

El Paso County Elections Department December 4, 2023

The El Paso County Elections Department invited local high school students to participate in the third edition of the El Paso County "I Voted" sticker design contest. The contest was open to all high school students in the county and the winning design will be used as the official "I Voted" sticker for the 2024 electoral cycle. The El Paso County Elections Department received 325 submissions for this third edition of the contest. The sticker will be distributed to voters at all Early Voting Locations and Election Day Vote Centers during the 2024 elections.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rebecca Lopez



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pablo Alonso



1<sup>st</sup> Place Denisse Villalobos-Estrada



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# 2024 "I Voted" Sticker Contest Meet The Judges

Claudia S. Preza - Assistant Curator, El Paso Museum of Art

Claudia S. Preza is a bilingual curator focusing primarily on identity and counter-hegemonic initiatives within the US and MX border region. With 10 years of experience working in art museums and galleries, Preza is currently the Assistant Curator at the El Paso Museum of Art. Preza has a MA in Museums Professions with a concentration in Exhibition Development and a BA in Art History.

Why did you accept your participation as a judge for this contest?—I accepted the invitation to be a Judge for this contest because I believe in empowering youth and the importance of involvement in the electoral process. Furthermore, it is great to see the work of aspiring artists and graphic designers.





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Tino Ortega – Local Artist/Muralist

Tino Ortega is an El Paso artist. His work is characterized by a kind of hyper realism – works that blur the line between photorealism and depiction. His work features those who have made or are working to make a difference in the community at large. He has also dedicated himself to exploring the idea of "connectivity through diversity."

He likes the idea that the viewers can be a part of the art. He believes artists have the responsibility to bring empathy and emotion into their artwork where the viewer can relate in a way that creates change.





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Anne Hussmann Mitchell - Founder & Owner, So El Paso

Anne Hussmann Mitchell is a 4th generation El Pasoan and the founder of So El Paso, a certified women-owned souvenir and corporate gifting company. Founded in 2015, Anne wanted to shine a positive light on her hometown and launched a line of salsas, brittles, nuts and more. Shortly thereafter she opened a retail store and also sells her products in Whole Foods, the airport, Total Wine and online.

She currently serves on the board of the El Paso Chamber and mentors with Pioneers 21. She lives a block from the house she grew up in, drives a minivan and is enjoying everything El Paso has to offer with her husband and 2 children.

Why did you accept your participation as a judge for this contest? – I am thrilled to be asked to judge because I believe voting is a fundamental right as a US citizen and should be exercised by all. Receiving and proudly wearing the "I Voted" sticker is a rite of passage for voters and for the County to make it an open and inclusive contest is not only fun, but brilliant!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8c7vEpV1TU