



P.O. Box 361 | Buffalo, NY 14201 | 716-402-1HHC (1442)

September 14, 2022

## **Board of Directors**

Officers:

President

Esmeralda Sierra, MBA

Vice President Maritza Vega

Secretary Elda Pichardo, MA

Treasurer
Karoll Melendez, MBA

Immediate Past President & President Emeritus/Founder Casimiro D. Rodríguez, Sr.

## Directors:

Kelly Hernandez Jose L. Perez Ricardo Saeb, DMA John Sanabria

Legal Counsel Arnold N. Zelman

## Good afternoon

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of José Luis Pérez, a prominent member of our community and one of the Directors of our non-profit organization, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. José has been a member of our organization for over a year. He has worked in the Hispanic community and actively participated in different events, our strategic planning and transition of the future Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute.

I met Jose through the former president of our organization, who recommended him as a candidate for membership in our organization. The HHC is comprised of volunteer members, that will help promote the past, present, and future contributions of Hispanics in Western New York. I spoke with him; he seemed like an exciting and professional candidate for our non-profit organization.

Jose can offer perspectives in the field of education in STEM and other disciplines that is a fundamental piece between us. This is very important as it will be a planned program for the future HHCI. His kind and friendly demeanor make him a pleasure to work with, in the lines of volunteerism, a gift from the heart. I am glad to know Jose, I have been impressed by his strong ideas, open mind, and positive attitude.

Sincerely,

Maritza Vega Vice President

Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc.