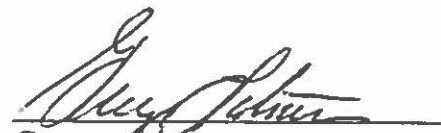


George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Luis A. Muniz, Jr., 1 Manchester Road, Yonkers, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term March 19, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand
and seal this 19th day
of March, 2021.



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County Executive

March 19, 2021

Mr. Luis A. Muniz, Jr.
1 Manchester Road
Yonkers, NY 10710

Dear Mr. Muniz,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, effective today, Friday, March 19, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.461. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Hispanic Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez of my office at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Hispanic Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

GL/tts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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Personal Biography,

Luis Armando Muniz Jr. is a life-long resident of Yonkers and has been married to his wife, Vanessa, for over 30 years. Luis is a New York Rican who proudly celebrates his Puerto Rican heritage by playing the Puerto Rican Cuatro for friends and family. Luis and his wife have two children, Luis A. Muniz III and Jessica Muniz. Luis III, is a graduate of UCONN and is currently a police officer and their daughter, Jessica, graduated from Long Island University, earning her Master's Degree from New York University, and is pursuing a career in social work. Luis and his wife raised their family in the City of Yonkers, successfully putting them through the Yonkers School system and continue to reside in the City of Yonkers.

Mr. Muniz has been an accomplished community leader in the City of Yonkers and Westchester County for over 26 years. Luis is currently the Founder and President for the Yonkers Hispanic Cultural Foundation. He is one the founding fathers of the Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association, Past President and current Chairman of the Board for the Colts Youth Club, and has served as the Co-Chairman for the City of Yonkers Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board. He was also a Board Member for the Yonkers Puerto Rican Parade Foundation and past member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board. Luis is a nationally recognized expert and trainer for the International Chiefs of Police Association, which consisted of traveling the country to train police departments on Law Enforcement Responses to Adolescent Girls of color. He was also an instructor for Pace Women's Justice Center training rural police departments throughout New York State on Domestic Violence Investigations. Luis was also instrumental in establishing "UniDom", United Dominicans of Westchester County.

Mr. Muniz has received numerous awards and commendations, including several *Distinguished Police Investigations* awards, a *Distinguished Service Award* for Life Saving, along with a life savings awards from the Westchester County Emergency Medical Services Council. In 2001, Luis was honored as the "Padrino", for the Yonkers Hispanic Day Parade. In 2005, he was recognized by the City of White Plains with the *Hispanic Heritage Award*. In 2008, Luis was recognized as the Honoree for the City of White Plains Hispanic Day Parade.

On three separate occasions during 2015, Mr. Muniz was present at the White House for two conferences and a round table discussions, with senior White House advisors, Valerie Jarret (Senior Advisor to President Obama), and Roy Austin Jr. (Director of the White House Office for Urban affairs and Justice), to share his expertise in police relations and interacting with minority adolescents. Luis contributed to rewriting national Police policy under the President Obamas administration. In 2016, the Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association recognized him for his 20 years of service as a current board member and founder of the organization.

Also in 2016, he was honored and recognized by the National Council on Drug Dependency, “for being an inspiration and for his service to the youth in his community”, In May of 2017, Luis received the Grifton Award from the Yonkers Untermeyer Performing Arts Council for his work in the community. In celebration of 2017 Hispanic Heritage Month, on September 22, 2017, Westchester County Executive officially designated it “Detective Sergeant Luis Muniz Day in Westchester County. In 2018, the City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and his Hispanic Advisory Board recognized Luis Muniz with the 2018 Hispanic Trailblazer Award.

Prior to Mr. Muniz’s retirement in 2019 he was also a Nationally respected Law Enforcement supervisor with 26 years of service who has received numerous professional commendations, awards and accolades. With all that said He is most proud of the work he and his wife have been able to accomplish volunteering to provide mentorship and guidance to our city’s youth in his hometown of Yonkers NY.

