



May 9, 2024

**HISPANIC OFFICER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE, INC.**

1200 Travis St., 15th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002  
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<https://hpd-hoy.com>

Re: **Hispanic Officer of the Year (HOY)  
43rd Annual Luncheon – October 9, 2024**

Given these momentous times for our community, I am humbled to serve as the President of the Hispanic Officer of the Year (HOY) Committee. This Fall, we will celebrate four plus decades of an annual event honoring the exemplary work of our unsung heroes, our women, and men in blue, having awarded hundreds of academic scholarships to qualified Houston Police Officers throughout our history. Inspired by Mrs. Mamie Garcia, and formed in 1981, HOY's annual celebration has become a pivotal event serving to bring our business, education, religious, and government communities together.

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HOY seeks to promote and elevate the professionalism of Hispanic Police Officers within the Houston Police Department. It has delivered as such for the past four decades by (i) providing an annual award and recognition platform for Hispanic Officers; (ii) recognizing outstanding Hispanic Police Officers' achievements; (iii) giving scholarship funds for tuition and educational tools helping to promote the advancement of Hispanic Police Officers for the furtherance of professional opportunities; and (iv) promoting, planning and coordinating outreach programs for the advancement generally of the Houston Police Hispanic Law Enforcement community.

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The HOY Committee is an integral part of the Houston Police Department and has enjoyed support from all the Houston Police Department Chiefs. Our goal is to not only honor those who have excelled, but also to develop, support, and assist officers who wish to further their education and training. The challenges confronting our officers in their quest to protect the citizens of our city are great. By providing financial support for their continued educational development, more officers will realize their full potential and excel in greater leadership roles within the Houston Police Department.

Our luncheon event, **"Dedicated to the Women and Men in Blue Who Protect and Serve Houston,"** will be held on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at The Ballroom at Tanglewood, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We welcome your attendance, participation, and advocacy. The success of HOY depends on you and the roster of those who support and honor these officers and their commitment to excellence in service to our community. Please consider sponsorship at the *Chief of Police, Executive Chief, Executive Assistant Chief, Assistant Chief, Commander, Lieutenant, or Sergeant levels.* (See attached)

We ask that you join HOY and the Houston Police Department on October 9, 2024, in honoring our finest Houston Police Officers and making this year's ceremony our most successful to date. Thank you for your consideration and here is to our women and men in blue who protect and serve Houston. For more information, email [Patricia.Cantu@houstonpolice.org](mailto:Patricia.Cantu@houstonpolice.org) or [Bertha.Narvaez@houstonpolice.org](mailto:Bertha.Narvaez@houstonpolice.org)

Sincerely,

Patricia Cantu, Assistant Chief  
President, HPD Hispanic Officer of  
the Year Committee, Inc.