

To: Carrie Hartman, President, and Members of City Council
From: Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor
Subject: Appointment to the Latino Affairs Commission
9/9/2025

I Recommend the Following Appointments to the Latino Affairs Commission

Section 61					
Appointee	Appointee Replaced	Proposed Term of Office	Reserved Slot / Type	Recommended by (if applicable)	Attendance Record
Elaina Hernandez	Sue Cuevas	continuation of term to expire 10/09/2027	no	Business Mayor	n/ a
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○ **BIO: Elaina Hernandez**

- Elaina Hernandez is a 39-year veteran of Mexican Folkloric Dance. She has studied under Maestro Carlos Vega of Mexico, Director Sam Cortez of Chicago, Instructor Rene Cardoza of Chicago, Instructor Placido Lopez Guerrero of Colima, Mexico, Director Bladimir Bravo of San Antonio, Maestra Karina Estrella of California and Maestro Jose Tena of New Mexico. Elaina has been directing and choreographing for over 30 years. She is recognized as a Master Artist by the Ohio Arts Council. In 2010, she received the Diamante Award for Adult Leadership and in 2016, she received the Ohio Heritage Fellowship. In 2019, she received the Merit Award from the Arts Commission in Toledo, Ohio. From 2018-2025, Master Elaina Hernandez has received the Ohio Traditional Apprenticeship grant to train assistant Vanessa and Ignacio Hernandez in the art of Mexican Folkloric Dance.
- She is also a certified American Ballroom and Latin Instructor and ZIN Zumba and Zumba Kids instructor.
- Hernandez current works as the Program Director at the Believe Center in Toledo, Ohio.
- <https://elcorazondemexicodance.com/about-us>