUATIONS

TO THE 2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND LEADERSHIP FOR OUR PARTY



# ISELA CASTAÑON WILLIAMS

Isela Castañon-Williams is a life-long resident of El Paso and proud mother of three sons, Antonio, Isaiah, and Israel Williams. She began her involvement in Democratic political campaigns at the age of thirteen when she campaigned outside

a voting station for a Democratic candidate who was a teacher. Isela has served as a Precinct Chair for Precinct 92 since 2004 and has been very involved in the Democratic Party working for candidates and in fundraising activities. In 2004 and 2008 she served as a Delegate at Large to the National Democratic Conventions, as well as a delegate to the 2004 and 2008 El Paso County Democratic Conventions and Texas Democratic Conventions.

In May 2008, Isela was elected to the school board of the largest school district in El Paso, Texas. She served as the District 2 Trustee on the El Paso Independent School District Board of Trustees from 2008–2014 and served as the Board President from 2011–2014. While on the El Paso Independent School Board she also served as the Chair of the West Texas School Boards Association from 2011—2012 and as the Vice Chair from 2010—2011. Isela represented the El Paso Independent School District as a board member of the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors where she also served as Secretary.

Isela earned her M.Ed. from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and her B.A. in Speech Pathology from the University of Texas at El Paso. She is a professor at El Paso Community College in El Paso, Texas where she has been employed for 38 years and has developed several programs as well as served the college in different capacities. Currently, she is the District Wide Coordinator for the Teacher Preparation program. The program prepares students who wish to pursue a teaching degree in Kindergarten—Grade 6 and is one of the largest programs at EPCC enrolling approximately 2,000 students.

Ms. Castañon-Williams is highly involved in the field of education at the national and local levels. She served as a Commissioner for the National Association of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation Commission from 2006—2011. As an early childhood advocate, Ms. Castañon-Williams has worked with local early childhood professional organizations in their efforts to effect positive change in the child care industry locally and at the state level. She was the spokesperson for the Together for Children Campaign for ten years and was also recognized for her service to the community by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of El Paso.





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Ben Mendoza



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### RUTH WILLIAMS

Ruth Ybarra Williams is the sixth of ten children born to Gabriel Campos Ybarra and Maria Magdalen Garcia Ybarra. She was born on January 20, 1946, in Odessa, Texas. She graduated from Ector High School and received her Associate of Arts degree from Odessa Junior College. She continued her studies in El Paso, Texas where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Teacher's Certification in French and Spanish from the University of Texas at El Paso and an English Teachers' Certification from the University of Texas at Austin. Later, she received her Masters of Education in Mid-Management at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Ruth spent 28 years teaching in grade levels 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> in public schools in the Austin ISD, El Paso ISD, and Ysleta ISD. She taught English and history for the Big Bend College European Project in Gelnhausen, West Germany for a semester; while in Germany she also took the position of test administrator for the U.S. Government Education Department for two years. She has coached and sponsored student activities such as the Black History Program and the Hispanic History Program. Additionally, she has been a mentor and advisor to new teachers, presenter at teacher in-services, and curricula writer in the Ysleta School District. She is retired but continues to make a positive difference in the lives of the students in the schools.

Ruth has been involved in the Democratic Party for over twenty years. Her involvement has normally been behind the scenes as a grassroots participant in presidential campaigns and working in the County Democratic Party office during elections. She has campaigned for President Obama, Bill White, Wendy Davis, State Representative Joe Moody, Congressman Silvestre Reyes, County Commissioner Vincent Perez, State Democratic Treasurer Michael Apodaca, and School Board President Isela Castañon-Williams.

Currently, Ruth is Chair of the Eastside Democrats, Recording Secretary of the Black El Paso Democrats, member of the Paso Del Norte Tejano Democrats, and member of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats. She has served as Precinct Chair of Pct. 103/105 and is currently a candidate for Precinct Chair for Pct. 105. She has attended numerous precinct, county, state, and national conventions and was a State Delegate in 2008 and a National Delegate in 2012. She attended the inauguration of President Barack H. Obama as an invited guest in 2009.

Ruth has been a Sustaining Member of the Texas Democratic Party since 2006 and is currently a Compañeros of the El Paso County Democratic Party. She has served on El Paso Democratic Party committees such as the Cookbook Committee, Enchilada Fundraiser Committee, Spaghetti Fundraiser Committee, and the Hall of Fame Decoration Committee.

Ruth is one of the charter members of the Grassroots El Paso organization; Organizing for Obama; Organizing for America; Obama's Affordable Health Care Initiative; community organizer for Battleground Texas; and now an active community organizer for El Paso for Hillary Grassroots.

Ruth is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. She is the supportive wife of Donald L. Williams, a legal/community/political activist, El Paso's first African-American Judge, State Democratic Executive Committeeman, and an inductee in the El Paso County Democratic Hall of Fame. She is the proud mother of three adult children, three grandsons and two granddaughters.



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