

To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: Commissioner Tom Ramsey, Commissioner Precinct Three

Prepared By: Conrad Joe, Administrative Assistant, Commissioner Precinct Three

Subject: **Precinct Three Appointment to the Hispanic Cultural Heritage Commission**

Project ID (If applicable):

Purpose and Request:

Precinct Three requests an executive session at the March 30, 2021 meeting of Commissioners Court for the purpose of appointing Benito Guerrier to the Harris County Hispanic Cultural Heritage Commission. The appointment is for a term ending September 30, 2021.

Background and Discussion:

Fiscal Impact:

[INSTRUCTIONS: A short description of the cost of the request and where you are requesting funding from. No more than 2 sentences. In addition please fill out the table below. This includes financial impact to the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years along with the source of funding (general fund, grant, etc.). If the amount is within the current budget, please indicate the amount from 'Existing Department Budget'. If all of or part of the request is a new expense, please indicate funding source in the space provided.]

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: <i>[Please provide service or division where expenditure will be used]*</i>			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budget			
Please Identify Funding Source (General Fund, PIC, Special Revenue, Grant, Etc.)			
[INSERT FUNDING SOURCE HERE]*			
Total Sources			

Alternatives:

[INSTRUCTIONS: In this section you should briefly discuss any viable alternatives, including the benefits and consequences of each. Include subtitles on the first line of each alternative to identify it. If appropriate, the financial impact of each alternative can be discussed. If taking no action is a viable alternative it should also be discussed, including any financial or other impacts that would result.]

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

[INSTRUCTIONS: Please write out the Department Strategic Objective impacted by this item.]

Attachments:

[INSTRUCTIONS: Please include a list of backup for this item with a short description of each if more than one.]



Tom Ramsey, P.E., Commissioner
Harris County Precinct 3

March 18, 2021

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
AGENDA ITEM**

Members of Commissioners Court
Administration Building
Harris County, Texas

Members of the Court:

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Your consideration and approval of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom. S. Ramsey, P.E.
County Commissioner
Precinct Three

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Benito Guerrier, AIA

Benito Guerrier is an accomplished architect with more than 30 years of experience, he serves as Executive Vice President and Director of Government Project at Kirksey Architects, one of Houston's largest and most successful architectural firms. His portfolio of work includes projects in Texas, Colorado, Florida as well international projects in Mexico, Colombia & Venezuela.

As a civic leader he has served on numerous boards and associations including: the Houston Parks Board for 10 years, where he participated in the creation on implementation of the Bayou Green Ways. He also Chair the committee to save and renovate the 1908 Gus Wortham Golf course, the first 18 holes golf course in the state of Texas.

He served on the board of Preservation Houston for more than 5 years where he actively promoted the preservation of historical structures in the Houston region and advocated for the preservation of iconic buildings such as the Astrodome.

Also, he has served as president of Houston Hispanic Architects and Engineers. As President he helped establish a \$10,000 scholarship for high school students pursuing studies in architecture and engineering. And served as mentor for the scholarship recipients during their college years.

As a practicing architect, many of his projects have been recognized with design and preservation awards, these includes: American Institute of Architect – Houston Chapter Design Awards for HISD Harod Elementary, HISD Belford Early Childhood Center Renovation, Root Memorial Park Renovation and Preservation Houston – Good Brick Award for HISD Milby Highschool Renovation, Harris County Sylvan Beach Pavilion Renovation and the restoration of Harris County mural “Rebirth of our Nationality” at 5900 Canal St.

Benito is a registered architect in the State of Texas, he holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the “Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico” where he graduated with honors and a Master of Architecture from the University of Houston.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architect, Texas Society of Architecture, Houston Hispanic Architects and Engineers, and founding member of Latinos in Architecture Committee of the AIA – Houston Chapter.