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# From the Board Chair



I am looking forward to my second year of serving as Board Chair of the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce for 2022-23. I have been on the board since 2016 and have watched it serve businesses and more importantly the people who live and work here in the East End. This year we were able to

hold all our events live and it was wonderful to be able to get together again and see old friends and make new ones. All our events were well received and the opportunity for networking gives us all one more reason to look forward to the many exciting events we are planning this year. Please visit our website to stay up to date on our upcoming events. Since I was able to attend every event, I was able to see just how much work it takes to run a successful event. I really am proud of what the staff has been able to achieve.

The diverse make up of our board which includes maritime industry, banks, restaurants, small and large businesses as well as representatives of many elected officials allow us to have a dynamic team who are well equipped to help make the East End the place to live and work in Houston.

We are committed to continuing to promote and sustain business growth so that others will want to join us as we get back to a more normal business environment. The opportunities, as we move forward, are unlimited and I know the Chamber will be proactive in helping our members take advantage of the future. One of the key ingredients for our future growth is a well-educated workforce and we will be working to enhance our partnerships with our educational board members and growing our scholarship programs.

The East End has a rich history and is known for its diversity, great food, small family businesses, thriving industry of Port Houston and our many refineries. It is the place to be. My employer is H-E-B which we believe stands for Here Everything is Better. I think that phrase can equally well describe the future of the East End because we, at the 30-year-old East End Houston Chamber of Commerce, will be working along with all our members to make sure it's better. If you are not yet a member, we hope you will join us because I am convinced our future is bright.

Sincerely,

**Mike Redditt**, Board Chair

General Manager | H-E-B Gulfgate



# Helping Your Business

## DEMOGRAPHICS



### TOTAL POPULATION

**218,122**

**79.0% HISPANIC**  
**10.9% BLACK**  
**7.8% WHITE**  
**2.0% ASIAN**  
**0.3% OTHER**

### TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

**66,797**

### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**\$46,977**

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**\$43,246**



### 79% HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION

### EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

**28.5% HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**  
**20.1% ANY COLLEGE**  
**9.5% COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER**



### TOTAL # OF EMPLOYEES

**96,110**

### TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESSES

**3,450**

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**6.6%**



## RESOURCES

**City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity\***  
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 (832) 393-0600 | [houstontx.gov/obo](http://houstontx.gov/obo)

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**City of Houston Housing & Community Development**  
[houstontx.gov/housing](http://houstontx.gov/housing)

**Greater Houston Partnership**  
[houston.org](http://houston.org)

**Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism**  
<https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/organization>

**Office of the Governor Trade & Export**  
[gov.texas.gov/business/page/trade-and-export](http://gov.texas.gov/business/page/trade-and-export)

**Office of the Governor Starting a Business**  
[gov.texas.gov/business/page/start-a-business](http://gov.texas.gov/business/page/start-a-business)

**SPECIAL GRANT PROGRAMS**  
**City of Houston Brownfield Program**  
[houstontx.gov/brownfields](http://houstontx.gov/brownfields)

**EPA Brownfields**  
[epa.gov/brownfields](http://epa.gov/brownfields)

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**East Downtown Management District\***  
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**Economic Alliance Port Region**  
 (281) 476-9176 | [allianceportregion.com](http://allianceportregion.com)

**East End District\***  
 (713) 928-9916 | [eastenddistrict.com](http://eastenddistrict.com)

**Green Building Resource Center**  
 (832) 394-9050 | [codegreenhouston.org](http://codegreenhouston.org)

**Hobby Area Management District\***  
 (832) 703-1103 | [hadistrict.org](http://hadistrict.org)

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PORT HOUSTON



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Port Houston has awarded more than \$714.8 million to Port Houston-registered small, minority, and woman-owned businesses since 2002. It has expanded its small business program to place further focus on a race-and gender-conscious program to provide additional opportunities for minority and woman-owned businesses (S/MWBEs) to participate in Port Houston procurements. Port Houston promotes supplier diversity and inclusion by helping qualified S/MWBEs build capacity, connect to opportunities, participate in awards, and contribute to the local economy.

For more information, visit [www.porthouston.com](http://www.porthouston.com)



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# From the President



**A**s President of the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce, I want to thank our valued Chamber members for their continued partnership. Connecting Business, Education and Community points toward our greater mission at the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has been serving the community for over 30 years and we are determined in our efforts to bring all partners together for the betterment of all. Simply stated, we help people in all areas of our community make connections with each other. The Chamber strives to advance the East End region by educating, energizing, and connecting a diverse group of leaders to serve the community. The East End Chamber of Commerce has a historical community-based legacy and a bright future with our member businesses leading the way. We are grateful for all our members and desire for all to prosper and grow in the years ahead.

To help our member businesses, we provide a variety of networking, advertising, educational, and social opportunities over the course of the calendar year. We also support collaborative efforts with the other local Chambers in the region that provide additional opportunities for our members to initiate or build business relationships. The Chamber office staff is available to anyone who seeks information regarding the East End community. The office also encourages all residents and members to bring forward new ideas on how we can best serve each other to improve our community and our Chamber of Commerce.

Houston's East End is an excellent place to do business and an excellent community in which to live. As the East End Chamber of Commerce President, I want to encourage you to become active in the community and in our Chamber of Commerce. Please visit our website and social media pages for opportunities where you can help make a positive difference in our community. As best you can, support our member companies with your business. Remember that local purchases all support our community. We will continue to pursue excellence in all that we do at the East End Chamber and for our community.

I grew up in and still live in the East End and love the saying that the East End is a small hometown within a grand city. This is true with the many new developments and businesses opening. Join the East End Movement and let us help find opportunities that lead can to business growth. Active members recognize that the ROI of membership and corporate sponsorship is invaluable. I look forward to working you and your company representatives to continue building networks of success.

I am honored to serve as President! Thank you for your time in reading our East End Guide whether you are a resident, visitor or work in Houston's East End, we welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you at [frances@eecoc.org](mailto:frances@eecoc.org). You are the foundation of the Houston East End Chamber and together we will make it the East End the best place to be!

Sincerely,

**Frances Castañeda Dyess, President**  
Houston East End Chamber of Commerce

**Jenkins Garden**, managed by the East End District, is green space at the corner of Lockwood and Harrisburg. Autoflora, is Volkswagen's repurposed. This sculpture by Amber Eagle, and present to Jenkins Garden by the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce, celebrates car culture and flower power in equal turns. Autoflora features petals made of vintage VW car hoods painted with bright automotive metallic paints. The contemporary artwork takes the form of colossal flowers, simultaneously incorporating aesthetic traditions from colonial Mexico while paying homage to urban low rider aesthetics from the 1970s.







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# WHO IS THE EAST END CHAMBER

**LOCATION**  
*East End Houston is a diverse, evolving city-within-a-city.*



**BUSINESS**  
*The Chamber connects you with key business prospects to help strengthen your business.*



**EDUCATION**  
*The Foundation provides workforce development, resources & enriching programs to East End students.*



**COMMUNITY**  
*The East End community is being revitalized — culturally, physically and economically.*



**East End Chamber**  
of Commerce





**MISSION**  
*To connect businesses to promote economic expansion and investment in the East End.*



**VISION**  
*To be the premier catalyst for economic and community development in the East End.*



**VALUES**

**IMPACT** | *Making a Difference*  
*Working together to make an impact for the community, our employees, and business partners.*

**EXUBERANCE**  
*Energy & Positive Attitude*  
*To always execute with a can-do attitude that promotes engagement, excites our community and creates a productive environment.*

**SENSE OF COMMUNITY**  
*Community Passion*  
*Caring for the community, people, and businesses that we serve with genuine concern.*

**EXCELLENCE** | *Do It Right*  
*Always striving for excellence by applying good work ethics, fairness, utilizing the moral compass and ethical standards to always do the right thing.*



# East End Women in Transportation

## Transforming the Way We Think about Women and Transportation

By Sonia Ramirez

Today, more than ever, we are seeing strides in changing the narrative of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the transportation industry. Women are transforming the way we view their role in this varied line of work. What once was considered a male-dominated field is now seeing more women take charge in the industry, such as two of our East End Chamber members: **Rebecca Roberts** and **Marcia H. Faschingbauer**.

According to the U.S. Census, the number of women in transportation occupations only increased by three percent from 2005 to 2019, with 15 percent of 14.8 million of the transportation workforce being women. Roberts and Faschingbauer are securing their place in this ever-growing industry.

### Rebecca Roberts

Established in 2011, **All Points Warehouse Inc.** is a family-owned transportation business run by Roberts. Her team of talented women includes her daughters Renee and Pricilla, along with her nieces Jennifer, Michelle, and Lucy, all of whom she states are the “backbone” of the company. According to Roberts, the company is a recognized Woman-Owned Business by the State of Texas and registered as a Historically Underutilized Business.



Rebecca Roberts

Roberts said they chose to create a “Hub” for their various transportation companies by creating a base and providing a location in which they could expand their services. Today Rebecca and her family have three trucking companies. “The industry is an undying necessity and seemed to be a good foundation for family business,” Roberts said, who also promotes hiring other women and assigning them key roles in the company.

Empowering women-owned businesses is important, but their journey isn’t without obstacles. According to Roberts, the challenges of communicating in this “primarily male-dominated” industry can be an “extremely difficult and delicate” process. “To overcome such challenges, it was important to develop a support system of both genders to cater to the needs of everyone involved. It’s about building trust with your team and lenders,” Roberts said.

While there are many facets to a family-owned business, Roberts, and her team, including her husband, the Vice President, address many issues daily, from new business to

### All Points Warehouse Inc.

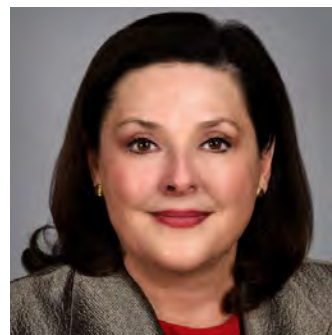


driver maintenance. In addition, Robert’s role also consists of being a motivator, coach, and instilling positive morale within the workplace. But her first and foremost advice for success she would give to other women in this industry would be to “put your plan in God’s hands and dedicate your business to honor and glorify him in everything you do.”

### Marcia H. Faschingbauer

**Excargo** was a dream of Faschingbauer, who wanted to have the best container transport company around and offer things she felt were missing from the industry, with customer-centric being at its core. “I fell in love with all the moving parts of transportation, in that role. No two days were ever the same. I love a challenge and the port was definitely a challenge to figure out,” Faschingbauer said.

Faschingbauer admits she “wasn’t one of the boys.” “I didn’t quite realize what an anomaly I was until customers would drag me into their bosses office and say, “Guess what she does! You’ll never believe it!” She learned the trucking business inside and out while garnering her business degrees and joining



Marcia H. Faschingbauer

national trade associations. She built her contacts by making friends across the country. “Trucking is a fascinating industry which is essential to the economy. The challenges are never ending,” said Faschingbauer, who admits she loves the drivers. “That is my secret sauce. I listen, I learn, and I speak Spanish. I am often one of the few gringas that knows their homeland.”

While Excargo is not a family-owned entity, Faschingbauer is creating a legacy plan that includes developing a team of



younger leaders to run the company with the same grit and determination of “making deadlines and helping customers succeed.” Her blueprint for success includes setting quarterly goals that she accomplishes by setting up blocks for sales, customers, team meetings, and working strategically.

Faschingbauer described her career as “innovative.” Her advice for women just starting in the business is to be “SMART: specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely.” She credits our East End Chamber with offering educational events, networking opportunities, and a support system that is beneficial to its members. “The Chamber has been very impactful and definitely is the best value of all associations.”

In October 2021, **MobilityXX**, a partnership of the **Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America)**, launched a campaign to increase the number of women in the transportation workforce by 10% over the next ten years. Nowhere is this more evident than our East End and the strides of Roberts and Faschingbauer leading the way for more women to follow in their footsteps.

Here at the Chamber, we strive to support and promote women in the workforce across various industries each year through events like our **East End Women in Business Luncheon**, the **East End Awards Celebration** in December, and an abundance of programs held over the year. If you want to learn more about our Chamber and our member benefits, visit our website [eecoc.org](http://eecoc.org).



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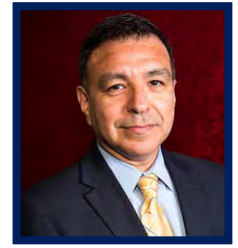
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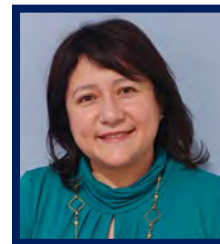
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# Join a Chamber Committee - Get Involved

Whether it's membership recruitment, organizing luncheons, helping with special events or creating new business relationships, there's a committee that will fit your schedule and interests. Most committees meet once or twice a month and some meet once a quarter. Get plugged in with the East End and the East End Chamber.



**Join today -  
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For more information and a full list of our Chamber Ambassadors.

## COMMITTEES

### Development Committee

Jose Valdez, *Chair*

- Task with Membership, Marketing and East End Works
- Ambassadors, Christina Romo, *Chair*

### Engagement Committee

Martin Perez, *Chair*

- Golf Tournament, Mike Redditt & Sara Montelongo-Oyervidez, *Co-Chairs*
- East End Celebration, Danielle Parkes, *Chair*



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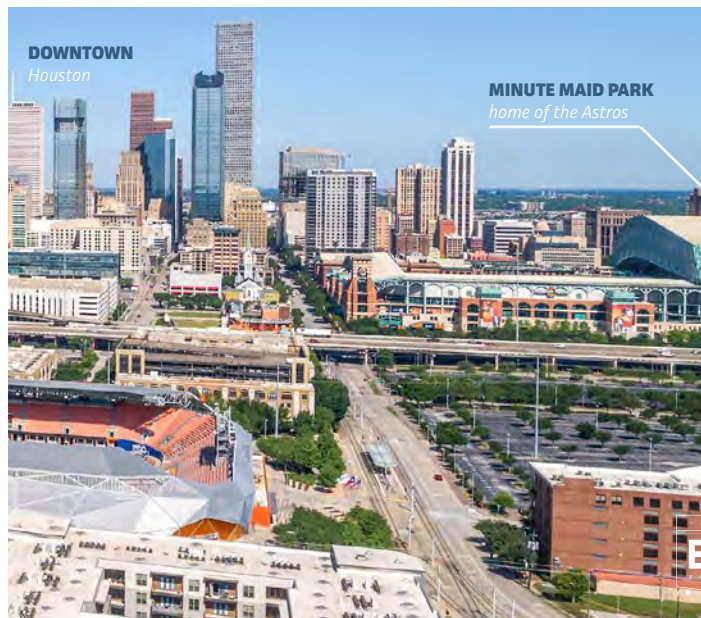
We are the front line volunteers officially representing the East End Chamber of Commerce, attending ribbon cuttings, Chamber breakfasts, luncheons, after hours and special events. Ambassadors also make member goodwill visits and communications to insure membership retention. The Chamber relies on the Ambassadors to aid in relaying information to and from members, identifying member concerns and garnering support for the East End and the Chamber.



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## East End District

The East End District serves commercial property owners within its 16-square mile boundaries with litter and dumpsite control, graffiti abatement, and a 24/7 security patrol.

The District spearheads community improvement projects that combine local assessment funds with public grants and private partnerships. Since Fall 2018, 98% for the cost of the District’s projects have been covered by those public-private partnerships, with the District contributing the remainder. For every \$1 of locally collected assessment funds spent by the District, it has raised and invested

\$44 from public-private partnerships. This funding has supported projects that promote safe access to transit, enhanced green space, pocket parks. Hike and bike trails with improved connectivity through the neighborhoods to transit are also within the District’s range of projects.

The abundance of available land, as well as existing warehouse and light manufacturing opportunities, make the East End an attractive setting for new businesses to locate and existing businesses to grow.

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# A Developing Community: East End holds strong and plentiful

By Jamaica Negrete

The **Houston East End Chamber of Commerce** is at the forefront of developing new relationships, while maintaining their current members, through an avid presence of social media and in the community, always highlighting the East End and its partners. The **East End Chamber** has made it its mission to advocate for the community by presenting new partnerships, new initiatives, and new members. New developments in the East End are **SERJobs** creation of a training facility due to open in early 2023 and Concept Neighborhoods' acquisition of the former W-K-M building to turn into a similar project like "The Plant" - a walkable retail and office space location for East End residents. A fun new outdoor Pickle Ball establishment, **Bumpy Pickle**, will bring recreational team sports to the Eastside. There will also be two new **Bezos Academy** centers opening in Denver Harbor and Magnolia Park for early childhood education and the biggest new development being **Port Houston's Project 11**, widening of the Ship Channel that could potentially bring various new infrastructure jobs to the area. East End prides itself on being the place to work, live and do business and with that slogan, it is precisely why the East End Chamber created East End Works, a program designed to address labor shortages, and employee retention. With the help of the **East End Chamber of Commerce** and its **President, Frances Castaneda Dyess**, leading the way, progress is set forth to continue to be strong and plentiful.

## EAST END WORKS

The goal of East End Works is to be a central hub for East End businesses to post and community members to find job related opportunities within the East End and beyond. This central Job Board has been created to help broaden reach for those seeking job opportunities or additional skilled training. Excitement looming from potential business owners throughout the East End, the Chamber is hopeful to be a major presence in the delegation of creating and finding job opportunities, social services resources, along with apprenticeships, internships, college readiness, skills trainings and more for employers and employees. *(For more information email [Frances@eecoc.org](mailto:Frances@eecoc.org)).*

## BUMPY PICKLE

**Bumpy Pickle** is Houston's largest recreational outdoor sand volleyball and pickleball court facility located at 554 Lockwood Drive. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and they have now brought it to Texas. And we all know, *"Everything's Bigger in Texas"*. **Bumpy Pickle** brings food, drinks, sports and entertainment together in an all new indoor/outdoor setting. With memberships available, as well, and unique V.I.P. packages, let the games begin!

New to the Houston's East End scene, **Bumpy Pickle** features

five well-lit, regulation-size sand volleyball courts and nine pickleball courts. It's a great place to unwind with friends and coworkers. Whatever you choose the delicious food and drinks at **Bumpy Pickle** will keep you revved up for every match.



## CONCEPT NEIGHBORHOOD

With the East End being home to numerous vacant manufacturer buildings, it seems only right to restore them to their glory of everyday resilience and operations. **Concept Neighborhood**, who's been around since 2021 has their sights set on the East End to develop new innovative multifamily retail spaces to help create a well-rounded walkable community to those living in the East End. Like their previous project, *The Plant*, **Concept Neighborhood** will be opening a similar set up at the former W-K-M campus established in 1947 located at 201 Roberts Street and surrounding areas over the next four years. Filled with 50,000 square feet of retail and 23,000 square feet of office space, the redevelopment is expected to be complete in 2026. To keep up with modern times, **Concept Neighborhood's** approach is to create a transit-oriented neighborhood where everyone in the community can get around without being car dependent. **Concept Neighborhood** is bringing back the East End as a popular spot for living, entertaining and shopping, while allowing local small businesses to flourish within the community. This will help create a natural hub as the new generation flock to the East End and make it their home.

## BEZOS ACADEMY

Partnering with **The City of Houston**, **The Bezos Academy**



announced that their home for the next preschools will be in Houston, in the heart of the historic East End. With locations being in Denver Harbor (6402 Market) and Magnolia Park (7524 Avenue E), these multi-service centers will welcome future students of the three- and four-year-old age range to new renovations for when it opens in 2023. Their goal is to nurture the potential in every child to become creative leaders, original thinkers, and lifelong learners by increasing access to early childhood education in underserved communities.

The research-based program model implanted by **Bezos Academy** includes full-day and year-round programming, family and community partnership, small class size teacher-student ratios, effective leadership, highly qualified teachers, Montessori-inspired curriculum, healthy nutrition, inclusive environment, continuous improvement, and fully funded. The **Bezos Academy** Curriculum ensures that a high-quality learning experience is offered to each child and that developmental outcomes meet or exceed the national standards for early childhood education and their curriculum has four key areas: child centered, culturally responsive, standards-based, and Montessori-inspired. These four areas drive their decisions on what is taught in the classrooms.

Other key curriculum areas will be centered on being child centered, culturally responsive, standards-based, Montessori-inspired approach, special-emotional development, language, math, practical life, sensory development, art, music and movement, outdoor environment, and enrichment.



SERJobs Workforce Resource + Training Center

## SERJOBS

**SERJobs** is launching its new state-of-the-art Workforce Resource + Training Center (WRTC) located at 1960 Tellepsen, to continue transforming the lives of individuals through education, skill-based training, employment, and long-term financial stability.

The new center will host expanded training opportunities in high growth/high demand industries, including, but not limited to construction, CDL, warehouse/forklift, data cabling & fiber optics, welding, banking, and customer service. **SERJobs** offers an array of resources to individuals in the community through apprenticeships, financial empowerment, an on-site GED program for youth, and will be home to the first community-based C.H.E.E.R (Children's Health Education Enrichment Resource) room.

**SERJobs' WRTC**, was made possible because of investments from the Economic Development Administration, **Harris County, the City of Houston** and corporations and foundations. The 1.5 story building is approximately 22,000 sq feet and includes a large multi-purpose room, 8 classrooms, 3 training labs with advanced equipment, conference rooms, and office spaces. With a purpose to be a transformational hub for under-served and under-resourced individuals from the East End and the Greater Houston community, **SERJobs** will continue to serve all those in need, including opportunity youth, veterans, members of the reentry community, and its many employer partners who are seeking ready-to-work employees.

## PROJECT 11 – PORT HOUSTON

Wider, Deeper, Safer - these are the characteristics that the **Port Houston** will be implementing on its **Project 11 expansion of the Houston Ship Channel**. This expansion will be critical to the East End's economic growth and commerce while creating a more efficient waterway.



When complete, the Houston Ship Channel expansion – **Project 11** – will widen the channel by 170 feet along its Galveston Bay reach, from 530 feet to 700 feet. It will also deepen some upstream segments to 46.5 feet. More demand and more cargo, especially since Covid-19, means bigger ships to accommodate, safely in order to maintain a two-way traffic system that is ideal to our channel's infrastructure. With energy and manufacturing exports increasing and vessel sizes growing, it is imperative that Project 11's goal of completing the transformation be complete by the year 2025.

The Port of Houston drives over \$800 billion in annual national economic value, has three million U.S. jobs, and is the nation's number one port in total waterborne tonnage. With its partners, the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Port Houston** was awarded the first dredging (removing sediment from under water) contract in 2021 that includes safety measures to reduce pollutions and work to go to local small businesses. This is why new developments like **SERJobs** new training facility and The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce's job board, **East End Works**, will be fundamental to ensure the vitality of the East End and its community.





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# East End Chamber Foundation

Founded in 2006, the Foundation is committed to supporting the educational needs of area students and has awarded \$595,950 in scholarships the last 17 years. Students received recognition at our annual Education Symposium where we strive to bridge industry and education by building an effective workforce.

## FOUNDATION MISSION

The East End Scholars mission is committed to serving the educational and communal needs of Houston's East End by partnering with public officials, Chamber members, and the community to offer workforce development, monetary support and guidance to local students.



# 399

Scholarships have been awarded to East End graduates



# \$595,950

The Houston East End Chamber Foundation has awarded to East End Scholars!



# 142

East End Scholars graduated with a degree

## MENTOR PROGRAM MISSION

The Mentor Program is designed to help our students succeed in school and in their careers. After receiving a scholarship, students are placed in our mentorship program where they are partnered with industry professionals from our community.



## EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Education Symposium began the dialogue in 2013 to create a bridge between industry and education in order to create a workforce that meets Houston demands. The great work continues in 2023! We continue to discuss partnership models that are effective. We are taking a look at the current changes in schools, discussing how industry can provide effective feedback, and calling for action! We look forward to returning to a half-day event, with break-out sessions relevant to the current workforce trends/needs. We are proud to bring East End principals, teachers, counselors, students, industry leaders, community leaders and members together to create a career pathway for students in our community.



## MISSION

Our Mission is to provide community members with opportunities for success.

## VALUES

- Opportunity
- Connection
- Investment
- Partnership

## VISION

Our Vision is for the East End to be a community where everyone has the tools to build a strong future.



East End Chamber  
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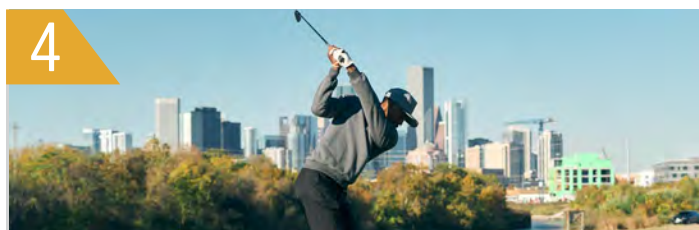
**1 Latina Icons Mural** – The mural pictures a little girl reading a book about Heroines from her community. As from her mind’s eye, five women materialize behind her (Yolanda Black Navarro, Nelly Moyano Fraga, Angela Morales, Graciela Saenz, and Norma Zenteno.) Latina Icons Mural is located at Yolanda Black Navarro Middle School, was conceptualized and organized by Rich Rodriguez, funded by Harris County Pct 2 (Precinct2gether), and created by muralist Gelson Danillo Lemus. | 5100 Polk St., Houston, TX 77023



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**3 Garza Studios** – Located in Second Ward (Segundo Barrio) Garza Studios is a family-owned business with humble beginnings that exists to provide and advocate increased access to artistic expression and arts programming for residents in the area. Collaborations with local arts non-profits help bring opportunities for art education to an otherwise underserved community. 241 N. Milby Street, Suite C, Houston, TX 77003



**4 Par 3 Course – East River 9** – Big changes are coming to the East End, among them is a newly opened, state-of-the-art public, 9-hole, par 3 golf course that is equipped with LED lights for evening play. The facility also includes a driving range, putting green and 6 Pickleball courts. Riverhouse Houston, a family-friendly restaurant and patio bar, anchors the golf course and showcases tremendous views of downtown and the bayou. | 65 Hirsch Rd, Houston, TX 77020



**5 Cidercade** – Cidercade is the East End’s answer to good ole fashion arcade fun. A \$10 admission gets you unlimited play on 275+ games, pinball, air hockey, and more! For \$15 you can get a recurring monthly membership. To top it off, Cidercade offers a wide variety of hard beverages to choose from. A family-friendly place during the day, but 21+ starting at 8 pm. | 2320 Canal St., Houston, TX 77003



**6 Magnolia Tavern** – Located along the historic East End, Magnolia Tavern is the neighborhood sports bar to gather with friends and unwind with a variety of food and beverage items to choose from. With TVs located across the bar, it’s sure to be one of your favorite spots to catch a game or two. They even have an ode to Central Perk from the hit show Friends. | 310 Milby St., Houston, TX 77011



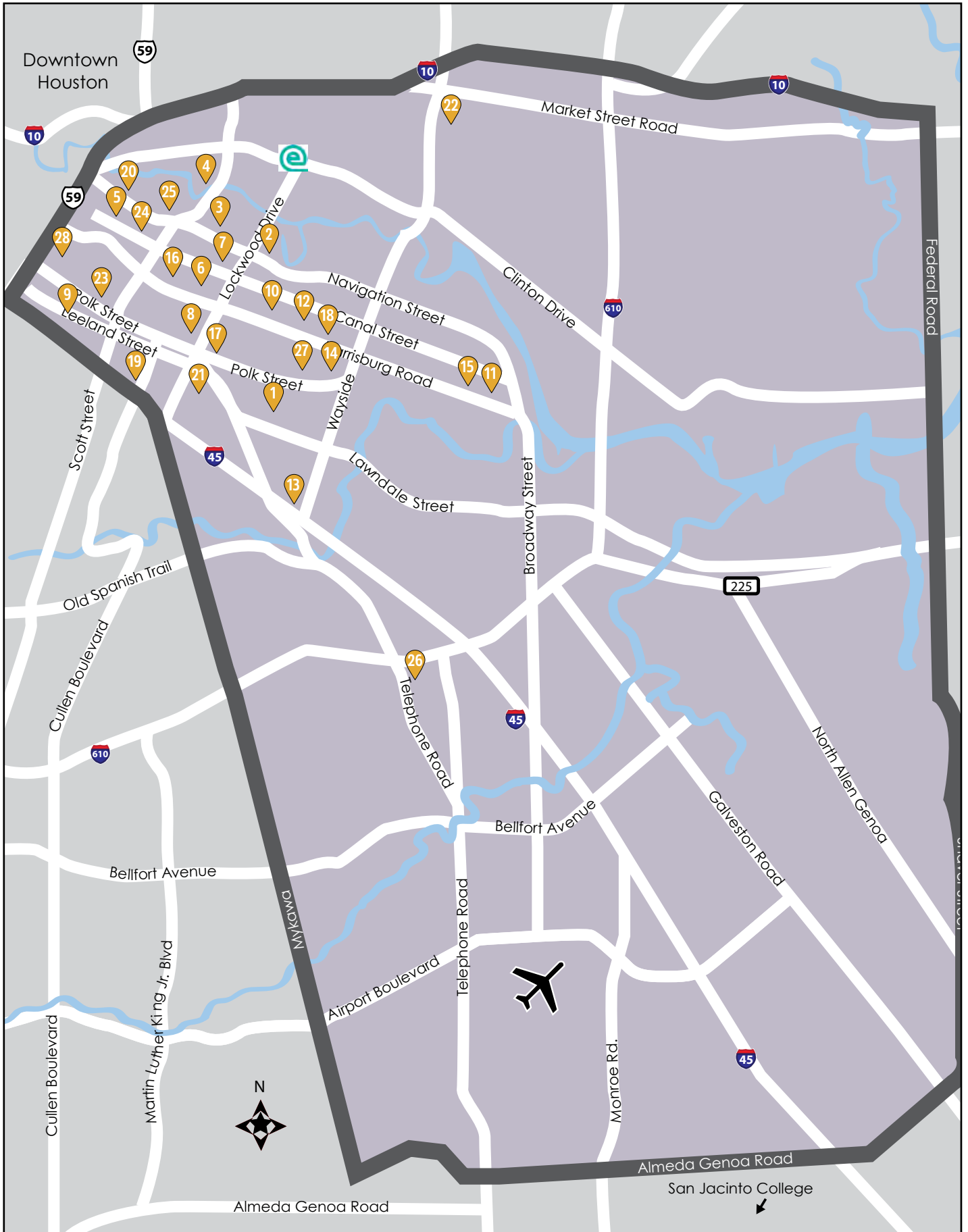
**7 Storyhive – Ruth Bader Ginsburg Mural** – Houston-based video production firm Storyhive is home to a historic new mural celebrating the life and legacy of the “Notorious RBG” – Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG). The RBG Mural was commissioned by the Houston Holocaust Museum and created by Houston artist Sylvia Blanco. The mural was showcased during Storyhive’s grand opening on Cinco de Mayo in 2022. | 4010 Canal Street Houston, Texas 77003



**8 Norma Zenteno Sculpture** – Norma Zenteno was a beloved Houston singer/songwriter/ musician and eldest daughter of big band leader Roberto Zenteno. Norma passed away in 2014 from breast cancer. A statue honoring her legacy became the first sculpture of a Latina woman in Houston. The statue was unveiled in 2022 at The Center for Pursuit and features a bronze, life-sized figure of Norma sitting with her guitar and a Barrio Dog at her feet. | 4400 Harrisburg Blvd, Houston, TX 77011

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**10 Big City Wings** – Café Louie is an all-day bistro serving up a delicious homestyle menu of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options along with locally roasted coffee, carefully selected tea, and regionally sourced draft beer and wine. | 3401 Harrisburg Blvd, Suite G Houston, TX 77003



**15 El Jardin** – This longstanding family-owned and operated restaurant is a must when visiting the East End. Established in 1975 by Mr. Jose Gonzalez Sr., El Jardin is a historic Houston landmark serving traditional homemade recipes passed down from generation to generation.  
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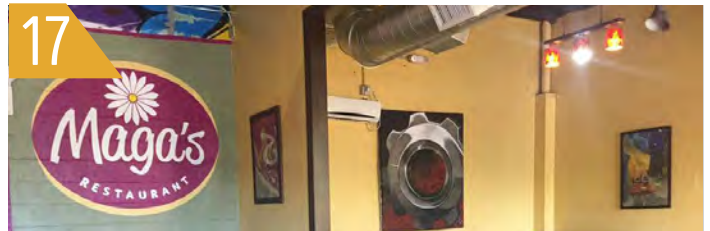
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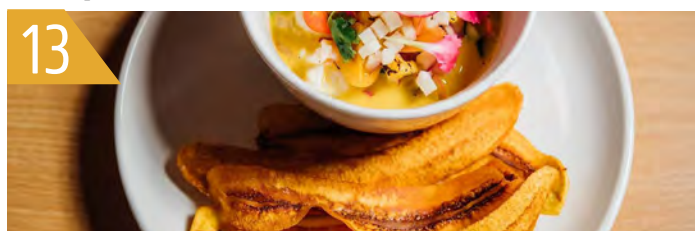
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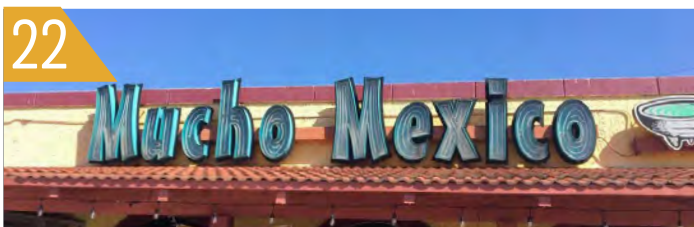
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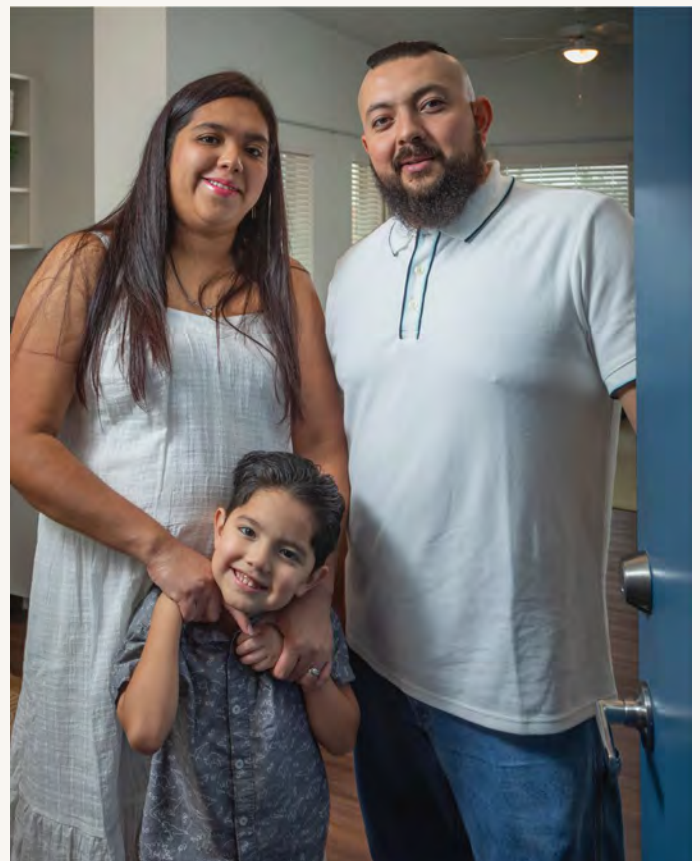
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