

## Exhibit A

### ROSA LOPEZ Bio

Born in Moline, Illinois in 1954, eldest of 6 sisters and 2 brothers to parents who were originally from Dallas.

Ms. Lopez began her career as a housing and tenant rights advocate in Moline, Illinois after graduating from Black Hawk College in Moline with a bachelors. Her advocacy at Project Now, a low-income housing center in Moline, after several years of practice she moved to New York where she supervised a nonprofit landlord-tenant counseling program. She continued her housing advocacy at Haven House, a women's shelter, but she was a feminist and was a leader activist with the Woman Coalition marches.

In 1991, she left Buffalo New York and in 1992 arrived in Dallas, Ms. Lopez continued her advocacy in affordable housing, education, healthcare, LBGTQ rights and women rights.

Co-Founder of Dallas' first lesbian alliance Lesbiana Latinas de Dallas in 1995, she gave voice to women who culturally and historically had been oppressed and very minimally represented. Not only was she a successful social issues organizer she was a small business owner, an Oak Cliff resident she opened and owned Sueños Sabrosos, Sweet Dreams an ice cream shop in the Bishop Arts District.

Her most notable work was in West Dallas, in 1993 she founded Vecinos Unidos Inc., United Neighbors Inc., a community housing development corporation.

In 1995, Vecinos Unidos Inc. started working on the Casa Rio Planned Development, a residential housing development that offered 57 brick homes in the Los Altos Neighborhood and it was successfully completed in 2001. Rosa's childhood and family experience informed her leadership style and most significant her accountability of others, growing up poor and having difficulties, Rosa persevered and had success, she brought that point of view which was evident in her expectations from others who she mentored or advocated for.

Lopez served on several local boards most notability Texas Community Development Association, North Texas Housing Coalition and the West Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Rosa passed at the age of 63, privately in her home in Moline, Illinois. She was battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma Disease and after remission the cancer returned, and she succumbed to the illness on February 21, 2017

LULAC Rainbow Council created a scholarship in her name to remember and honor her legacy.

West Dallas Community leaders who were her contemporary colleagues or who were mentored will always remember her patience and how she took time to listen and offered simple and practical advice. Her leadership is still present as the West Dallas Community sees the importance of owning the issues and coming up with solutions, but most importantly working across a groups and ideas to figure out what is the best solution to all.