



Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: Eloise "Ellie" Cortez

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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On a separate sheet:

In 400 words or less, please describe the contributions that your nominee has made to Fiesta®. Please include:

- 1) Detailed information on the volunteer role that your nominee has played in the Fiesta® celebration. Give specific details on how your nominee's efforts have had an impact on the Fiesta® celebration in a positive and long lasting way. Elaborate on specific volunteer duties and responsibilities nominee has undertaken.
- 2) The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.
- 3) If your nominee served in a specific leadership role during Fiesta®, i.e., Fiesta® royalty, president of a Fiesta® organization, chairman of a Fiesta® event, etc., indicate how their volunteer involvement has gone beyond the normal responsibilities of that role.

Please submit your Nomination Form and essay by 5 p.m. on February 29, 2016 in person or by email to:

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215
alexa@fiesta-sa.org

Eloise (Ellie) Cortez

Eloise Cortez is native San Antonian. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and her Master of Public Administration degree from St. Mary's University. She is currently the Administrative Supervisor for the Special Crimes Division of the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. Previously, she was a Victim Advocate for the same office for over 20 years. Her passion has been to serve the public and help victims through the most traumatic times of their lives.

Eloise also feels that serving her church, San Fernando Cathedral and her community is of utmost importance. She has been involved with San Fernando Cathedral for over 20 years. She currently chairs the annual Fall Festival and serves on the Finance Council. She has served as Mass Coordinator, Lector, Minister, Choir member, Assistant Director of the Youth Group, and member of the Cathedral Restoration Committee.

Her biggest accomplishment was assuming the chairmanship of the Fiesta San Fernando, an official Fiesta San Antonio event, for 14 years. This is an event that attracts over 10,000 visitors in a 4-day period. Visitors/participants come from all areas of the community as well as many tourists from across the country. During the first year under her leadership in 1999, revenues were increased by over \$20,000. Each year after that, the margin continued to steadily increase. When she retired as Chairperson in 2012 and as tribute to her efforts and hard work, Fiesta San Fernando was and continues to be the cornerstone fund-raiser for Historic San Fernando Cathedral. By joining the Fiesta San Antonio Commission she enabled the festival to elevate each year to a higher level while perfecting the operation and expanding the attractions to the community. Through her leadership and hard work and by involving many volunteers, she was able to make the event grow significantly and enhance Fiesta San Antonio and our community. The revenues from the Fiesta San Fernando benefit the continuing restoration of the historic San Fernando Cathedral and its continued operation. I am very proud of her work and of her representing the Cathedral at the Fiesta Commission.

Eloise relates that she met many wonderful people while during her involvement with the Fiesta Commission and made numerous lasting friendships. She served as an Elected Commissioner for 3 years and enjoyed attending important, informative meetings and serving on the Publicity Committee as well. She is proud of the great work the Fiesta San Antonio Commission does for our city.

Eloise is an exemplary individual for all who strives to succeed in volunteerism. I am proud to nominate Eloise Cortez as a member of The Order of the Cascaron.