

Nomination Cover Sheet

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame  
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## **Nomination in the Media Category**

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Work History is as follows:

My journalism career began while attending college where I worked as a student assistant in the University of New Mexico Sports Information Office. I worked on the stats crew for basketball, was the public address announcer for both baseball and soccer and wrote press releases for various sports.

December 1996 – June 1998

I began working as a stringer for the Albuquerque Journal, covering high school sports, University of New Mexico athletics.

June 1998 - January 2000.

I began my full time Sports Journalism career working full-time as sports reporter for the Hobbs News Sun, where I covered high school sports, junior college and NAIA sports

Feb. 2000 - May 2009

Worked full time at the Las Cruces Sun News, covering high school sports, New Mexico State sports, horse racing and boxing. Also helped designed sports pages.

Mid-May of 2009-Current

My position with the El Paso Times Sports Department had me doing some design and layout work when I first started. Since leaving the design desk I continued with my sports writing career covering high school sports both boys and girls, boxing (local, regionally and nationally), horse racing (locally and regional) and UTEP athletics. I have covered all these different sports on the local, state and national level.

Education:

Graduated from the University of New Mexico in May of 1997

I would like to Thank the Members of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame (EPAHoF) for considering my nomination for induction into this prestigious hall and consider it an honor to simply be nominated. But to become part of this First-Class Organization is beyond words.

To: El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Committee

From: Victor R. Martinez

RE: Nomination of Felix Chavez, El Paso Times high school sports writer

I am writing to respectfully endorse the nomination of El Paso Times sports writer Felix Chavez to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the Media & Supporter of Athletics category.

Felix's contributions and dedication to the region's athletic landscape is undeniable.

From telling the stories of pugilist such as Johnny Tapia, Austin Trout and Abie and Jennifer Han to interviewing horse trainer Bob Baffert and informing the public of all the comings and goings from Sunland Park Racetrack and Ruidoso Downs, Felix has it covered.

But where Felix shines brightest is covering high school sports in the El Paso. It is his true passion. In the fall, he will work late nights providing coverage of high school football games on a Friday, then waking up at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning to report on high school cross country and volleyball.

In the winter he is busy covering volleyball and football playoffs, the start of boys and girl's basketball all while providing as many scores and highlighting top players in his ever-growing "round-ups."

Felix is truly a one-man gang when it comes to high school sports coverage in the city.

The spring doesn't get any easier as he takes the solo responsibility of profiling athletes in tennis, softball, baseball, track and field.

It is non-stop for Felix from July when he prepares for the fall football and volleyball seasons until the earlier June with the end of softball and baseball playoffs.

Felix has been instrumental in providing these young athletes a spotlight and a voice. He positively impacts the well-being of the community he serves and warrants consideration for the hall

Respectfully,

Victor R. Martinez

March 30, 2020

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Mr. Edmund Stansbury, President El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Stansbury and El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee: This letter is in reference to Mr. Felix Chavez as a nominee for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the Media/Supporter of Athletics Category. During my later years with the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, Mr. Chavez in his duties as a sports reporter with the El Paso Times, served as great guidance in our mission to expand and announce our many varied programs and events to the general public. During this same time frame I have personally witnessed his ability to deal with irate or sometimes hostile coaches, players or parents and yet he has always remained calm, listened and made his point in a quick, concise manner. The journalistic skills of Mr. Chavez are always evident in his writing as many do not have his gift to juggle so many daily duties from outlining story ideas, interview athletes of all ages, taking photos and or videos, all the while researching information to ensure it is factual, precise and accurate. El Paso, Texas is a city of over 40 high schools on a private and public school level with over 22 sports for females and males athletes coupled with many professional sports teams. Felix Chavez can easily reflect on athletes' accomplishments, right away when the question arises. During the pandemic year of 2020 was a shining example of the excellence in reporting and being innovative by Mr. Chavez in the recognition by the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Student Athletes of the Year. His insight to write the stories, organize the videos, recap the many High School Seniors athletic careers and organize the multitude of high school teams, coaches and athletes for the printed and web editions of the El Paso Times was unprecedented in El Paso sports history. Whether covering High School Sports, UTEP Athletics or any of the many professional teams in the city, he gives them their star notoriety, while accentuating their positive individual and team aspects. Mr. Felix Chavez should be given strong consideration for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame for his commitment of going above and beyond his duties and always being professional, hardworking and a true credit to the journalistic profession.

Sincerely Yours,

Wayne Thornton El Paso Parks and Recreation Department (Retired)