

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrates

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Live streamed from the Board Chamber

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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements

Legislator Benjamin Boykin II, Chairman of the Board

Presentation of Proclamations to



OFFICER ELIZABETH MACPHERSON

Presented by Legislator Colin D. Smith



ALFONSO ALVAREZ

Presented by Legislator José Alvarado

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Benjamin Boykin II
Board Chair
Legislator, 5th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Kitley S. Covill
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Vedat Gashi
Legislator, 4th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Alfreda A. Williams
Vice Chair
Legislator, 8th District

Catherine Borgia
Legislator, 9th District

Damon R. Maher
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Legislator, 11th District

MaryJane Shimsky
Majority Leader
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

Ruth Walter
Legislator, 15th District

Christopher A. Johnson
Majority Whip
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Legislator, 17th District



OFFICER ELIZABETH MACPHERSON



Officer Elizabeth Macpherson was born Elizabeth Rivera in Saturce, Puerto Rico, to Elizabeth Romero and Francisco Rivera. Raised by her mother, she relocated to New York from Puerto Rico in 1986, settling in Rockland County.

Prior to beginning a career in law enforcement, Elizabeth began fulfilling her passion of helping others in 1996 as a social worker for Westchester ARC, assisting individuals and family members with developmental disabilities. She began her law enforcement career in 2000, after graduating from the Rockland County Police Academy. In 2001, she joined the Village of Montgomery Police Department where she was assigned as an undercover police officer. She then transferred to the City of Peekskill Police Department in 2002 in the patrol division. Committed to community policing, she was named the police liaison to the Hispanic community in 2004, where she established several programs to bridge the gap that existed between the underserved Hispanic community and the police. Elizabeth instituted important programs such as “Hable con un Policia” (Chat with a Cop) and “Domingos con un Policia” (Sundays with a Cop). These programs forged relationships between Hispanic organizations and religious groups and the police department to facilitate a direct dialogue; ensuring the concerns of the Hispanic community and the goals of the police department were communicated. This foundation created a strong partnership between the Peekskill Hispanic community and the Peekskill police that endures today.

ALFONSO ALVAREZ



Alfonso Alvarez is the founding member and former president of the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce of Yonkers. He is the current owner of three restaurants: Tacos El Poblano, Pollo Poblano and Dos Marias. With neither financial resources nor a formal education, Alfonso immigrated to the United States from Puebla, Mexico in 1980. He settled in Yonkers in 1990 where he opened his first small restaurant, Tacos El Poblano. Together with his wonderful wife and life partner, Sury, they are the proud parents of three adult children who are directly involved in the family business.

In addition to his devotion to his business and his family, he is devoted to his community both in Westchester and in his native Puebla. He contributes to many different organizations and events such as Obreros Unidos de Yonkers, the Hudson River Museum, Yonkers Riverfest, Downtown BID, Iglesia San Andres, St. Peter’s Church, National Night Out, the Third Precinct Community Council, the YMCA, and YWCA to name a few. He has distributed hundreds of food baskets to those in need during the pandemic. Alfonso was also personally involved in providing an ambulance for people with special needs for his native Municipio de Acatlán De Osorio, Puebla, Mexico. He recently organized a collection of general medical equipment and supplies in New York to supply a newly constructed hospital in his homeland.

Alfonso’s tireless contributions to many causes in the City of Yonkers and beyond make him a true community leader. His actions, not his words make him a mentor for all who know him.