



Education Service Center, Region 2

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Executive Director

March 01, 2023

TO: District Superintendent
FROM: Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Election of ESC-2 Board Members**

Enclosed are the ballots for the election of Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Member. As per our policy, Board Members of all school districts that are in Region 2 are eligible to vote. The ballots must be returned by **April 5, 2023**, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope which is provided for your convenience.

Please note that all candidates have met all qualifications and are residents of the districts located in the area of Place 2 (Corpus Christi ISD).

PLACE #2 Candidates

Kamlesh Bhikha – (Incumbent)

Alexander Garcia

Please be sure to have your Board members vote for one person in EACH PLACE by placing an X before the candidate's name (see ballot). A resume and/or informational sheet along with the geographic place chart are included for your information and use.

Also enclosed is a District Poll List which should be returned along with the ballots certifying the votes by the Board members of your school district.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 361-561-8404. Once again, I would like to remind you that the ballots and District Poll List must be returned by **April 5, 2023**. Thanking you in advance.

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Enclosures

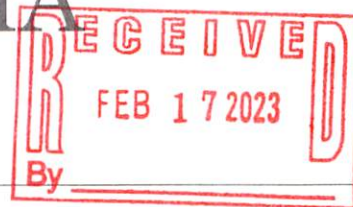
Board of Directors

Chairperson: Leo Villarreal Vice Chairperson: Stan Simonson Secretary: Cynthia Ramirez
Kamlesh Bhikha, Luis Buentello, Graciela T. Gonzales, Patricia Wallek, Greg Ybarra

KAMLESH BHIKHA

2309 Riggan Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Kbhikha65@gmail.com



A Hotel Owner driven to manage cost and establish strategic, mutually beneficial partnership and relationships with vendors and service providers. My experience as a businessman and leader in the community has provided me with the background and expertise in serving broad range areas and diverse populations in the school organizations.

EXPERIENCE

Current Member of Board of Directors at ESC2. 4 terms

Current Board of Directors (President) at TAESC. 2 terms

Current Member of Board of Directors at TASB. 2 terms

Current Member Board of Directors of Kingsville

Tourism Advisory Committee. 2 terms

Member of Rotary Club Northwest

Member of Northwest Business Association

Former Member of Board of Director of CVB Corpus Christi. 1 term

Former Member of Chamber Ambassador

LCC 46 Graduate Leadership Corpus Christi

Tuloso-Midway High School Education Foundation

Former Member of Corpus Christi Park & Rec Board. 2 terms

Former Vice Chairman of YMCA. 1 term

EDUCATION

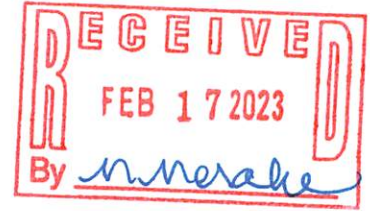
**GARDA COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, NAVSARI, INDIA
BACHELORS OF COMMERCE**

SKILLS

Small business development, budgeting expertise, negotiation expert, self-motivated, customer oriented, quality management, revenue and market expansion.

Alex L. Garcia, Jr.

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Corpus Christi, TX 78413
361-510-2001
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EDUCATION

University:

University of Houston, BBA, 1977

Junior College:

Del Mar College, Associate of Arts, 1975

High School:

Mary Carroll High School, 1973

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Disaster Program Manager South Texas Territory, American Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast Region –

August 2018 to Present -

Prior to August 6, 2022, I served as Executive Director with my key role providing information and developing relationships with all elected officials in my 19 County jurisdiction. I serve as the liaison and spoke person during any man-made or natural disasters providing current and updated information too Board Members, State Elected Officials, County Judges and Emergency Managers as deem necessary. I oversaw the recruiting of community partners and volunteers to support our mission and programs such as Sound the Alarm, Home Fire Preparedness Campaign and Pillowcase projects. In addition, I reached out for financial opportunities during Blue/Gray skies to support our programs locally, regionally and nationally. During this period, I also served on multiple active disaster responses in sheltering, feeding, part disaster assessment team and elect official liaison. In August 2022 I elected to continue my growth in the Disaster Cycle Service line of service with the organization where I applied and was selected to oversee a 26 County jurisdiction to lead a team of 4 staff members and multiple volunteers to provide our Mission statement to the communities we serve. Our focus to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power or volunteers and community partners. To date I have participated in three disaster responses supporting communities effected by severe weather and home fires.

Realtor, K&M Premier Real Estate –

May 2015 to September 2019

Renewed Real Estate license helping individuals in finding the place they would like to call home. I listed and sold several homes thorough out the community.

Business Development Officer, Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union –

August 2015 to February 2016

Responsible for Business Development for Credit Union utilizing new Credits Score Analysis program seek opportunities to assist anyone wanting to improve their Credit Scores. Also responsible for seeking small business operations wanting to offer On Spot Financing to improve their sales volumes.

Direct Marketing Manager, Mike Shaw Toyota and KIA Dealerships –

May 2013 to January 2015 -

Responsible for seeking marketing opportunities to grow our footprint in the County while staying involved within community seeking venues to allow local businesses to be more competitive when making transportation investments.

Vice President Commercial Lending. Value Bank Texas –

May 2010 to May 2013 -

Opportunity arose to stay involved with community while seeking financing opportunities for existing and future customers. I oversaw a portfolio of over \$4 million while continue to help small and large customer grow all facets of their business. My responsibilities are inclusive of meeting new customers, opening checking and savings accounts, originating consumer, commercial and SBA loans from inception to closing, while offering all Bank products and services.

Food Director, H. E. B. Plus Supermarkets

July 2008 to May 2010 -

I was responsible for overseeing 15 Departments and having the financial and operational responsibility of supporting my \$90 Million Store, the Gulf Coast Region and Partners. Our Bold Promise to offer the best customer service possible while supporting our community and partners.

**Store Manager, WA-MART Supercenters- South, Texas and Salinas Valley, California
February 2003 to July 2008**

I trained in the Rio Grande Valley area, where I served as acting Store Manager and later accepted a position in the Corpus Christi District. I served as of Co-Manager for the Alice Wal-Mart Supercenter employing over 350 associates with annual sales exceeding \$80 million. Later, I was promoted to Store Manager of a Wal-Mart, a \$105 Million Dollar store, in Salinas Valley California. My responsibility consisted of dealing with every facet of the business inclusive of operations, financials and staffing while maintaining a good rapport with the community.

Staff Sales Representative, Unique Staff Leasing

June 2001 to February 2003 -

I was responsible for seeking small and large businesses in need of outsourcing their human resource responsibilities.

**Self-Employed serving as President/Owner operator of Super Mex No. 5
and Super Mex No. 6 Supermarkets, Super Plus Supermarket, Super Seven
Superette, Five Star Foods and Boatners' Restaurant -
October 1985 to October 2006 -**

Having been raised in the grocery store business since 1965, when the opportunity arose, I purchased first Supermarket and moved my family. My wife and I then successfully operated all facets, including market, produce, grocery departments, of supermarket. During this 20 plus years we were able to maintain a profitable business regardless of challenges and competition. Due to competition and economic hardships for our customers we sold our last neighborhood grocery store in 2006.

**Partner/Owner Marketing Agency, Powerhouse Advertising -
July 1998 to January 2000 -**

Responsible for recruiting business clients in need of advertising agency offering a full line of advertising opportunities. Two of our great successes were the creation of the Logo for TX A&M Islanders and Radiology Associates.

**Assistant Vice President Quality Control, Richard Gill Savings –
January 1985 to June 1986–**

Responsible for implementing Quality Control standards while spear heading the certification of 1300 Government National Mortgage Association Pools, which were missing approximately 248,000 original documents. All but one pool certified when resigned.

**Assistant Vice President, Escrow Division, Commonwealth Mortgage Corporation-
May 1980 to December 1984-**

Responsible for Collections, Foreclosures, HUD 235's, Data Processing Liaison, Customer Service, Adjustable Mortgage Loans, Loan Set Up, Tax Department, Escrow Analysis, Insurance Department, Record Retention, Mail room, and Building Maintenance,

**Auditor, Wendt, Perrin, Mote and Barnett, CPA –
January 1980 to April 1980,**

Audit Clients financial books in preparation for audits and tax returns.

**Banker/Collector, First City Bank –
March 1978 to December 1979**

Responsible for collecting debt secured & unsecured and establishing a Credit Card Dept.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

COASTAL BEND FOOD INDUSTRY ASSN. - 1987 TO 2001

Served as Executive Director, President and Vice President

TEXAS FOOD INDUSTRY ASSN. - 1992 TO 2001

Served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, State President and Past President, Representing the interest and concerns of 2,000 plus food retail outlets statewide.

ELECTRONICS BENEFIT TRANSFER TASK FORCE - Member 1991 TO 2004

Appointed by State Comptroller to study and automate the distribution of Food Stamps and AFDC benefits through the use of plastic cards.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- Director 1990 TO 1995

Served as Vice-Chairman - Mexico Relation Committee, Vice-Chairman Cultural Enhancement Council, Director-Executive Board, Served on Small Business Council, Image Campaign, Public Relations Council and Executive Director Search.

GREATER OF CORPUS CHRISTI BUSINESS ALLIANCE - MEMBER 1995-1998

Served as Vice Chairman for two years, Search Committee for CEO, Leadership and Education Task force, CO-Chair Legislative weekend where we hosted 47 legislators to learn about the needs of our community.

CORPUS CHRISTI LEADERSHIP BOARD - 1996 TO 2003

Served on board to grow the leadership program and Co-Chaired the first two fund raisers for LCCA which raised \$10,000.00 net.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR STATE BAR OF TX DIST. 11209 - 1996 TO 1998

Member addressing and evaluating grievances while assessing punishment for legal counsel.

**CORPUS CHRISTI HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -
1997-1999, 2007-2013, 2014-2016**

Member of Chamber and have served as Co-Chair International affairs Committee, Parliamentarian and Treasurer. Chaired Casio Grande and while continue participating raising monies for Scholarships through our Mano a Mano Scholarship fund.

BUCCANEER COMMISSION - 1998 TO Present

Commissioner serving as mascot for Buccaneer Days and committee member for BUC Days Scholarship promoting continued education. Over the last 21 years we have awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarship assisting students in full filling their dreams. I continue to serve on the Buc Days King and Queens Scholarship Committee promoting and awards scholarships to young men and women seeking to pursue their careers.

TEXAS A&M CORPUS CHRIST BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL - 1994 TO 2002

Member assisting in evaluation programs being reviewed for the Business School.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - 2009 TO 2010

Board Member for Habitat for Humanity, the organization assisted the financial challenged low-income families to qualify for housing.

SEMBRADORES DE CORPUS CHRISTI – 2003 to 2016

Board as President overseeing fundraisers to assist college bound students with an opportunity to pursue their education goals. The organization has raised over \$300,000 to serve those students in need and continue to raise monies to grow the endowments that have been established at Del Mar Junior College and Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi. Our Legacy is to make a small difference in someone's life to improve their quality of life.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - 2009-Present

Past Treasurer and Member serving as an advocate to educate registered voters while encouraging others to better understand the importance of voting and promoting everyone to register to vote.

YMCA BOARD - 2010-Present

Past Board President helping direct the board on focusing ways to expand the YMCA's outreach to other areas of Coastal Bend while seeking funding opportunities for additional programs for the youth of Corpus Christi and infrastructure challenges. Just elected as Vice Chairman.

BACALA BOARD - 2010-2017

Board Member helping to educate the public regarding frivolous lawsuits in the Coastal Bend while promoting a positive business community growth.

HISPANIC WOMEN NETWORK OF TEXAS - 2010-2017

Parliamentarian of Board helping to support educational initiatives to help advancement women and men while helping raise funds for Student Scholarships.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BOARD - 2011-Present

Board Member supporting fund raising events and JA Programs to help young students comprehend the difference between an hourly verse a salaried job.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BOARD - 2014-Present

President of Board helping to promote the importance of any organization that helps touch the lives and families during and after any life change event situation. As president I also try to keep

board members engaged in volunteer opportunities while telling the story of what our Coastal Bend Chapter does to help families experiencing catastrophic situations.

APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD – 2017-2019

Member of the Appraisal Review Board that address taxpayers concerns regarding their annual property evaluation. As advisory board member I participate on panel that listens to evidence presented by both the Appraisal District Representative and the Property Taxpayer before deliberating and assessing the final property tax value for the year being protested.

ARK ASSESSMENT CENTER – 2018 – Present

Was as by Catholic Sister Milagros to Chair this year's Annual Fundraiser, whereby funds raised assist the center support the Children ages 0 to 17 that have been removed from an unhealthy environment from the Judge of the Juvenile Court. The Ark Staff have the responsibility of housing, feeding, transporting, protecting while providing meals and medical provision during their stay. This is an Incredible Honor.

COASTAL BEND DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP – 2018 – Present

As board member I assist in making sure that we continue to full our mission of helping individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey rebuild their homes. To date the CDRG has partnered with organizations to help of 54 families move into new homes in the Coastal Bend Region.

COASTAL BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER – 2020 – Present

As Board Vice Chair, since this 501(c)3's inception, I promote the opportunity to provide a platform for community organizations to develop a more robust and resilient disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation network in preparation of natural or man-made disaster.

**OTHER
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:**

CORPUS CHRISTI CITY COUNCIL MEMBER - 1997 TO 1999

Elected as first Hispanic to serve in an at large seat in the history of Corpus Christi, dealt with all City issue inclusive of traffic, taxes, education, maintain proper benefit coverage for our employees and any other City related issue that affected the quality of life for Corpus Christians.

NUECES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR - 2006 TO 2008

Served as Party Chairman assisting candidates and elected officials getting elected or re-elected to office in Primary and General Elections.

**HONORS
RECEIVED:**

- **HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK OF TEXAS - 2013**
Estrella Award as Community Advocate
- **LEADERSHIP OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 1997**
Alumni of Year Award in 1997
- **TEXAS FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION - 1996**
Spirit of Texas Award

- **CORPUS CHRISTI HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 1995**
Recipient of Business Member of Year Award in 1995
- **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 1997**
Recipient Small Business of the Year
- **DEL MAR COLLEGE - 1974**
Who's Who among Junior College Students - 1974

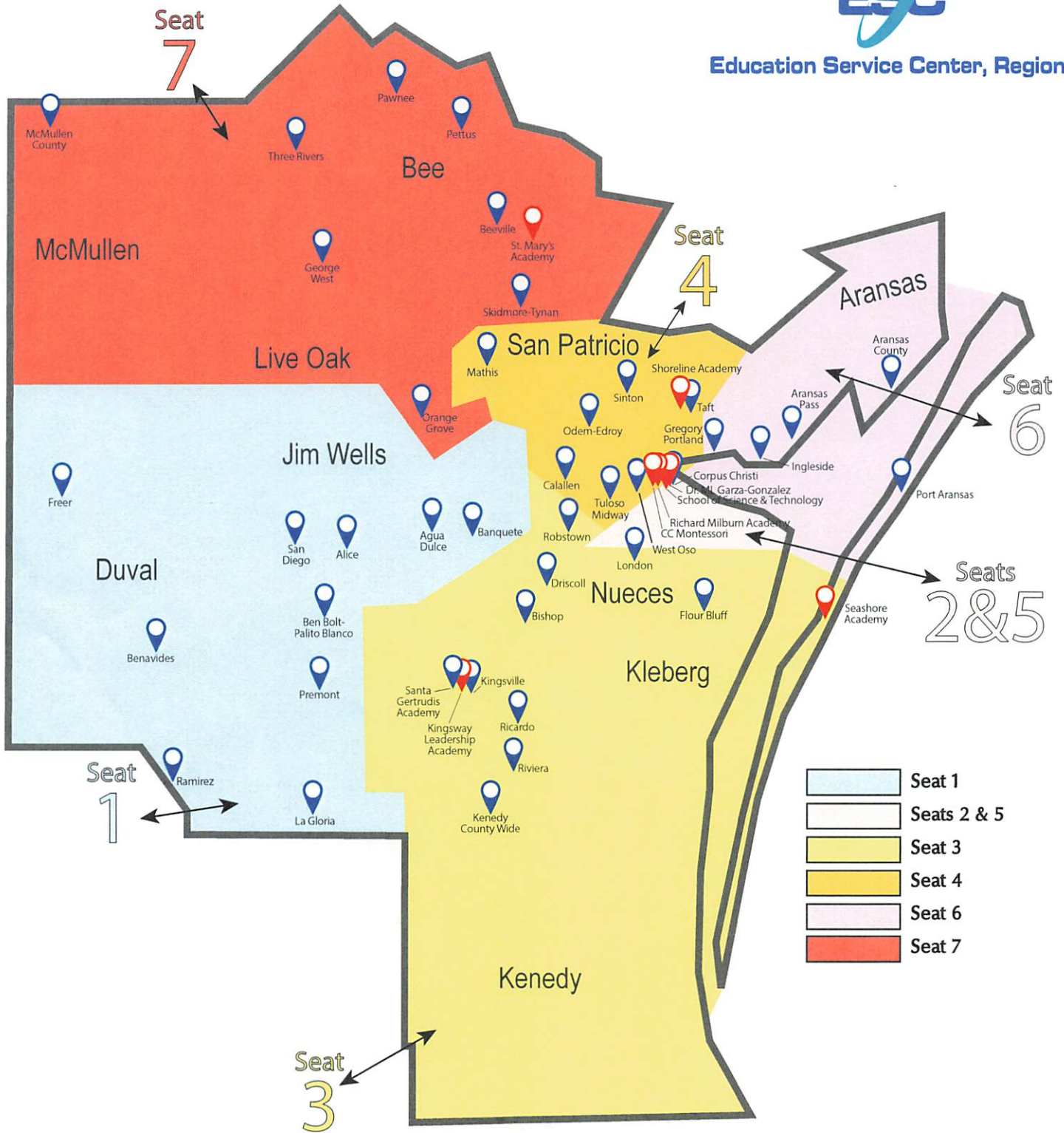
REFERENCES:

(Contact Information can be provided upon request).

Places and Districts Served by ESC-2 Board of Directors



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(Please be sure to include school district name below.)

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION 2
DISTRICT POLL LIST

Please list your district's board members below who voted in the Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Election. Please return this form with the ballots to the Education Service Center, Region 2, by **April 5, 2023**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

This is to certify that each person whose name appears above is a duly certified board member of _____ School District and voted in the Education Service Center, Region 2 Board Election of 2023.