

The Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Announces the 2020 Celebrando Honorees

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AUSTIN, TEXAS (September 16, 2020) – Five local leaders will be honored by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC) during the 2020 Celebrando Austin Gala set for October 8, 2020 during Hispanic Heritage Month. The signature event, presented by Ascension Seton and sponsored by Tito's Handmade Vodka will celebrate the 47 years the GAHCC has served the Greater Austin area and feature special guest Congressman Lloyd Doggett. This year's virtual celebration — to start with a VIP experience at 5:30 p.m. followed by an award ceremony at 6 p.m. — will include a tribute to longstanding pioneers, local heroes and citizens we have lost.

Honorees:

Entrepreneur

Tom Gilliland, Fonda San Miguel

Entrepreneur

Griselda Ponce, Ponce Law Firm

Corporation of the Year

Texas Mutual Insurance Company

Champion

Central Texas Food Bank

Lifetime Achievement

Honorable Judge Bob Perkins

"It has been an honor to Chair the 2020 Celebrando committee. The GAHCC will proudly celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a virtual gala to honor inclusion, business resiliency, community and long-time Hispanic champions. Join me on October 8, 2020 to toast 47 years of serving Austin Hispanic business and to celebrate remarkable Hispanic mentors," said Rosa Rios Valdez, GAHCC Honorary Chair, Celebrando 2020.

Leaders from all corners of the Greater Austin area will gather digitally to celebrate Hispanic professionals and businesses; corporate partners that continue to aid the growth of Austin; and local heroes who have united in their efforts to be resilient in these unprecedented times. Registration is now open and available [here](#).

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About the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC):

Established in 1973, the GAHCC is a 501(c)6 nonprofit organization whose primary goal is to continue the advancement and progression of a strong and stable economic culture for Hispanic Businesses. Our Board and Members represent diverse industries from corporations, small businesses, nonprofits, to governmental agencies that touch all corners of the Greater Austin area. The mission of the GAHCC is to be the leading resource and advocate for the Hispanic business community.

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