

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZES MS. JUANITA ALVAREZ-MAINSTER**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

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Juanita Alvarez-Mainster has been a Partnership Specialist and Coordinator at the United States Census Bureau since 2017 as well as a long-time advocate for improving social and economic conditions for farmworkers, immigrants and women. She has been recognized and awarded by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, for her work in developing and maintaining productive partnerships with federal, state, local, and tribal governments; community-based organizations, faith-based groups; educational institutions, media outlets; and businesses. Among her many accomplishments at the Census Bureau, Ms. Alvarez-Mainster successfully utilized these partnerships to promote the 2020 Census in hard to count communities such as foreign born, recently arrived immigrants, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, rural communities, language challenged communities, native American tribes, persons experiencing homelessness, and low-income neighborhoods.

Ms. Alvarez-Mainster has served on the Florida State Advisory Council for U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Mexican American Arts and Cultural Council, Inc. She has also Co-Founded M.U.J.E.R., Inc, Mujeres, Unidas, en Justicia, Educacion, y Reforma (Women, United in Justice, Education, and Reform), which is a non-profit community based social service organization located in Homestead, Florida, with programs that fully engage the entire community, predominantly Hispanic low income residents living in the Deep South of the Miami-Dade County area.

Juanita has also assisted her husband, Executive Director of Centro Campesino-Farmworker Center, Inc. after Hurricane Andrew and continues working in disaster response. De Mujer a Mujer (Woman to Woman) is one response to the specific difficulties experienced by rural poor, farmworker, indigenous and undocumented women, developed in conjunction with Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc. and supported by the Women's Fund of Miami Dade County and by volunteers. De Mujer a Mujer educates women on disaster awareness and preparedness.

Juanita's vision and service has contributed toward providing a trusting environment that promotes emotional wellness and stability by empowering individuals through advocacy and support services that strengthen families.

This item is presented for the Board to consider recognizing Ms. Juanita Alvarez-Mainster for her continued advocacy for migrant families in south Miami-Dade and for her efforts in seeking to improve the lives of some of the most underprivileged families in Miami-Dade County.

This Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorneys' Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes Ms. Juanita Alvarez–Mainster for her unwavering dedication and commitment to serving our country and ensuring all hard-to-reach communities are counted during the U.S. Decennial Census, as well as her many contributions to underprivileged and minority family communities in Miami-Dade County, Florida.