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In 2007, Dr. Laura Murillo was named President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Chamber Board and Staff she has set unprecedented records in membership (with 950% growth), revenue (with 1700% increase) since 2007 - and by becoming the largest Hispanic Chamber in the country. Two years after taking the helm, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce won the National and Regional Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award from U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Marketer of the Year by the American Marketing Association three times during her tenure.

She also serves as the Founding President & CEO of the Chamber's Foundation, Founding Executive Producer/Host for the Chamber's Radio and Television Programs on CBS and Univision with a cumulative audience reach of 3.3 million. She is also a Telemundo Political Commentator and has appeared on numerous international media outlets.

She holds a B.A, a Master's Degree, and a Doctorate from the University of Houston, where she served as an Executive for 15 years. The University of Houston bestowed its highest honor, the President's Medallion, to the Chamber and Dr. Murillo. Prior to her current role, she served as an executive at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for 7 years.

She has received many state, national and international honors including being named among the "Most Powerful & Influential Women in Texas" and the "Top Latino Leader Award" by the National Diversity Council, 2018 "Distinguished Alumni Award" by the University of Houston, 2017 "Power 25 Houston Award" by Walker's Legacy, "Woman of the Year" by Success Magazine and the "International Leadership Award" by Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation.

The "Ohtli Award" - the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government to a Mexican American was awarded to Dr. Murillo for her Advocacy and Civic Leadership in 2016. Dr. Murillo was featured in The Houston Chronicle's 'Women Who Run Houston' 2016 article and was named as "Outstanding Service Honoree" by the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation. The National MBA Organization honored her with the "Excellence Award" and D-mars.com named her as an "Icon Honoree." She was also named "Top 10 Who's Who in Business" and has been named among the "Top 5 C-Suite CEO's" by the Houston Business Journal. In 2014, she was honored with the "Hispanic Leadership Award" by the National Football League (NFL) to name a few.

Dr. Murillo serves on the Houston BBVA Compass Board of Directors, the University of Houston Board Of Advisors, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board, Co-Chair for the Harris County International Committee, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Executive Committee, the Houston Super Bowl Committee, the Houston Symphony Hispanic Advisory Board, the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau Board, and the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Advisory Committee.

The youngest of nine children, she was born to Mexican immigrant parents and was raised in Houston's East End/Magnolia. She is the proud mother of Marisa and Mia. Marisa is a freshman at Columbia University and Mia is an honors sophomore at St. John's School in River Oaks.