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## **GIGI FERNANDEZ HEADLINES USTA TEXAS, USPTA TEXAS TENNIS CONFERENCE**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Seventeen time Grand Slam champion **Gigi Fernandez** is hosting a USPTA masters clinic and is the keynote speaker at the USTA Texas, USPTA Texas and Hall of Fame awards banquet on Sat., February 20.

The masters' clinic, featuring Fernandez, will take place at the Horseshoe Bay Resort from 1 – 5 p.m. The conference includes an hour long seminar focused on Hispanic engagement, as part of the USTA's diversity and inclusion efforts.

The event will also feature an on-court demonstration with **Fernando Velasco** from 2 - 3:30 p.m., followed by the master's doubles clinic. The clinic is open to all those who would like to attend. To register, please contact **Charlotte Wylie** at [cwylie2@verizon.net](mailto:cwylie2@verizon.net).



The weekend is part of the joint USTA Texas and USPTA Texas Division Annual Meeting in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. There is also the awards banquet hosted by the two organizations and the Texas Tennis Museum & Hall of Fame honoring its inductees.

Fernandez, a Puerto Rico native who turned professional in 1983, became Puerto Rico's first female professional athlete in any sport. Her illustrious career included winning two Olympic Gold Medals and an astounding 71 titles on the WTA tour, including 17 Grand Slam doubles titles.

Among her astonishing tennis achievements, Fernandez was named Puerto Rican Athlete of the Century and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2010. Gigi now shares her expertise and passion for tennis working as a coach and conducting master doubles clinics.

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### **USTA Texas**

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