

Lupe Ontiveros, Actress and HIV/AIDS Advocate, Dies

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Actress and HIV/AIDS advocate Lupe Ontiveros has died after a brief battle with liver cancer, the Washington Post reports. She was 69. Ontiveros is known for her memorable roles in movies and TV shows such as *Desperate Housewives* and *Real Women Have Curves*, but she is perhaps best known for starring alongside Jennifer Lopez in the biopic *Selena*. She played Yolanda Saldivar, the woman who was convicted of killing Selena Quintanilla. When she was not acting, Ontiveros was an advocate for Latino health and social justice issues. In a statement, the Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA) memorialized her support of its HIV testing initiatives and its promotion of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.

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