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## **STAAMP Allergy President & CEO Becomes SA Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2020 Chairwoman**

*Dr. Erika Gonzalez's theme of the year for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is 'The Power of Our Voice'*

**[December 23, 2019]** Beginning January 1, 2020, Dr. Erika Gonzalez will become the Chairwoman of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Gonzalez will be the first female veteran and first female doctor to serve in the role. The theme for her year of service to the community is "The Power of Our Voice," a theme that is exciting the members and community to be heard and attended to.

Dr. Erika Gonzalez (M.D.) is a graduate of St. Mary's University (B.S. '98) and of the military's Health Professions Scholarship Program ('02). Gonzalez is the daughter of immigrants and grew up in San Antonio. She is President and CEO of STAAMP Allergy, South Texas Allergy and Asthma Medical Professionals, where she helps keep San Antonio healthy and well in a city where allergies affect much of the population.

Dr. Gonzalez started her practice and involvement in the Chamber in 2014 as a member during Ramiro Cavazos' time as President and CEO of the then 86-year-old Hispanic Chamber. In 2016, she joined the Board of Directors as the Chair of the Healthcare and Biosciences Committee before being elected to become the 2020 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber Chair. At the time of her election, Dr. Gonzalez had a full staff and had already acquired another clinic location.

During Gonzalez's career, in both the military and as a civic leader, a reoccurring issue was noticed, inspiring the theme for her 2020 year as Chairwoman of the oldest Hispanic Chamber in the nation. "It is more than a theme for the year, it is essential that our community has a voice." Gonzalez continued, "91 years ago when this chamber started, the need to be heard and advocated on behalf of was a major catalyst in the founding of this Chamber we know today. We have a platform where we can take action and now is that time.

The Chairwoman's first official event as leader of the Board is 2020's Chairwoman's Breakfast where leader, respected activist, and community advocate, Dolores Huerta will be present. Dr. Gonzalez knows the importance of the works that Huerta has committed to for communities worldwide and it is important to hear from a leader during this pivotal year for our community.

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South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals (STAAMP Allergy) is a full-service allergy clinic with 3 convenient locations in the San Antonio metropolitan area. STAAMP Allergy has been serving the community at large with services ranging from allergy skin tests, to allergy-induced reactions, asthma, and much more. For more information about STAAMP Allergy's services, please call our clinic at (210)-616-5385.