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Governor Greg Abbott was today sworn in for his second term of office as Governor of the state of Texas.



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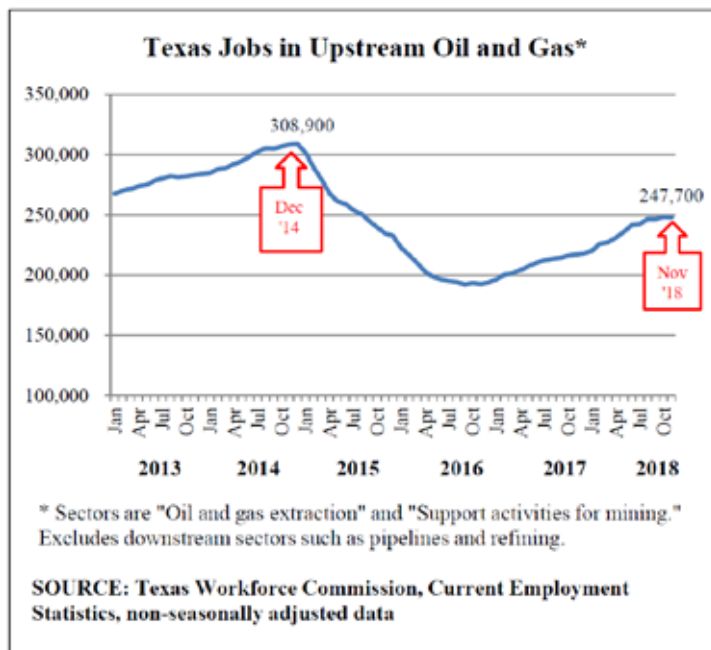
UPSTREAM OIL AND NATURAL GAS EMPLOYMENT UPDATE: JOBS FELL BY 500 IN NOVEMBER

Data from the Texas Workforce Commission shows that upstream* oil and natural gas employment fell by 500 jobs in November compared to October, ending a 23-month long consecutive increase in upstream job growth.

“We have seen tremendous growth in the oil and natural gas industry in Texas, including consistent job expansion, but growth is not guaranteed. The industry is vitally important to our state’s economy and national security, and innovation, efficiency and policies that encourage safe and

responsible development are the keys to weathering fluctuations in the market,” said Todd Staples, president of TXOGA.

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) data series used to calculate employment figures is frequently revised for the most recent year or two of data, especially on a month-by-month basis, according to the Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA). “It is possible that this 500-job variation could be revised in the next few months, either upward or downward,” Staples continued.



* Upstream activity includes oil and natural gas extraction and support activities for mining and excludes other industry sectors such as refining, petrochemicals, fuels wholesaling, oilfield equipment manufacturing, pipelines, and gas utilities.

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LAW LIBRARY LEGAL TECH INSTITUTE PUBLISHES 2019 COURSE CATALOG

The Harris County Law Library's Legal Tech Institute today released the 2019 Course Catalog for its Hands-on Legal Tech Training Program. This year, law librarians will teach nine courses on rotation at the Law Library's Legal Tech Lab. Each course will focus on tech skills needed for legal work in a digital environment. Training sessions are free and open to all, and most carry free continuing legal education credit for Texas attorneys courtesy of the CLE Committee for the Office of Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney.

"Since the Law Library joined our Office, we have worked to make it a destination where all residents of Harris County can connect with their government and access legal information," County Attorney Ryan said. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of the free educational programs at the Law Library and to never hesitate to ask to use 'our' resources – they are your resources."

Two instructors lead small classes of nine participants to ensure an interactive environment where students can ask questions and practice skills as they learn. Laptops funded by a 2017 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation are provided or participants can bring their own devices. Each class also touches on skills for all in attendance, from beginners to pros.

"Technology has clearly been a disruptive force in the legal community," Legal Tech Institute Director Joe Lawson said. "While that presents competitive opportunities for some, it also creates barriers for others. For example,

solo attorneys and self-represented litigants, who do not have in-house trainers and support staff like large law firms, may find it difficult to learn each new legal research platform or to use Microsoft Word in a way that complies with the new, tech-heavy procedural rules. As a public law library, our mission is to eliminate barriers to legal information. Offering these free, hands-on training opportunities to all is a big step in the right direction."

Visit the Legal Tech Institute website at www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/tech to download a copy of the Course Catalog and to register for an upcoming training session. Anyone who is unable to register on the website can find assistance from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Law Library's reference desk, located at 1019 Congress Street, 1st floor, Houston, Texas 77002, or by phone at (713)755-8153.

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The Harris County Law Library opened in 1915 and has continued to serve Harris County's legal information needs for more than a century. After joining the Office of Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney, in 2011, the Law Library greatly expanded its technology offerings and educational opportunities. Ryan's support for the revitalization of the Law Library was recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries in 2016 when he was named the Law Library Advocate of the Year. The Law Library is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit www.harriscountylawlibrary.org for more information.



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WISIN RECIBE SIETE NOMINACIONES

El ícono de la música latina urbana WISIN recibió hoy siete nominaciones al Premio Lo Nuestro 2019 según anunció Univision esta mañana.

Sus nominaciones incluyen:

- Canción Del Año por "Me Niego" junto a Reik y Ozuna
- Sencillo Del Año por "Me Niego" junto a Reik y Ozuna
- Colaboración Del Año por "Me Niego" junto a Reik y Ozuna
- Pop/Rock - Canción Del Año por "Fiebre" junto a Ricky Martin y Yandel
- Pop/Rock - Canción Del Año por "Me Niego" junto a Reik y Ozuna
- Pop/Rock - Colaboración Del Año por "Fiebre" junto a Ricky Martin y Yandel
- Pop/Rock - Colaboración Del Año por "Me Niego" junto a Reik y Ozuna



va del 1 de enero al 31 de octubre de 2018. Un comité de nominaciones clasificó las canciones por género musical y verificó su elegibilidad para participar. Todas las postulaciones están basadas en ese informe, excepto las siguientes categorías: Video del Año, Tour del Año y Artista Social del Año.

Acerca de WISIN: El ícono de la música latina urbana WISIN, cuyo nombre de pila es Juan Luis Morera Luna, es un cantante, compositor, productor y empresario reconocido por su éxito arrasador, primero como parte del dúo Wisin y Yandel y ahora en su carrera como solista. En los últimos 18 años se ha mantenido como uno de los artistas más sonados en la radio y en las pistas de baile, más nominados para premios prestigiosos, y entre los que más venden música y conciertos.

Como solista, en los últimos cinco años, ha logrado catorce #1s en la radio según el listado Latin Airplay de Billboard (24 en

total, incluyendo sus #1 en el listado como parte de Wisin y Yandel). El álbum más reciente de Wisin Victory, debutó en el #1 en ventas según el listado Current Latin Albums de Nielsen SoundScan. Cerró el 2017 como el artista #1 en el listado de fin de año de Billboard / Latin Airplay-Artists por ser el cantante más sonado en la radio en EEUU y Puerto Rico.

El cantante y compositor también se ha destacado como productor y estrella de televisión. Además de producir su propia música y la de Wisin y Yandel, el artista produjo el primer álbum del grupo CNCO, trabajando con los jóvenes para crear una exitosa

producción discográfica. Primera Cita debutó en el #1 y desde entonces ha tenido siete hits. Wisin también ha producido o co-producido para otras estrellas de la música como Jennifer López, Chayanne, Ozuna, Sebastián Yatra, Reik y Chyno Miranda, entre otros.

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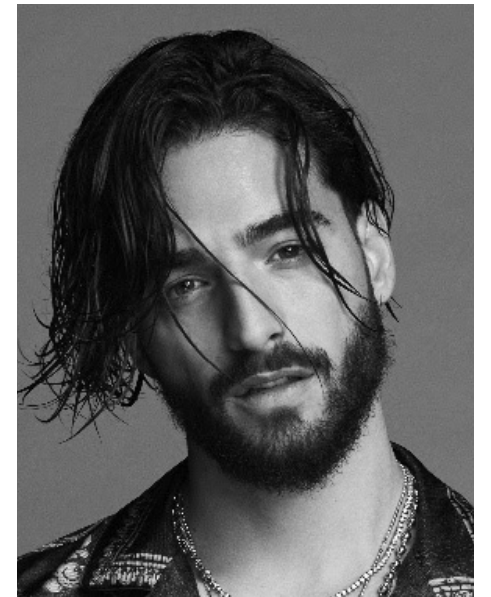
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MALUMA RECIBE SIETE NOMINACIONES

El ídolo juvenil de la música latina a nivel mundial, MALUMA, recibió hoy siete nominaciones al Premio Lo Nuestro 2019 según anunció Univision esta mañana.

Sus nominaciones incluyen:

- Artista Premio Lo Nuestro Del Año
- Pop/Rock - Artista Del Año
- Pop/Rock - Colaboración Del Año
- Pop/Rock - Canción Del Año (Pop/Rock - Song of The Year)
- Tour Del Año
- Video Del Año
- Artista Social Del Año



La votación ya está abierta (hasta el 22 de enero) a fans en Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico visitando <https://premiolonuestro.com/vota/>

La trigésima-primer entrega anual del Premio Lo Nuestro se llevará a cabo el 21 de febrero en el American Airlines Arena de Miami y transmitida en vivo por Univision.

La selección de los nominados a Premio Lo Nuestro está basada en las 1,000 canciones de mayor rango en cada categoría, tanto nuevas como replay de años anteriores, en español y/o en español e inglés, que sonaron en to-

das las estaciones de Uforia Radio pertenecientes a Univisión durante el período de elegibilidad, que va del 1 de enero al 31 de octubre de 2018. Un comité de nominaciones clasificó las canciones por género musical y verificó su elegibilidad para participar. Todas las postulaciones están basadas en ese informe, excepto las siguientes categorías: Video del Año, Tour del Año y Artista Social del Año.

Para mayor información sobre Maluma, visite:

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INMIGRACIÓN & POLÍTICA

TRUMP RENUEVA SU AMENAZA DE DECLARAR “EMERGENCIA NACIONAL” PARA HACER EL MURO

El presidente Donald Trump reiteró hoy su amenaza de declarar una emergencia nacional para tener la posibilidad de reasignar fondos militares para la construcción de un muro en la frontera sur del país con México.

“Tengo el derecho absoluto para declarar una emergencia nacional. No debería de llegar a declararla porque esto es de sentido común. (...) Necesitamos un muro”, apuntó Trump en declaraciones a los periodistas en la localidad fronteriza de McAllen, en Texas.

Trump visitó hoy la frontera para insistir en la “necesidad” de levantar un muro en el linde con México, en medio de un cierre administrativo que ha mantenido una cuarta parte del Gobierno paralizada desde hace 20 días por el desencuentro entre el mandatario y los demócratas respecto a la barrera fronteriza.

En sus declaraciones a la prensa, Trump defendió que “nunca” ha dicho que México escribiría un cheque para pagar la construcción del muro, a pesar de que ha repetido en reiteradas ocasiones que el país vecino financiaría la protección fronteriza.

“Cuando durante la campaña electoral yo dije ‘México pagará por el muro’, obviamente, nunca quise decir que van a escribir un cheque; dije que lo van a pagar. Y lo van a hacer”, insistió el mandatario.

Sin embargo, la campaña electoral de Trump describió en abril de 2016 los pasos que el entonces candidato tomaría para obligar a México a pagar entre \$5,000 y \$10,000 millones de dólares para financiar el muro.

Ese supuesto plan se basaba en gran medida en amenazar con prohibir las remesas de mexicanos viviendo en Estados Unidos

hacia sus familiares en el país azteca, a menos que el Ejecutivo mexicano pagase una cantidad para el muro.

“Es una decisión fácil para México: realizar un pago único de entre 5.000 y 10.000 millones para garantizar que 24.000 millones continúen fluyendo en su país cada año”, reflejó la nota de la campaña.

En los últimos días, la Casa Blanca ha empezado a sentar las bases para una posible declaración de emergencia nacional para construir el muro y han estudiado diferentes vías de financiación, incluyendo dinero no utilizado en el presupuesto del Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército estadounidense, informó hoy el diario Washington Post.

De acuerdo a esa publicación, Trump ha instado a ese cuerpo a determinar qué tan rápido podrían firmarse los contratos y si la construcción podría comenzar dentro de 45 días.

El Gobierno de Trump afronta desde el 22 de diciembre el cierre del 25 % de la Administración, situación que afecta a unos 800 mil empleados que han dejado de percibir su salario y ha trastocado el funcionamiento de distintos espacios turísticos o las actividades de agencias a las que no se les han asignado nuevos recursos.

Pocos avances han ocurrido en los últimos 20 días, ya que ni Trump ni los demócratas han cedido territorio en las negociaciones y se espera que el cierre administrativo pueda durar varias semanas más



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 SAT 27 7:00^{PM} SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC



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 SAT 24 7:00^{PM} FC DALLAS
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PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

So how long have you been a firefighter?

This is my 19th year as a firefighter.

What is the hardest part of the job?

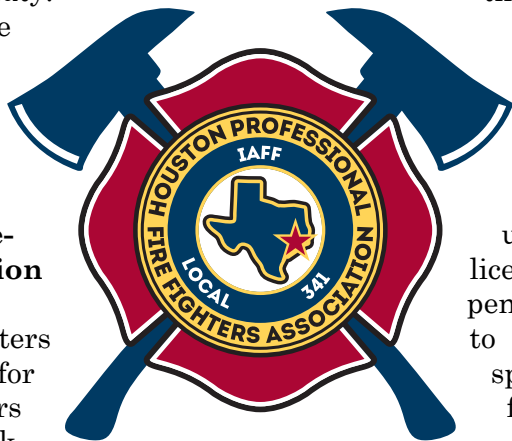
Burying our fallen brothers and sisters. Since 2000, 18 Houston firefighters have died in the line of duty.

Hundreds more have contracted occupational cancer.

Why is a firefighter's pension so important?

After firefighters typically work for 30 to 40 years in high-risk

conditions, we have earned a secure retirement. Firefighting and EMS work are physically and mentally difficult. Firefighters have significantly increased risks of cancer due to toxic chemical exposure. We also have PTSD rates similar to those of combat military veterans. When firefighters take a professional oath, we honor our obligations. We expect elected officials to do the same when it comes to our retirement security.



Didn't mayor Turner say on the campaign trail that he wouldn't change the firefighter pension fund and wouldn't do a pension bond? What happened?

Houston firefighters were made many empty promises by Sylvester Turner and other politicians.

What we do know is that \$1.2 billion in retirement security was taken from Houston firefighters' pension to prop up the weak police and municipal pensions. Contrary to local political spin, Houston firefighters agreed to more than \$800 million in pension concessions, but the mayor took an additional \$400 million to politically punish firefighters. We also received zero dollars from the recent billion-dollar pension bond which further funded the police and municipal pensions.

Some say the firefighters got mayor Turner elected?

Why are you at odds now? In 2015, when Houston firefighters endorsed Sylvester Turner, 1,200



firefighters block walked nearly 75,000 voter homes to help elect him. He won by 4,000 votes. In less than a year as mayor, Sylvester Turner destroyed a 20-year working relationship he had with firefighters as a legislator. His political war on Houston firefighter families makes no sense.

Explain the pay parity measure and why it was on the ballot?

Houston firefighters have received a three percent raise since 2011. (Police have received 37 percent in raises during that time.) Firefighter pay and com-

pensation has fallen far behind every other major Texas cities. In Houston, a new firefighter makes about \$28,000. A starting police officer here makes about \$42,000. After the mayor refused to negotiate a new contract with firefighters, we asked voters for help. We simply asked to take the politics out of public safety in Houston. We explained that cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin all have police-fire equal pay, just as the five branches of the military do. Our voter petition drive collected nearly 60,000 signature in just over seven days. The mayor refused to count the petitions for many months. A court order eventually forced the mayor to validate the petitions. Once the pay-parity Proposition B was on the ballot for November 2018, the mayor and his pay-to-play political donors spent more than \$1 million bashing firefighters in the failed effort to defeat the proposition. He also has launched legal action claiming that voter-approved collective bargaining is “unconstitutional.” Two courts have rejected that argument. In the end, Proposition B will force the city to equally value our first responders.

Were you surprised that the voters so overwhelmingly supported the pay parity measure, almost 60% for.

Houston firefighters and paramedics strive to maintain the trust of the communities we serve. We were confident that voters would support us once they better understood the proposition and our fight to be treated fairly. We knew it would be a tough fight against



the misleading, million-dollar campaign launched against us by the mayor, but we are grateful to have prevailed. Now, it's time for the mayor to respect the will of the voters.

Since the voters spoke, why is it in the courts and taking so long to implement?

By refusing to sensibly negotiate a new contract with firefighter, the mayor forced these issues into the courts. The average court case in Harris County requires about two years to resolve. This dispute was preventable, but the mayor's vindictiveness prevents him from working with us in anyway. Our door is always open, but the mayor refuses to work with us.

Have you ever seen a politician oppose the will of the vot-

ers before?

City politics can be rough. We understand that. But most of the issues get resolved eventually. The mayor has told his staff that he will fight us until he is out of office. We hope his position changes. Mayors come and go, but consider that Sylvester Turner is the only mayor in Houston history to fail to reach a contract with firefighters.

Where is council on this issue?

Privately, city council members have a lot to say. Publicly, very few are willing to cross the mayor. We hope they eventually will come around publicly and lead the way to improving public safety in Houston. The contract issues are important to us, but so are the declining fleet and facilities of HFD. We're at a breaking point. The

fire department and its people have been neglected for a generation. We urged the council to fix, not fight over the fire department.

What should voters do to get their government to be responsive to their desires?

Houston residents deserve to know what's happening with their fire department. We make more than 350,000 fire and EMS calls a year. Our service eventually impacts all Houston residents or their family and friends. We urge citizens to call, email, show up to city council meetings, and let their voices be heard. The 2019 city elections are right around the corner. If those who were elected to represent the people can't respect the will of the people, then it is time to find people who will.



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María Marín

TUS LIBRAS DE MÁS Y TU SUERTE EN EL AMOR

¿Es difícil para una gordita encontrar el amor? Definitivamente, a una mujer que tiene unas libritas de más se le hará más difícil encontrar pareja que a una con cuerpo de guitarra. Sin embargo, lo que hará su búsqueda amorosa más complicada no es el sobrepeso, sino las inseguridades que acompañan a muchas mujeres gorditas.

Es cierto que los hombres se enamoran por los ojos y para ellos es sumamente importante que su mujer sea atractiva. No obstante, ser delgada no es el atractivo principal para los caballeros, ni ser gorda es el repelente más grande para ello. Esto lo descubrí mientras escribía mi libro "Si soy tan buena, ¿Por qué estoy soltera?". Entrevisté a 52 hombres entre las edades de 24 y 56 años, a quienes les pregunté: ¿Qué es para ti una mujer fea? Para mi sorpresa, ninguno dijo: "una gorda", "una mujer plana" o "una de

dientes chuecos". La mayoría aseguró que una mujer pedante o una mujer desarreglada eran los dos factores que más los detiene a acercarse a una chica.

Esto comprueba que no puedes achacar la falta de pretendientes a tu sobrepeso. Busca la verdadera razón por la que no atraes el amor. Hay tres razones; 1: No te valoras y no te sientes lo suficientemente atractiva y esa inseguridad es el mata-pasión más grande que existe. 2: Si eres gordita dices: "¿Para qué arreglarme? Aunque me maquille y me arregle, sigo siendo una ballena". Date cuenta que un hombre no le presta atención a una mujer desarreglada. 3: Exiges demasiado, sólo quieres conquistar a un hombre guapísimo y delgado.

Existen millones de delgadas que no tienen suerte en el amor, y a la vez hay millones



de gorditas que están felizmente acompañadas. Una mujer rellenita bien arreglada, sonriente y segura de si misma es mucho más atractiva para un hombre, que

una "Barbie" con actitud soberbia. Lo que determina tu suerte en el amor no es cuánto pese tu cuerpo, sino cuánto creas en ti misma.

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VINCE RYAN HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY COUNTY ATTORNEY VINCE RYAN WINS CONTEMPT JUDGMENT AGAINST DANGEROUS SPRING BRANCH APARTMENT COMPLEXES

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan won a judgment of contempt requiring the owner of three Spring Branch apartment complexes to relinquish management of the properties to a receiver in order to make the properties safer.

Judge Larry Weiman, of the 80th Civil District Court, heard testimony January 11th about the owner's non-compliance with an Agreed Temporary Injunction and signed a Judgment of Contempt and Order Appointing a Receiver for the properties.

The apartments at 1824

Thonig Road, 5701 Gardendale Drive and 7507 Long Point Rd., are locations of habitual criminal activity including drug-related fights, shootings and prostitution. In September 2018, the property owner Tu W. Nguyen agreed to take certain steps to abate the criminal activity. The temporary injunction order required the defendant to:

- Maintain at least two TE-CLOSE certified peace officers to secure each of the apartment properties;
- Maintain operable security cameras located on the

apartments, recording at all times throughout the properties;

- Screen potential tenants and do not lease to anyone convicted of a felony, violent crime, sex crime, narcotics offense or who has an association with any gang activity;
- Improve the lighting of the properties.
- Not to knowingly maintain a common nuisance at any of the properties.

Officers with the Houston Police Department's Differential Response Team testified at the hearing regarding Nguyen's violations of the Court Order and the dangerous criminal activity on the properties. Since the agreed temporary injunction was signed, a tenant was killed at the Long Point property and another shooting took place at the Thonig property. The Spring Branch Management District and



Councilmember Brenda Star-dig's office assisted the Harris County Attorney's efforts to improve the quality of life at these locations.

"People have the right to be safe and secure in their homes," said County Attorney Ryan. "The County Attorney's Office will continue to use all legal means, including civil law, to protect our residents from violence and crime."

In addition to appointing a receiver, Judge Weiman ordered the defendant to pay a \$5,000 fine. The defendant must pay all costs of these changes and attorneys fees.






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SONIA RIVERA

FOR HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE POSITION 5

Hello friends and supporters, I am excited to launch my campaign for Houston City Council At Large Position 5. This country, this state, and city was founded by regular people like you and I, it was not founded by an elite group of people, and it should not be run by an elite group of people. "We the people" must be instruments of change, we must ask questions, we must get involved by staying informed of the issues impacting our communities, by making informed voting decisions, by volunteering, and engaging in the communities we live and work in.

I am not running for City Council because I want to become a career politician. I am running because I believe that I can utilize my skills and experience in working with all groups of people from constituents living in disparaged communities, to local lawmakers, and community leaders, for the purpose of empowering our communities by creating opportunities for promoting community re-investment.

I am running for Houston City Council because I, like many, feel that we need to do better. That the time has come for people like you and I to take back our communities, and get back to the basics because at the end of the day, "WE" are the government. "WE" are responsible for what happens in and to our communities.

2019 is going to be an amazing year! May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations on your life. I am wishing you a year fully loaded with happiness, and pray that we all resolve to be the best version of ourselves.

As you can imagine, this is an exciting time for me, and I know with your support I can run a strong campaign! Please visit my website www.soniarivera-4houston.com to see how you can

get involved.

Kind regards,
Sonia Rivera for Houston City Council At Large Position 5

Who Is Sonia Rivera?

Sonia Rivera was born and raised in Michigan but got to Houston as soon as she could! Sonia grew up in a very small town near Lake Huron Bay until she graduated from high school. She came to Houston on her own with only hope and a prayer in search of a better life at the age of 19, Immediately upon arriving she knew that this is where she belonged, falling in love with the diversity, rich culture, and the people of Houston, and has called it home ever since.

Sonia Rivera was raised in a strong Catholic household, where the values of always putting God first, hard work, family, and service to others was the foundation of her life. She is the daughter of Mexican Immigrants who spent the early part of her life as migrant farm workers, and ultimately settled in the State of Michigan where she would spend my formative years. Sonia attributes learning service to others from her grandmother who raised her. "My earliest memories are of my grandmother opening our home to families in need, even though we had very little of our own she always generously shared what we did have. I also recall my grandmother being instrumental in bringing religious services to the Migrant Camps on Sundays so that the campesinos would have the opportunity to attend Catholic Mass in Spanish."

Sonia's story is not unlike many others in search of the American Dream, she came to Houston alone at the age of 19 with big dreams and found herself to be a single mom at the age of 23, with no family in Texas, very little resources, no formal education, and very few skills. She was committed to breaking the cycle of poverty that she had grown up in and determined to make better life for her family. Working full time, sometimes 2 and 3 jobs at a time, while attending college, and raising her 2 children as a single mother, she knows firsthand of the obstacles of



providing for your family with limited resources. She attributes her success to her core values, of putting God first, hard work, commitment to family and community, and to the many individuals who recognized her potential and invested in her future by providing opportunities for her to learn and grow both personally and professionally.

"Houston is a city of opportunity, it is the city that built me," "I learned what can be accomplished through hard work and determination." "When we invest in our most valuable resource; our people, they will rise to the challenge. I purpose to work with all our communities to continue moving our city forward to new heights."

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