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City of San Luis Mayor Gerardo Sanchez and Council Members
P.O. Box 1170
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Dear Mayor Sanchez and members of the Council,

I am hereby asking for your financial assistance to organize and celebrate the 2020 San Luis Film Festival on November 10-13, 2020 in San Luis, Arizona.

For the past eight years, we have programmed more than 20 different movies from the following countries; USA, Mexico, Austria, Spain, France, Dominican Republic and Spain. We have hosted more than thirty actors, directors and producers during these years. Many of our guests have been recognized by the film industries of different countries around the world.

This festival premiered in the year 2012 as part the statewide centennial celebration. Our goal is to screen quality films and to serve as a platform for local and regional talents to showcase their own projects. This event provides excellent and entertaining movies for the entire family. The dynamics of the event include four movie screenings, one each night, along with a Q&A audience session with actors/directors who have participated in the film. Last year, we included the "Sonrie San Luis" [*What Makes Me Smile About San Luis?*] short film competition open to senior and junior students from San Luis High School and PPEP-Tec High School. We are extremely satisfied with the response from our community and look forward to expand in this area.

These year activities are still under discussion and will be communicated to the public though the film festival online platforms as soon as they become available.

We are grateful to the community of San Luis and the region for their participation and their support. The film screenings during the four days of the festival have always been offered free of charge. For the volunteers, the logistics, costs associated with administration, film fees, transportation, marketing, printing, planning, volunteers' incentives, etc., continues to be a challenge for us. We will be able to hold this San Luis event this year and would like to request your assistance. We would like to request your financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000.00.

This event has established as an attraction at the City of San Luis and the region. Public participation has been increasing year by year. The festival helps highlight San Luis as an artistic hub along the different artistic activities taking place here throughout the year. We want to continue offering this type of activities only available in big cities, but cannot do it without your help.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at (928) 246-5212 or via email.

Respectfully,



Antonio C. Carrillo, MA/MEd

Cc: Mr. Tadeo de La Hoya

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