

**ERNESTO “TJ” TIJERINA  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina, from San Antonio, Texas, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Tijerina has worked for 47 years as a professional educator and in school administration. His experience in, and out of the classroom as a teacher and superintendent has earned him several awards including Education Service Center Region 20 Superintendent of the Year and Texas Association of School Boards Regional Superintendent of the Year.

He became a Lion in 1977 after joining the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club and continues to serve with them to this day. He has held a number of offices with the association including district governor, district campus club chairperson and district GMT membership and new club growth team member. He has also been invited several times to participate on the LCI Advocacy Committee to represent Lions at Lions Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President’s Awards and International President’s Certificates of Appreciation. He has also been awarded with the Lions Clubs International Foundation Helping Hands Award. Director Tijerina is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Tijerina is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the Texas Association of Elementary Principals and Supervisors, the Texas Association of School Administrators and the Texas Charter Schools Association.

Director Tijerina and his wife, Juanita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 48 years and have three children and four grandchildren.