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Dear Friends:

On Friday, March 29, Tucson will be celebrating the Cesar Chavez Holiday.

Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 and we must not forget the legacy led by him such as his determination to improve the quality of life for all. He was an Educator, Environmentalist and a Civil Rights Leader. One of his most famous sayings was: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community.

Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

For the past 30 years the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), in partnership with the Southern Arizona Institute of Leadership (SAIL) and the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) have been actively involved in our community providing educational assistance to our youth and motivating them to realize education is the key to success and that their number one goal should be to graduate.

Education is a great equalizer. Latino's are now the largest racial and ethnic population, affecting the cultural and political landscape and changing the way America does business. The presence and influence of Latinos has increased significantly in the United States through remarkable growth over the past 20 years. But according to recent polls, Latinos in the United States see education as the most important issue facing their community. Over 50% of Latinos equate sending their children to college with achieving the American dream. I thank LULAC, SAIL and MEC, and all the organizations that work hard to educate our youth and to get them to obtain their diplomas and college degrees.

Latino's have a rich heritage of educational innovation and achievement.



Thanks to the work of the Mayor and Council, City Manager and city staff, we have gone from dealing from projected budget deficits to structural budgets for the past two fiscal years.

During my service as your Councilmember, I've brought forward proposals to emphasize using the P-Card for purchases which has brought in \$2.8 million in revenue through spending rebates over the past three years as well as saved the City more, on average than \$4.5 million in processing purchase orders. In addition, my proposal for the City to get proceeds for the sale of impounded vehicles, has brought in more than \$3.0 million in revenue to help cover public safety pension costs.

The Mayor and Council, the City Manager and his staff, are working on plans for better compensation for city employees, dealing with attrition within the departments and plans for Fiscal Year '20, which starts July 1. I want to thank the city employees who have sacrificed a lot for our community. When I stated in 2009, City employees were doing nine-day unpaid furloughs. The City Manager will formally present his proposed budget at the April 23 Mayor and Council meeting.

Youth Leadership Conference, March 29

The 30th Annual LULAC Youth Leadership Conference will take place, Friday, March 29, at Pima Community College's West Campus. For more than two decades the Youth Leadership Conference has been able to host to over 118,000 students. The Conference's focus is instilling leadership skills.

Conference organizers announced that this year's Keynote Presentation, Rachel's Challenge - a nonprofit organization that was created based on the life and writings of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine school shooting. This presentation has been featured at schools, conferences, and events around the world, and tackles the subject of bullying, ending prejudices, and learning how to be kind and show compassion. For additional information on Rachel's Challenge, visit www.rachelschallenge.org.

I want to thank the Youth Leadership Conference Co-Chairs, Rene Pacheco and Javier Herrera for their work on this year's conference. For more information, go online to lulacylc.org.

LULAC Educator's Awards and Scholarship Banquet, April 18

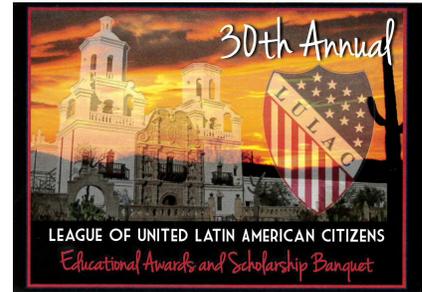
The 30th Annual LULAC Educator's Awards and Scholarship Banquet Committee has announced the honorees for this year's event.

Receiving the LULAC Presidential Citation Award are: Hon. Edward Manuel, Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Cassandra Becerra with Congressman Raul Grijalva's office, Thomas Boyle with the American Patriot Memorial, Jim Monaco - Pima Community College Athletic Director and Mark Kerr, Chief of Staff for City of Tucson Ward 5.



Receiving the Soldado de Cuero Lifetime Achievement Award are: Dr. Alfredo Valenzuela, retired educator and founder Davis School Mariachi Program, Hon. Shirley Scott, Tucson Ward 4 Councilmember and Hon. Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson.

These individuals are being honored for their work and commitment to bettering the lives of youth and our community.



WHAT: 30th Annual LULAC Educational Awards & Scholarship Banquet.

WHEN: Thursday, April 18, 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson – Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way.

This year's Banquet Co-Chairs are Mark Kerr and Lupita Robles and I want to thank them both for their work on this year's Banquet.

Tickets for the Banquet are \$75 (dinner donations are tax deductible for the amount exceeding \$28). Proceeds will go to LULAC's effort to send students to attend the LULAC Washington National Youth Leadership Seminar and to provide scholarships with LULAC's National Scholarship Foundation. Please make checks payable to the Southern Arizona Institute of Leadership (SAIL – a non-profit corporation under section 501c3 of the IRS Code) and mail them to SAIL, c/o LULAC, P.O. Box 2443, Tucson, AZ 85702. Visit www.lulacylc.org to register or by calling (520) 903-2838.



Gold Star Mothers Statue Dedication

On Saturday, March 2, I had the privilege of representing the City of Tucson as Vice Mayor at the presentation of the dedication of the Gold Star Mothers Statue.

This ceremony took place at Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 North Oracle Road, with more than 300 people present.

The life-sized bronze statue was presented to Sheron Jones, president of the Tucson chapter of American Gold Star Mothers Inc., on behalf of the son she lost in 2007, Army Staff Sgt. Darrel D. Kasson, and all mothers who have lost their children.

The memorial honors all deceased veterans who served and is a place where families and friends can visit to reflect on their ultimate sacrifice.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this ceremony and the Gold Star Mothers for the ultimate sacrifice they paid.

El Rio Cherrybell Health Center Grand Opening

More than 300 people turned out for the official grand opening of the new, El Rio Cherrybell Health Center, 1230 S. Cherrybell Stravenue on Thursday, March 7.

This grand opening marked two years' of work, with El Rio Health to get Ward 5 and the South side this new medical facility.

El Rio's Cherrybell Health Center adds 100 new health care positions as well as having Primary Care for children and adults, Lab, Radiology (including mammography, ultrasound and X-ray), Behavioral Health, Pharmacy, Dental, and Health & Wellness Classes.



I want to thank Nancy Johnson, and Enrique Serna, El Rio Health Center Board President, and the El Rio Health Center Board for their work and support of bringing a new health care facility to the South side.

I want to thank the neighborhood association leadership of the four surrounding neighborhoods: South Park, Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas and Western Hills II for their support of the health center. A conveniently located health facility was one of the things the neighborhoods had been asking for and I am glad we now have it on Cherrybell.



Meeting Mexican Ambassador to U.S.

On Saturday, March 16, I had the privilege of meeting Mexico's new Ambassador to the United States, Martha Barcena Coqui. This was at a luncheon held by Mexico's Consul General, Ricardo Pineda.

I want thank Ricardo Pineda and the Mexican Consulate for the invitation and the opportunity to talk about the many positive steps the City of Tucson had taken on relations with Mexico, who are just 64 miles away, as well as Tucson being an immigrant welcoming community and Tucson being the first city to legally challenge SB 1070.

I gave both Ambassador Barcena Coqui and Consul General Pineda the City of Tucson Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and Certificates of Appreciation.



Silver Spike Jubilee

On Saturday, March 16, It was my privilege as Vice Mayor to speak at the Silver Spike Jubilee Festival at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum and read the City of Tucson Proclamation commemorating the 139th Anniversary of the railroad coming to Tucson.

I had the privilege of helping to present the awards to the 2019 Silver Spike Jubilee honorees.

I was also honored by the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum with a Silver Spike Award.

I want to thank Ken and Mary Karrells for the award and for their and the volunteers work on the Transportation Museum, for which my father, who worked for Southern Pacific for 38 years.



Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday, March 17, I had the privilege of taking part in the 2019 Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mayor Rothschild and I represented the City of Tucson in the parade.

I want to thank the Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their work and congratulations on a successful parade.

Dan Medina Honored

At the March 19, Mayor and Council I had the privilege of recognizing Dan Medina for his work and his recent honor as the PGA Southwest Region Club Professional of the Year. Dan's passion for golf began as a teenager. He played on the Pima Community College golf team. He has worked at City golf courses and is now the Director of Golf at Omni Tucson National. I presented Dan with the City of Tucson Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild presented him with the Medallion of Hope. Congratulations Dan, who will also be inducted into the Tucson High T-Club Hall of Fame.



24th ANNUAL GSAAC DINNER

On Saturday, March 23, I had the privilege of speaking at the 24th Annual GSAAC 9th and 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Dinner.

I updated those in attendance about the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Project which will be at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center.



Brent Dennis, the City of Tucson Parks and Rec Director and Jerry Neely, the Director of the Quincie Douglas Center were in attendance and discussed this project, which was part of Proposition 407 Tucson voters approved will start in the first phase, beginning in 2020. I want to thank the GSAAC for giving me, Brent and Jerry the opportunity to give this update. I also like to congratulate them on their successful event.



City Employees Honored

On March 26 at the Tucson Convention Center, we honored and thanked City of Tucson employees who have been working for the City for 30 years or longer. They received recognition by the City Manager and I gave all of them the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope for the dedication and commitment to our community. One employee, Ralph Martinez who works in Transportation has been with the City for 52 years! Thank you all for your dedication!

April Neighborhood Meetings

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, April 1 at 6:00 pm at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm, Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th St.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) - Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Ave.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Ave.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Ave.

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791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

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837-7318

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792-CITY (2489)

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791-4444

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