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

Re: Juliet K. Stipeche - Education In the Community

Dear Ms. Schuessler-Kimsey:

Please find attached an application for your consideration of Juliet Stipeche for 2021 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Award for Education in the Community

Juliet was born and raised in Houston, Texas and is the daughter of immigrant parents from Argentina and Mexico. She graduated valedictorian of the High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and earned an academic scholarship to Rice University. Juliet graduated with a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude in Political Science, Policy Studies and Religious Studies from Rice in 1996 and was awarded the Joseph Cooper Prize as the most outstanding Policy Studies student in her graduating class.

Juliet then attended The University of Texas School of Law and received her law degree in 1999. She was admitted to the Texas State Bar on November 3, 1999. Juliet is very proud to be the first attorney in her family. In 2007, she founded Nagorny & Stipeche, P.C. where she remains of counsel.

Juliet was elected to the HISD Board of Education as the Trustee of District VIII in a special election in 2010. In 2011, Juliet was re-elected to serve a full four-year term. She served as Chairperson of HISD's Audit Committee for three years, pushed for administrative and educational reform, and was elected by her peers to serve as the Board President in 2014.

In 2013, Juliet joined Rice University as the Associate Director for the Richard Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity. On February 1, 2016, Mayor Sylvester Turner selected Juliet to serve as Director of Education, a new position within the mayor's administration. Mayor's Office of Education focuses on building collaboration, communication and coordination amongst the various educational entities that exist in the City of Houston to enhance educational equity and opportunity for all Houstonians in our diverse community.

In 2021, Juliet joined EBS Benefit Advisors as its Vice President of Sales. She is supporting unions and public and private entities to obtain quality core, supplemental, and voluntary benefits for their employees and families. She continues to support educational efforts in her community as a fundamental part of EBS Benefit Advisors' corporate responsibility efforts.

We ask the selection committee to give her full and fair consideration. Juliet is a deserving of such recognition because she has given back to Houston Hispanic community, and is definitely deserving of this committee's Education in the Community award.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rose A. Salas

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