

## GHCC NAMES 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL LATINOS FOR 2019

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The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognizes accomplished Latinos, who have improved lives and created opportunities for growth.

Atlanta, GA - The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) has announced its "50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia" for 2019.

The honorees will be celebrated at an event on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Infiniti Club at SunTrust Park, 755 Battery Ave, Atlanta, GA 30339.

Members of the list come from a variety of sectors, including Government, Media, Business and Nonprofits. Among them are Bob Jimenez, senior vice president of corporate affairs at Cox Enterprises, state Judge Dax Lopez, Eduardo Martinez, president of UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS, Ender Inciarte, Atlanta Braves outfielder, Brenda Lopez, Georgia House of Representatives from the 99th District, and John King, Georgia's Insurance Commissioner.

"Of the over 1,000,000 Latinos living in Georgia, many have taken it upon themselves to serve in leadership positions," said GHCC President and CEO Santiago Marquez. "And through their efforts, they have improved lives and created opportunities for growth. The GHCC wants to recognize the accomplishments of these gifted leaders."

The over 300 nominations that GHCC received this year have gone through a rigorous process to evaluate contributions they have made. The final selection was based on the degree of influence each person exhibited in their role as a representative of the Latino community.

The 2019 group is the second Most Influential Latinos selected by the GHCC.

"In 2018, we started with a celebration during Hispanic Heritage Month in conjunction with the Atlanta Braves — Los Bravos — and this year we added SunTrust Bank to the mix," said Marquez.

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## About the GHCC

Established in 1984, the GHCC is one of the largest Hispanic Chambers in the United States, with over 1,000 members. Its primary focus is on business formation, business growth, and civic and leadership development and engagement. It serves entrepreneurs and business owners through consultations, workshops and seminars and partners with organizations such as the Small Business Development Center to bring quality programming to the Hispanic business community.

## The complete list:

Samuel Aguilar Ozzie Areu

Maria Alejandra Bastidas

Sofia Bork Anna Cablik Yehimi Cambron

Luisa Fernanda Cardona

Alba Castillo

Nury Castillo-Crawford

Lisa Clarke
Ruben Cruz
Rodrigo Cruz
Jason Esteves
Jerry Gonzalez
Jerry James
Bob Jimenez
John King

Ana Maria Martinez Astrid Martinez Eduardo Martinez

Erica Mason Belisa Urbina

Sofia Vargas Lukas

Rafael Navarro Adelina Nicholls Bernadette Olmos

Elba Pareja Gigi Pedraza Felipe Ramirez

Juan Ramirez Hernandez

Samantha Ramirez Hernandez

Carolina Ramon Eric Remedi

Alex Raul Rivera
Anthony Rodriguez
Darlene Rodriguez
Daniela Rodriguez
Mariela Romero
Suleima Salgado
Norberto Sanchez

Janet Sevilla
Ivan Shammas
Rick Tapia
Anibal Torres
Amilcar Valencia
Juanita Velez