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**TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION APPOINTS LADONNA CASTAÑUELA
DIRECTOR OF CHARITABLE BINGO**

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has appointed LaDonna Castañuela as Director of the Charitable Bingo Operations Division, where she will oversee the agency’s regulation of bingo effective July 1, 2021.

“I am pleased to announce LaDonna Castañuela as the next director of the Charitable Bingo Operations Division,” said Texas Lottery Commission Chairman Robert G. Rivera. “Ms. Castañuela brings extensive state government experience to this position, and I am confident she is the right leader to shepherd the agency’s regulatory function and collaborative efforts with the charitable bingo industry and stakeholder groups.”

Castañuela assumes her new role with more than three decades of experience working for various Texas state agencies. Most recently, she has served as an attorney and mediator for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, where she helped develop the department’s mediation program and spearheaded many legislative and regulatory initiatives.

Previously, Castañuela held various roles at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, including as Chief Clerk to the Commission. She started her career in Texas state government at the Office of the Attorney General.

Castañuela holds a Juris Doctorate degree in Law from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor’s Degree in Comparative Literature from Princeton University.

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About Charitable Bingo

The Charitable Bingo Operations Division of the Texas Lottery Commission is charged with the strict control and close supervision of bingo conducted in Texas. Charitable Bingo provides authorized organizations the opportunity to raise funds for their charitable purposes by conducting bingo and determines that all charitable bingo funds are used for an authorized purpose and that bingo is conducted fairly. Charitable Bingo works to achieve voluntary compliance and assist licensees through training and education.

For more information about charitable bingo, please visit the official Texas Charitable Bingo website at www.txbingo.org.

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