

March 9, 2021

Mayor Mr. Gerardo Sanchez and Council Members
City of San Luis, Arizona
1090 E. Union St.
San Luis, AZ 85349

Dear Mayor Sanchez and Honorable Members of the City of San Luis Council,

In the times of COVID-19, I am proud to report that volunteers, city staff and primarily our residents were such a wonderful team in observing Center for Disease Control (CDC), state and city health guidelines and at the same time supported the 2020 San Luis Film Festival (SLFF).

Last year, we had a socially distanced-hybrid opening ceremony along with a socially distanced drive-in cinema format. During the open-air event, the community attendance exceeded our expectations and 100+ vehicles registered for the event. Volunteers, audience, and city staff adhered to the CDC health recommendations. The audience remained in their vehicles and everyone observed the social distance recommendations and the wearing of their facemasks at all times.

We screened movies from four different countries, *La Promesa (The Promise)* from Mexico, *Epicentro (Epicenter)* from France/Cuba and *Sin Señas Particulares (Identifying Features)* from Spain/Mexico. Identifying Features' lead actress Mercedes Hernandez attended the closing of the event. "I never felt so happy to hear the cars honking" referencing the audience reaction to her presentation during the event where instead of applause the audience honked to appreciate her. In a follow up meeting with Ms. Hernandez, she stated that of all the events she has attended, "the SLFF has been the best".

As we move forward to this year's event, I would like to inform you that the film fest will be achieving a great milestone. **The SLFF will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary in 2021.** The volunteers and organizing members are planning a celebration that will highlight one decade of the event and our community's place in the arts. The film fest will continue the tradition of bringing quality films, guest actors and a gathering for our residents. The plans are to have an event that will observe the CDC health guidelines and at the same time an open-air event. We are hoping that you continue providing us your financial support this year and humbly request your assistance in the amount of \$5000 for this purpose.

Actors Baltimore Beltran, Alberto Trujillo, Jorge Luis Moreno, Mercedes Hernandez, directors Jorge Leyva, Alejandro Ramirez Corona and Hill Diaz among others have tentatively accepted the invite to join us on the 10th year anniversary of the film fest.

Respectfully,



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