Congratulations to all the recipients of the Excellence in Liberty & Justice award.

You have been selected for championing for the rights of the disenfranchised in the field of criminal justice reform legislation, educational opportunities or in other fields.

And thank you the sponsors and attendees who made the event possible.

The Criminal Justice System is like a roller Coaster, it has it’s low valley’s and high peaks that pose great challenges to defenders of civil and human Rights.

The Greater Houston Coalition for Justice has focused its efforts on Institutional change that remove the barriers of the disenfranchised low income persons regardless of color, gender or creed. that requires soliciting the assistance of progressive elected officials, legal, educational, health professionals.
The individuals being honored tonight enshrine the principals of law regardless of the consequences of their professions. Past Honoree were instructional in the passage of Grand Jury Reform in Texas in 2015. Policies and procedures in law enforcement, education, and other fields.

The Greater Houston Coalition for Justice is not a typical organization, Its leadership and membership seeks equal Justice and transparency in our criminal Justice System.

The Greater Houston Coalition for Justice is an umbrella group of civil rights and advocacy groups whose mission is to pursue greater human rights awareness and to address both perceived and real deficits in the greater Houston regional criminal justice system.

Respectfully,

Johnny N. Mata
Greater Houston Coalition for Justice
About Us

The Greater Houston Coalition for Justice is comprised of about 25 organizations of diverse backgrounds that come together within the Coalition through the common bond of creating a world of fairness and justice where the respect for the dignity of all is paramount and where the end goal is a safer neighborhood for our children. In the past decade, the Coalition has earned the respect of the entire community: the neighborhoods, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and it has become the go to place for solutions whenever injustices occur. The Coalition is on the side of that which is right, and that includes the arenas just mentioned. We defend police and when there is wrongdoing, we advocate for accountability. The same is true with courts and prosecutors. Acting with Conscience should always trump the selfishness of acting out of convenience. What is right is right. What is wrong is wrong.

We have worked on going from Tough on Crime to being Right on Crime. Having said that we are strong advocates for prosecution when harm has been done and there are many who would not have been prosecuted but for the efforts of our Coalition. We have also been advocates for righting our wrongs and have successfully obtained the release of those who should not have been locked up. There is no stronger advocate for law enforcement than our Coalition and we have established exceptional relationships with the Chief of Police, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, with US Attorney and Department of Justice and with State and Federal Judges. We have more cases than what we can handle and thus the need for our Coalition to continue to grow.

In 2015 Greater Houston Coalition for Justice sponsored legislation on grand jury reform. Customarily, there existed a process better known as “Pick a Pal”, a system by its own definition, allowed the judicial process to pick a jury that was to their liking. Our Coalition, having recognized the tremendous injustice that resulted because of this biased system, committed its efforts to right this wrong. Eventually, this law was passed and enacted. Though there is still resistance in its full implementation, it is a step in the right direction for true Justice for all.

Bail reform and prison reform are areas of our laws that we have also sponsored. We have a concerted effort to end the cycle of recidivism by working within the schools and prisons. We must succeed in directing the path from school to prison to a path of school to success. We can’t afford not to! We have successfully advocated for reduction in prisons but there is still much more benefits to be harvested with continued efforts. Too often when we have not had good assessments of our students and we cannot handle them, they are sent to a juvenile legal process where they “earn” the title of prisoner and it is in that world where they live the rest of their lives. We do not have adequate alternatives to incarceration and fall short in rehabilitation preparing them for their release and we have not received them back into society with offering them a second chance. Therefore, they fall back into their unlawful ways. The Coalition is dedicated to end this cycle of recidivism.

When we finish our work, those who belong in prison will be in prison. Those who do their part in respecting the dignity of others as they would like theirs to be respected will be welcomed members of our society and we will all live in a much better world.
Patricia R. Lykos

“Honor and dealing fairly with all is everything – leadership is seeing the right thing to do and doing it right . . . The rule of law is the foundation of a decent, robust civil society . . . The people must have trust and confidence in the justice system for there to be order. Justice and order are inextricably intertwined.”

C.O. "Brad" Bradford

C.O. "Brad" Bradford is an attorney, public safety consultant, former Houston chief of police and vice mayor pro tem for the city of Houston. He became a resident of the city of Houston in 1979. Bradford served 24 years as a Houston police officer and seven years as Chief of Police. In March 22, 2019, Bradford took the oath of office at the Harris County District Attorney’s Office as a Special Prosecutor and Law Enforcement Liaison. It is a sworn position with full prosecutorial authority.
Judge Lina Hidalgo was raised in an immigrant family. She knows first-hand the sacrifices hard-working Texans make every day to build a better life for their families. Judge Hidalgo was born in Colombia during the drug war. Her parents had two goals: to keep their children safe and to help them get a good education. Judge Hidalgo grew up in Peru and Mexico, before job opportunities brought her parents to the United States in 2005. She is a proud product of our public schools and, as her parents dreamed, she went on to a top university. She graduated from Stanford University with a degree in political science the same year she became a U.S. citizen.

Since arriving in Texas, Judge Hidalgo has been committed to giving back.

She has dedicated hundreds of hours to our county’s most vulnerable communities — working at the Texas Civil Rights Project, to serving as a Spanish-English medical interpreter at the Texas Medical Center, and supporting immigrants in search of lost loved ones. While pursuing a joint degree in law and public policy at NYU and Harvard, Judge Hidalgo researched criminal justice policies and coordinated with advocacy groups and governments to push for reform.

Wherever she has been, Judge Hidalgo has seized opportunities to serve the immigrant and incarcerated communities. In Southeast Asia, she worked to promote transparency and accountability by supporting journalists, bloggers and artists. At Stanford, she helped create and fund a program to bring Stanford students to public policy positions.

Judge Lina Hidalgo was elected on November the 6, 2018 and sworn in as Harris County Judge on January 1, 2019.
Kim Ogg, Harris County District Attorney, is a native Houstonian licensed by the State Bar of Texas in 1987 and recognized as a specialist in Criminal Law by the Board of Legal Specialization since 1992.

In 2016, DA Ogg was elected by a margin of more than 100,000 votes on a platform of criminal justice reform. She believes in equal justice, insuring a just process for the victim, the accused, and the community in every case and has focused her prosecutors on public safety by prioritizing prosecution of crimes against people and property.

Kim’s legal career began in 1987 as a prosecutor for the Harris County District Attorney’s Office. While serving as a Chief Felony Prosecutor, she was appointed Houston’s first Anti-Gang Task Force Director by Mayor Bob Lanier in 1994. Under her leadership, Houston’s gang crimes declined by approximately 40%. From 1999 - 2006, Kim served as the Executive Director of Crime Stoppers of Houston, leading that organization to international record-breaking years by capturing thousands of violent felons. From 2006-2016 Kim practiced law with her father, Senator Jack Ogg, and was managing partner of the Ogg Law Firm.
Kim now brings her strong track record of public service and 32 years of professional experience to the position of Harris County District Attorney. During the first two years of her Administration, she has successfully advanced major drug policy and bail reform, diversified the leadership of the District Attorney’s Office and effected legislative reform on behalf of crime victims.

Kim lives with her life partner of 33 years and their 20 year old son, Jack, in the Heights, along with two dogs, two cats and two horses (not on site)!
GREATER HOUSTON COALITION FOR JUSTICE
2019 BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

The values on which an organization’s awards are given define it as well as the recipients. For years our Coalition has fought for civil rights and excellence in the administration of Justice. Significant thought has been given by the Executive Committee on our future, and this Award symbolically shows our vision. The depth of thought can be seen on our website www.greaterhoustoncoalitionforjustice.com at the History of the Bridge Builder Award.

Our final determination is that our goal must be more than just the protection of civil rights, it must be to bring a respect for dignity for all in society, and a cultural appreciation of the necessity of true Justice for a more united and value based society.

That is not accomplished in a world of silos, but with Warrior’s Honor there must be interaction with other groups and people with whom we have common ground on these key principles.

The Bridge Builder Award encompasses the sentiment of Will Allen Dromgolle’s great poem celebrating an elderly man with no personal benefit to himself who builds a bridge across a treacherous stream to benefit and teach an unknown and less experienced youth that would follow. The Great Religions and Philosophers all teach of life refining ourselves from convenience to conscience, where our actions are based on character. They also recognized that ideas live beyond events or men, they have the power of history.

In that spirit, we wish to dedicate this Award to the memory of a man dead almost fifty years, Washington County Sheriff Tieman H. Dippel, Sr. (1910-1972). A blend of the dedication to law enforcement with the search for dignity and justice drove him to look at building of community and solving problems in early stages. He saw law enforcement as the final stages of “Discipline within Society” and knew the benefits of strong and firm guidance to problems of youth that began with their parents. His philosophies are honored in the Sheriffs’ Association of Texas – “Texas Peacemaker Award” because of the support he engendered within the community and the trust that he gained. Similarly, the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy and Educational Foundation Conscience Builder Award and the Texas LULAC Man of Conscience Awards are in part based on his values through their revelation with “The Language of Conscience Book Series” (thelanguageofconscience.com) written by his son. Sheriff Dippel believed that discipline within society required a cultural correctness more than a political correctness, and focused on the values between men rather the interests of economics and politics. While he was a man known for toughness with the Peacemaker designation given by his friends, the Texas Rangers, he stood for integrity, devotion to both the law and justice, and most of all his appreciation of dignity and responsibility which he gained from his Father. His ideas represented the blend of concern that we all should have in building bridges with each other. Like him, a true bridge builder needs to look up and beyond the confrontations that often dominate justice discussions to a goal to which we can commonly work to build a better society which is the core of Justice. As Frederic Bastiat said in “The Law”, it is the culture that determines the law, not the law that determines the culture. This Award symbolizes the Greater Houston Coalition for Justice’s desire to work with others to build a stronger society through a culture of dignity and justice.
Greater Houston Coalition for Justice
Excellence in Liberty and Justice Award

DR. LAURA G. MURILLO

Dr. Laura Murillo Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Founding President & CEO, Greater Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation Founding Executive Producer & Host, CBS, Univision, Entercom & KUBE57 Television & Radio

In 2007, Dr. Laura Murillo was named President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Chamber Board and staff she has set unprecedented records in membership and revenue.

As the Founding President & CEO of the Chamber’s Foundation, she established the Emerging Leaders Institute. Murillo is the Founding Executive Producer/Host for the Chamber’s Radio and Television Programs on CBS, Entercom, Univision, and the KUBE57 (with a cumulative audience reach of 3.3 million).

She holds a B.A, Master’s Degree, and Doctorate from the University of Houston. In 2018, she was named Houston Business Journal’s “Most Admired CEO”, “Distinguished Alumni Award” by the University of Houston. She has received many state, national and international honors among including the “Most Powerful & Influential Women in Texas” and the “Global Impact Award” by Global Seven.

Dr. Murillo was featured in The Houston Chronicle’s 2016 “Women Who Run Houston” article. She was named “Top 10 Who’s Who in Business” and has been named among the “Top 5 C-Suite CEO’s” by the Houston Business Journal.
Dr. Murillo serves on the Houston BBVA Compass Board of Directors, the University of Houston Board Of Advisors, University of Houston College of Medicine Committee, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, the Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Board, the Harris County -Houston Sports authority, Executive Committee, the Greater Houston convention & Visitors Bureau Board, St. John’s School Audit & Finance Committee, and The 2026 World Cup Bid Committee.

She is the proud mother of Marisa and Mia. Marisa is a junior at Columbia University in New York and Mia is a senior honors student at St. John’s School in River Oaks.
Shannon Baldwin

Shannon Baldwin has practiced law for over 22 years. She is licensed in Georgia and Texas. She practiced law in Atlanta, Georgia for four years before returning to Texas. Shannon is a former prosecutor and opened her law practice in Texas in 2003. Currently, she is the elected presiding Judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 4. She was formerly a Partner at Baldwin Williams & Associates, PLLC. She has tried cases before a jury from traffic violations up to capital murder.

Shannon joined the U.S. Army Reserves on September 23, 1987. When she graduated from college, she was commissioned as an officer, 2nd Lieutenant.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Police Science at Sam Houston State University. Shannon went on to graduate Cum Laude from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Shannon is an active member of several professional organizations and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She is a foster mother to a beautiful 2 year old girl!
Donna Bahorich welcomed Mexican American scholars, friends and neighbors as they came out 100+ strong to make their voices heard at several State Board of Education meetings. The Board approved a first-in-the-nation Mexican American Studies course now offered to students all across the state.

In addition, the Board also laid the pattern for future adoptions of academically strong courses in African American studies, Native American studies, Latino studies, and Asian Pacific Islander studies.

These courses invite students to engage and connect in ways that are important for the future of our country. America is and always has been a land of dreams and hopes where everyone has an important part to play, where we can be both proud of our stories, cultures and heritages and yet hold close to our hearts what it means to be deeply proud Americans.

Donna Bahorich led the Board, gathering numerous unanimous votes, in this important educational development to support all of the 5.4 million students of Texas.
# Greater Houston Coalition for Justice

## 2019 Excellence in Liberty and Justice Awards

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AFSCME 1550
Friends, thank you for making this evening extra special!

To our Honorees, we extend Congratulations for a lifetime of service you have rendered to others, especially for the voiceless. Let us not reduce this evening to just an event but move forward as we promote the commonly shared ideas based on values and guided by conscience as we make our communities a better society for all through our collective actions!