

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#63

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

COMMENDATION

HONORING YESENIA LOPEZ
DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

WHEREAS, Yesenia Lopez will be honored during the Celebration of the Power of Women in the Labor Movement to be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Yesenia Lopez was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey. She moved to northern New Jersey to attend Rutgers University - Newark where she obtained her undergraduate degree in criminal justice. She became the first Latina archivist in the State of New Jersey when she received her Master's degree from Long Island University in 2007. She is now Director of the New Jersey Hispanic Research & Information Center (NJHRIC) at The Newark Public Library; and

WHEREAS, recalling the mistreatment her father received from his union, Yesenia Lopez was eager to join AFSCME Local 2298 (Newark Public Library Employees) in 2006. Her enthusiasm to represent her colleagues and become actively involved in her Local quickly earned her the role of secretary in training. Since then, she's served as Local 2298 Secretary, Executive Board Member, Vice-President and President. Since assuming her role as Local President in 2015, she's become active in AFSCME NJ Council 63 where she serves as one of the founding Executive Board Members and actively participates in AFSCME NJ's Women Organizing Women Committee; and

WHEREAS, in the community, Yesenia Lopez serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Boys to Leaders Foundation; a Community Advisory Board member of the Clara Maass Center for Latino Excellence in Health; and board member of the Center for Hispanic Policy, Research, and Development (CHPRD) Alumni Group; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Yesenia Lopez was awarded the "Shaping Our Future Leadership Award" on behalf of the Friends of HRIC. The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders (now Essex County Commissioners) honored her at the 2017 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. In 2022, she was honored with an "Extraordinary and Exemplary Women 2022" Award by the Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. Her life experiences and family are the motivation behind her continued commitment and dedication to serving her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Yesenia Lopez for being honored during the Celebration of the Power of Women in the Labor Movement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Yesenia Lopez .

Michael J. Polunski

Approved as to form and legality _____

Commissioner Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____

Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					MERCADO				
GILL					POMARES, V.P.				
GRAHAM					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON									
LUCIANO					RICHARDSON, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President