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AAMA’s Auctioneers for the 2019 Illumine Gala

Houston, TX - 8/10/2019 – The 2019 Illumine Gala benefitting AAMA (The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans) will be held at the Marriott Marquis on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Houstonian Michele Leal Farah and husband George Farah are serving as Gala Co-Chairs. The 2019 Illumine Gala will be their first event chairing together.

Representative Christina Morales and Roland Garcia will serve as Auctioneers for the 2019 Illumine Gala.

Christina Morales is deeply rooted in the Houston's East End. She took the reins of the 87-year-old family business, Felix H. Morales Funeral Home, at a very young age despite having minimal preparation or experience. After just a few years of guidance from her grandmother, she began serving as President of the funeral home. She also leads the Felix and Angela Morales Memorial Foundation that helps Latinos pursue education and leadership positions. She organizes an annual back to school supplies giveaway. Morales holds numerous positions for various charities and community organizations, including the HCC Foundation, HISD Foundation, Buffalo Bayou Partnership and serves as a City of Houston Planning Commissioner.

Roland Garcia is a commercial litigator who has tried lawsuits and argued appeals in state and federal courts. He is a founding Shareholder of the Houston office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, an international law firm with over 2,000 attorneys in 38 locations around the world. He was named a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly Magazine, and a Top 25 Latino Lawyers by Latino Leaders Magazine.

Roland was appointed to the Board of Visitors of United States Naval Academy by President Barack Obama, and by the Mayor and Houston City Council to the Board of Harris County-Houston Sports Authority. He serves as Co-Chairman of the Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Board. Roland was the first minority elected President of the Houston Bar Association, the fifth largest voluntary bar association in the country, with over 11,000 members. He received his BBA from Baylor University with Honors in 1981 and his JD from South Texas College of Law in 1986 as Editor of the Law Review.

Please contact Debbie Ortiz, Director of Development, at 713-929-2322 or dortiz@aama.org for sponsorship opportunities and to reserve a table.
AAMA was founded in 1970 as the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans. For 49 years, AAMA has been helping families to attain their potential.

To arrange an interview, contact (713) 929-2317. For more information about the Illumine Gala visit www.aama.org/gala/.