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Mayor Mr. Gerardo Sanchez and Council Members
City of San Luis, Arizona
1090 E. Union St.
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Dear Mayor Sanchez and Honorable Members of the City of San Luis Council:

It is with great satisfaction and appreciation that I would like to report to you that the 2016 Blazing Desert ComicCon (BDCC) San Luis has accomplished its main objectives:


- Promote a positive image of San Luis
- Make cultural and artistic events available to San Luis residents
- Incorporate a diverse group of Comic-Con enthusiasts to our community
- Access to these activities usually available only in large urban/cosmopolitan centers
- Encourage the inclusion of peoples of all backgrounds in a single event
- Impact positively San Luis businesses as they participate on a limited basis
- Aid the local economy for San Luis businesses as Comic-Con enthusiasts will need gas, food, and other items.
- Establish a scholarship exclusively for college students from San Luis
- Enhance young adults' abilities while mentoring them as future leaders

For two consecutive days, this year's event brought Comic Con enthusiasts to our city. They enjoyed artists representing the genre of animation, drawing, cosplaying, illustration, Harry Potter wand making, and many more creative activities.

This year the 2016 BDCC included special guests such as Rick Hoberg (Seattle, WA), and John Swasey (Houston, TX). Both gentlemen have participated in the San Diego Comic Con, Chicago Comic Con, New York Comic Con and many more. I had the pleasure of having a nice conversation with both and listened to their satisfaction of participating in our event here in San Luis.

Our young organizers firmly believe that the BDCC has the potential for growth and confidently assert that it already is "the only event of its kind in southwestern Arizona". Organizers and volunteers have gathered to assess the results for this year. They are extremely satisfied with the outcomes and have scheduled next year's 2017 BDCC event for the month of March. Nonetheless, the main challenge continues to be the financial aspect of the organization and planning of the event. It will take several years to make BDCC self-sustainable. For this reason, and on behalf of the organizers, I would like to request your financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 for the organization on the 2017 BDCC. With your aid, I am confident that our own Comic Con will continue to grow becoming a remarkable socio-cultural event in our region.

Respectfully,


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