

AGENDA
Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Community Engagement Committee
Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 11:30 AM
Irving Convention Center, First Floor Board Room
500 W. Las Colinas Blvd.
Irving, Texas 75039

NOTE: A possible quorum of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors may be present at this committee meeting.

1. Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda
2. Review and Recommendations – High Spirited Citizen Nominations
3. National Travel & Tourism Week/Community Engagement Initiatives & Review of Driving Tour
4. Hospitality Industry Annual Meeting – Update
5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this notice of meeting was posted on the kiosk at City Hall of the City of Irving, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said notice was posted by the following date and time:

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Deputy Clerk, City Secretary's Office

This meeting can be adjourned and reconvened, if necessary, the following regular business day.

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High Spirited Citizen Nomination

First Name:	Sammy
Last Name:	Romero
Address:	2605 Encina
Zip:	75039
Primary Phone:	(214) 316-2437
Email:	
Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:	North Lake College – volunteer since 1990 with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and also with the Green Team, Sustainable Blazers and the Student Government Association - current Keep Irving Beautiful – volunteer since 2006 - current Las Brisas Hills Homeowners Association - current
Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:	Keep Irving Beautiful – Sammy has volunteered at KIB's two largest cleanups, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off in the spring and the Trash Bash in the fall for many years, first as a member of the litter collection teams and set-up/pack up crew, but later we found that Sammy had a lot of skills that could be used in other areas. He has a talent for seeing what needs to be done and finding a way to do it. He has volunteered supervising the students who were distributing supplies and been stationed at the roll-off containers to ensure that the recycling was not contaminated by trash. KIB also saw how Sammy could be a great asset at other projects, such as beautification projects which usually involve painting at Irving facilities. At the Family Advocacy Center, Georgia Farrow Recreation Center, the Irving Soccer Complex and the Senter East Building, Sammy helped 105 volunteers (from KIB corporate partners Vizient, Pernod Ricard USA and American Standard Brands) who gave 371 hours in making these facilities brighter and more inviting for the thousands of visitors they receive each year. When KIB wanted to experiment with the concept of solar ovens, who better than Sammy to take the instructions and materials given him and improve upon them to make a better oven. At the city's Arbor Day event, Sammy helped North Lake Students demonstrate how the oven worked. Las Brisas Hills Homeowners – Sammy always participates in their two yearly cleanups of their neighborhood area and Victoria Park, a partnership with KIB, who provides the supplies (bags, litter grabbers, gloves, volunteer vests). For the past two years Sammy has been the event organizer, recruiting a record number of volunteers, picking up supplies at the KIB office and reporting the data to KIB (volunteers, hours and bags of trash and recyclables collected). In 2019, 35 volunteers collected 850 pounds of litter and debris during their 129 hours of service. His work with North Lake College has primarily been with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has included construction of floats for the July 4th parade, as well as walking the parade route, participating in Relay for Life and other charity events, and helping out wherever needed. Reviving the college's community garden is one of his proudest accomplishments. It was renamed in honor of his late wife, Dr. Yolanda Romero, at the Earth Day celebration in 2019. She and Sammy had been instrumental in starting the garden in 2009, which supplied fresh produce for students in need. With the help of the Green Club and many others at the college, the "Dr. Yolanda Romero Memorial Community Garden" was dedicated in April 2019 as the final event of Earth Day.
Honors and awards:	Keep America Beautiful – National Volunteer Spotlight Award – 2017 Mayor and Keep Irving Beautiful Awards – KIB Hometown Award - 2016 North Lake College – Volunteer Service Award - 2014 Civic Service Award – an award which recognizes the ten values of compassion, courage, forgiveness, generosity, humility, inclusiveness, integrity, kindness, respect and service
Additional Info:	Sammy Romero personifies what a volunteer should be – always willing to help, outstanding attitude, hard worker, and there for the good of the organization and not himself. It is an honor to nominate him for the High-Spirited Citizen Award.

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Nominated by (Your information)	
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I have read and agree to the privacy policy.:	Yes