

Hispanic Heritage Month

Community Voices: Councilman Delgado

What would you like to tell us about your Hispanic heritage?

My parents came to Washoe County in the late 1960s from Mexico. My mother Maria is from the state of Guanajuato, and my father Roberto is from the state of San Luis Potosi. I have three brothers: Roberto, Eduardo, and Juan. In elementary school, my brothers and I were often the only Latino kids in class.



Me with my twins Samiya and Dario enjoying our beautiful Sierra mountains.

How and why is it important to you?

My heritage is very important to me because of its inevitable influence on how I perceive community collaboration, equity, and inclusion.



A White Coats for Black Lives event, where African American medical doctors and I stood shoulder to shoulder in solidarity to bring public health awareness and change for minority communities.

What is a source of pride for you in your culture?

As immigrants, my parent's sacrifices and hard work are a strong source of pride for me, in addition to the many barriers that were shattered during the Chicano Civil Rights movement, and the many accomplishments by Latino professionals across our nation.



My parents and my twins when my mom became a US citizen.

What do you wish your greater community knew about Hispanic cultures?

The Latino community played a huge role in Nevada's history. Nevada's economic mining boom in Virginia City was heavily supported by Mexican immigrant miners and their techniques, and their hard work and commitment to community continues to be a major source of Nevada's successes.

What does Hispanic Heritage Month mean to you?

The Latino community and history is a fundamental part of American history. Hispanic Heritage month is celebrated to recognize the achievements and



Me speaking at an assembly at Glenn Duncan S.T.E.M. Academy.

contributions of Hispanic American champions. More importantly, its beauty is recognized through our youth, who are able to see themselves in those who have shattered barriers, which instills pride, courage, and resilience. In essence, their dreams become obtainable.

