



## **LIDERAMOS ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD CHAIR, PATRICIA MEJIA**

LIDERAMOS is proud to announce Patricia Mejia as the new board chair. Patricia will carry forward the excellence of former Board Chair, Carlos F. Orta, and leads the next phase of growth and transformation of the organization. As the newest addition to the Board, Patricia brings over 20 years of leadership insight and experience with local and National non-profit and philanthropic communities. “Patricia’s passion for the Latino community coupled with her experience and commitment to leadership development brings a renewed commitment to intergenerational Latino leadership vision and development,” Angela Mictlanxochitl Anderson Guerrero, PhD, Executive Director.

Patricia Mejia is the Vice President of Inclusive Engagement at Spurs Sports & Entertainment (SS&E) in San Antonio, TX. She oversees the alignment of SS&E’s Impact strategy across all franchises and key markets. Mejia will play a key role in supporting our community investments, community sports, leadership development, sustainability and belonging work. She will report to Dr. Kara Allen, Chief People, Impact and Belonging Officer for SS&E.

Prior she was the Vice president of Community Engagement and Impact at the San Antonio Area Foundation, where she is focused on targeted investments to create more equitable communities. With 1 billion in assets, one of the largest community Foundation’s in the country, the Foundation works in collaboration with partner organizations across sectors to address the area’s greatest needs both at the community level and individual level.

Patricia’s 20 plus years as an executive in both the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors allow her to center community voice and lead her team and our Board to implement trust based philanthropic practices and authentic community engagement.

Previously, Patricia served as Director of Community Engagement at Methodist Healthcare Ministries where she oversaw the organization’s regional investments and collective impact initiatives. She was responsible for forming collaborative partnerships that establish a shared community vision to facilitate systems, particularly along the US/Mexico Border. Prior to this work, she served an initiative funded by the Bloomberg Foundations and Living Cities ‘Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund’ at Family Service Association.

She has also served as the Deputy Director and Director of Leadership and Training at NALCAB, the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders. In her work with NALCAB, Patricia collaborated with member organizations across the country to increase access to capital for low-income Latino communities. Mejia’s efforts developed and expanded programs to create jobs, develop neighborhoods, and build family wealth. These efforts included securing 140 million dollars, one of the nation’s single largest investments in Latino communities, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2010.



Mejia has also served as Executive Director and Co-Founder of the 21st Century Leadership Center at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, Patricia worked both locally and internationally with cross cultural programs, as well as coached and trained numerous community, student, and organizational leaders to utilize their own social and cultural capital to transform communities.

Patricia is a dual graduate (cum laude) of St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas receiving a BA and MA in Political Science and Public Administration. She has completed Ph.D. coursework in Social Policy, Assets and Inequalities at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. She has completed the Executive Leadership Program through the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Center for Creative Leadership in San Diego, CA as a National Hispana Leadership Institute Fellow.

Of Mexican descent, Patricia was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. She is lucky to be the mother of Karolina Cecilia and dog Canela. She enjoys traveling the world all while listening to conjunto music.