

MOJICA-HAMMER, RUTH (1926–)

“My first step in liberation was opening my own savings accounts and getting my driver’s license.”

Mojica-Hammer learned about social justice issues at her family’s kitchen table. Educated in Chicago schools, she understood the problems faced by Mexican Americans in urban settings and sought to bring about much needed reforms. She began her career as a radical community advocate, ran for Congress in 1972, worked with La Raza Unida party, and the National Women’s Political Caucus. A founding member of the National Latino Media Coalition, she served as a co-host for “We Are Chicago,” a production of CBS-TV in Chicago. Founder and publisher of *El Clarín*, a bilingual Chicano publication, she served on the Census Advisory Committee on the Spanish Origin Population for the 1980 census and also on numerous boards of local community organizations, including the Spanish Coalition for Jobs and the Mexican American Business and Professional Women’s Club of Chicago. An active member of the Evangelical Christian Church, Mojica-Hammer continues to fight for social justice in all walks of life.